

Unity at Green Acre



“I want you to be happy in Green Acre, to laugh, smile and rejoice . . .” –‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Around the world, many people are working to heal racism. The staff at Green Acre Bahá’í School in Maine, U.S., invited local police officers to get together with them. They enjoyed a barbecue and even had a barbecue contest. Families at the school joined in, playing games and having fun. Trusting friendships began.

Later, the officers returned to Green Acre to study and reflect on the nobility of all people. Chief of Police Elliott Moya said, “We looked at it through the lens of the Bahá’í

teachings, and the topic morphed into topics of race. The officers found themselves in a safe space where they could ask questions.” This led to open dialogue and learning.

At the same spot, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá gave talks about unity over 100 years ago. He visited people’s homes, shared prayers, and hosted a Bahá’í Feast.* The friendships with police officers today reflect his vision for Green Acre as “a great center, the cause of the unity of the world of humanity, the cause of uniting hearts . . .”



At this Green Acre community event, find nine items named for virtues that foster friendship.

*Feast is a Bahá’í community gathering with prayers, consultation, and fellowship.
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