

Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project at Vegas Roots Community Garden

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On May 29, 2021, Shine City Project collaborated with CARP Las Vegas for a service project at the Vegas Roots Community Garden! Founded in March 2010 by Together We Can, Vegas Roots is a community-based garden which provides Las Vegas residents an opportunity to grow their own food while promoting healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Vegas Roots is a precious community resource which brings people and families together from all backgrounds and ages to learn more about gardening and make healthier, positive changes in their lives!



Together with CARP Las Vegas, our volunteers arrived at Vegas Roots where we met Gabriel, Lead Agricultural Engineer, as well as David, Agricultural Engineer and Project Manager for Vegas Roots. Before getting our hands dirty, we had the opportunity to take a tour around the garden and learn more about the plants that are being grown there. We also learned about the process for composting, saw the

making of worm tea, and we even got a taste of the flowers of onions and the leaves of red mustard! After an informative and immersive tour, we divided into small groups and began our work!



To help out at the service project, we had 24 total volunteers! While one group helped to apply a fresh coat of paint to one of the garden beds, another group helped to clear out scrap pieces of wood. Additionally, while one group helped to maintain a walking trail, another helped to repaint one of the tables. When a task was completed, volunteers eventually moved on to help remove weeds, grass, and other plants that grew in between the main rows of vegetables. Overall, the service project was a great way to be outdoors, help out, and open our five physical senses to the nature that surrounded us. We hope that through the service project, we could grow our hearts to be more loving and caring for nature and our natural environment!

