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### ***Vetri Community Partnership Grant Announcement***

The Vetri Family Restaurants and Vetri Community Partnership are very excited about the opening of Pizzeria Vetri in the city of Austin. We look forward to joining the Austin community and supporting you and your young people and families.

Founded in 2008 by Chef Marc Vetri and restaurateur Jeff Benjamin (also founders of the Vetri Family Restaurants), the Vetri Community Partnership empowers children and families to lead healthy lives through fresh food, hands-on experiences and education. Today, its school lunch program, after-school programs, culinary arts training programs and summer programs serve more than 5,900 students at 45 schools in the Philadelphia area.

Vetri Community Partnership is now accepting letters of intent for four \$2500 grants. Letters of intent must be submitted by Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### Criteria for Qualified Applicants

1. A public, private, charter, or religious based school that is accredited in the State of Texas.
2. Schools that apply must serve breakfast and lunch on site and participate in the National School Lunch Program.
3. 55% of the students attending the school must qualify for free and/or reduced lunch.
4. The school must be located in Travis County, Austin Metropolitan Area. Priority will be given to schools located within 20 miles of the 78705 zip code.

#### Grant Deliverables

These \$2,500 one year grants can be used to either improve the food served in the school cafeteria, build upon other initiatives you have already begun to build in your school, or make changes or improvements to the physical space in the cafeteria. The grants can be used to enhance the lunch or breakfast program. Here are some examples:

- Incorporating scratch-made recipes or scratch cooking to the menu offerings in your school that Vetri Community Partnership can provide.

- Adding round tables and chairs to the cafeteria
- Basic cafeteria improvements such as small wares- re-usable utensils, plates, tumblers, water pitchers
- Adding a salad bar or other nutritionally advantageous menu items
- Basic improvement of the cafeteria environment. For example, paint, murals, sound system, etc.
- Adding an afterschool cooking club/class (curriculum and guidance could be provided)
- Something we haven't thought of. Please be original! We would love to hear your ideas about what would enhance the student dining experience in your cafeteria.

***Letters of Intent are due on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Announcements expected by March 15, 2016.***

***All inquiries should be sent to:***

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