



### Announcement Regarding My Daughter's Kitchen

December 4, 2019

To our Constituents:

Vetri Community Partnership (VCP) announced today that, after the Spring 2019 semester, it will no longer be funding and administering the “My Daughters Kitchen” program founded in 2012 by Maureen Fitzgerald, the former Food Editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

VCP has been honored to partner in this endeavor with Maureen in order to help teach hundreds of school children to cook nutritious, affordable meals in this well-received after-school program.

Since the inception of “My Daughter’s Kitchen,” Vetri Community Partnership has launched several new programs of its own, including Vetri Cooking Lab, Mobile Teaching Kitchen, a Culinary Medicine track as well as a re-branding of its well-known Eatiquette program, now called EAT 360. Due to funding and other considerations, VCP will concentrate its efforts in the out-of-school- time space solely on Vetri Cooking Lab. This decision is in alignment with its new strategic plan that the Board of Directors approved in September.

We want to thank Maureen for the vision and passion she had over six years ago to create this program which has since taken place in over 50 sites, affording over 1,400 children the opportunity to learn how to cook a delicious meal for six people for under \$20. Additionally, we want to extend the deepest gratitude to all of the volunteers who have been cooking with the children at each site, making it into the successful program that it is today.

Vetri Community Partnership will continue to administer the program in Spring 2019 and will be working collaboratively with Maureen in order to ensure a smooth transition of the program for the Fall 2019 school year. More details about this transition will follow.

In the meantime, please contact VCP’s Education Program Director, Maddy Booth, at [maddy@vetricommunity.org](mailto:maddy@vetricommunity.org) or Maureen Fitzgerald at [mydaughterskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:mydaughterskitchen@gmail.com) for additional questions.

Sincerely,

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