



Real Food for Kids Named ‘One of the Best’ Nonprofits by the Catalogue for Philanthropy

As it Celebrates its 16th Anniversary Serving the Greater Washington Region, the Catalogue for Philanthropy is Proud to Honor Real Food for Kids

WASHINGTON, D.C.—6.6.2018—**Real Food for Kids** learned today that it has been selected by the [Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington](#) to be part of its Class of 2018-2019. The Catalogue is the D.C. area’s only locally-focused guide to giving designed to create visibility for the best community-based charities, fuel their growth with philanthropic dollars, and create a movement for social good in the greater Washington region.

[Real Food for Kids](#) is a Fairfax, VA-based nonprofit that since 2011 has collaborated with school systems to elevate the quality and character of school food, advance literacy in nutrition and health, and help students, families and educators create a culture of health in their schools that spreads to their homes and communities.

Real Food for Kids was selected after a rigorous [vetting](#) process by a team of over 120 experts from foundations, corporate giving programs, peer nonprofits, local government agencies, and the philanthropic advisory community. It will be one of 38 new charities to be featured in the Catalogue’s print edition this November as well as in the online network of over 400 vetted nonprofits working in arts, education, environment and human services.

“Inclusion in the Catalogue’s Class of 2018-2019 is a huge recognition of our work to raise the conversation around school meal programs as a catalyst for change in the health outcomes of our students,” says Real Food for Kids’ Executive Director, JoAnne Hammermaster. “We are excited for the opportunity to connect with members of the Catalogue’s community who share a passion for our children’s’ health and share how we can all be part of moving the needle toward systematic change in the way kids are fed in our schools.”

The Catalogue believes in the power of small nonprofits to spark big change. Since its inception it has raised over \$40 million for nonprofits in the region by helping donors find local charities that inspire them in their communities. Each November, the Catalogue for Philanthropy creates an informative, imaginative, and attention-seizing catalogue to share our charities' stories and to honor their work. “People want to know where to give and they need trusted information. Based on our in-depth review, we believe that **Real Food for Kids** is one of the best community-based nonprofits in the region,” says Bob Wittig, Executive Director of the Catalogue for Philanthropy. The Catalogue celebrates its 16th anniversary this year. It charges no fees, raising funds separately to support its work.



Real Food for Kids is known regionally for its [Culinary Challenge](#) that brings together middle and high school culinary and Family & Consumer Sciences students to create dishes that can be adapted to school menus, and for its popular [Food Day](#) event for which it is developing a free Toolkit that schools can soon download. More at www.realfoodforkids.org.

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