

Meet Your Farmer

Binto Abdikadir



“If we would not have community service in our area...we couldn't have this farm and nobody could notice us...that we are Somali Bantu”.

Background:

I am a member of the Somali Bantu ethnic group; I came to the United States in 2004 after a civil war broke out in my home country. Separated from my immediate family members as a result of the war, I have formed a family of my own in the United States. Three of my children were born here and the other two, who were only five and three years old when they came to the United States, have hardly been affected by the relocation.



I currently reside in the Greater Phoenix area, and one of the most important aspects of my life is staying true to my cultural roots. That is why I am an active and proud member of the Somali Bantu community center in Phoenix where my family and I participate in ESL and citizenship classes, as well as other recreational programs. In South-Chandler I grow and harvest a delicious array of organic produce such as **beans, broccoli, cabbage, corn, carrots and okra** that can be seen at the local farmer's markets where I collaborate with other refugee farmers.

Above all, I want to forge a new life in the United States and am willing to work hard to provide an education for my children.

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