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## **NEWS**

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### **Children's Science Center Named 'One of the Best' Nonprofits by the Catalogue for Philanthropy**

*As it Celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Serving the Greater Washington Region, the Catalogue for Philanthropy is Proud to Honor the Children's Science Center*

FAIRFAX, VA. JUNE 12 -- After a careful vetting process, the [Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington](#) has selected the Children's Science Center to be part of the Class of 2017-18. The Children's Science Center has undergone an extensive review process, and has met the Catalogue's high standards. Potential donors can be confident that the nonprofits in the Catalogue are worthy of their support. The Children's Science Center's mission is to instill a love of learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics in all children.

This year the Catalogue celebrates its 15th anniversary: since its inception it has raised \$38 million for nonprofits in the region. It also offers trainings, neighborhood-based opportunities for collaboration, and a speakers series for individuals who want to learn about and engage with the needs, challenges, and accomplishments of our shared community.

Reviewers helped select 76 charities to feature in the print edition, 34 of which are new to the Catalogue this year. It also selected an additional 32 nonprofits to be re-featured on its website, and congratulated ten on growing beyond its \$3million budgetary limit. The network now includes over 400 vetted nonprofits working in the arts, education, environment, human services, and international sectors throughout greater Washington. (International charities must be headquartered in the DC region.)

"People want to know where to give and they need trusted information. Based on our in-depth review, we believe the Children's Science Center is one of the best community-based nonprofits in the region," says Barbara Harman, founder and president of the Catalogue for Philanthropy.

"We are deeply honored to be among the non-profits selected and grateful for the opportunity to grow our mission to serve many more children and families with the benefits of increased visibility and training provided by the Catalogue for Philanthropy," said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center.

The Catalogue believes in the power of small nonprofits to spark big change. As the only locally-focused guide to giving, its goal is 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. The Catalogue charges no fees; it raises funds separately to support its work.

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**About the Children's Science Center:**

The Children's Science Center's mission is to instill a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired. The Children's Science Center Lab is located at Fair Oaks Mall and is Northern Virginia's first interactive museum where children, families and school groups can explore STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs. In addition to the Lab and community programs, the Center is working to fulfill the vision of a full-scale, world-class children's science museum to be located in Dulles, VA. The Children's Science Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org).