Worcester Refugee Assistance Project: Youth Group
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WRAP MISSION:
To assist our local community from Burma in attaining economic independence, establishing a true community across multicultural and multigenerational backgrounds, and learning how to navigate the local resources necessary to thrive in their new home of Worcester.

ABOUT WRAP:
- 503(c)(1) organization founded in 2009
- Dedicated to helping refugees from the Thai-Burma border, who fled ongoing civil conflict to resettle in Worcester
- Programming focuses on youth and adult development i.e.
  - English Language Assistance
  - After-school program/summer reading
  - Family and Peer Mentorship
  - Health Advocacy
  - Citizenship Classes and more!

YOUTH GROUP:
- Around 25 youth aged 12-20 years old
- Promote health and wellness, connecting with nature, arts and culture
- “[Youth group] is really great activity, it helps us adventure to new things or places and improve our skills and knowledge” Nga Reh
- “I think of youth group as a place where I could forget about all the stress from the world and just be a silly childish me. Its also basically my second house” Aisha

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FUTURE PROJECTS:
- Video-project featuring the youth talking about life in Worcester
- Promotion of leadership to allow the youth to give back to their community
- Strengthening of the mentorship program between WRAP and UMMS
- Continuation of fun weekend activities!

Gardening at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens!
Six Flags with WRAP youth group and UMMS volunteers!
WRAP weekend retreat to Camp Wilmot!
Hiking in Cascading Falls Loop Trail!