At Growing Places, we love to see the warm and welcoming sense of community that grows around gardens.

When Karla joined the Prichard St. Community Garden late this spring, we were instantly reminded of this fact. Not only were many of the existing members of the garden—Tom, Helena and Wendy—quick to make her feel at home by helping her get started, but Karla immediately proved her interest in being part of the group by joining in parties, meetings and work days.

And she had ample opportunity as the Prichard Street gardeners recently tackled the issue of weeds growing in the aisles and corners of the garden. With a little technical assistance from Growing Places, they determined that the best strategy would be to spread a layer of cardboard or newspaper covered with a thick layer of mulch to keep the weeds at bay. Over the course of three communal work nights, they accomplished just that.

We have no doubt that it’s the strength of caring communities like Prichard St. that make it so easy to welcome new friends to the world of gardening. And that’s what GP is all about.