



If you've read Eating Well for a while, you know this: I want you to be as excited about eating vegetables as I am! I want your picky husband or wife or kids to eat more vegetables too. Chances are, many of you are right there with me, total

vegetable fanatics.

This issue marks our second annual Eat More Veg! challenge (page 54). This year we've teamed up with Recipe for Success, a nonprofit dedicated to ending childhood obesity. When I first spoke with their founder and president, Gracie Cavnar, I immediately wanted Eating Well to get involved. Gracie is a bundle of optimism, with a dash of Pied Piper. During our first chat, Gracie told me how she had become outraged about the junk food in the vending machines at the public schools around Houston. That was the spark that led her to launch Recipe for Success back in 2005, with a curriculum to teach kids how to eat well from seed to plate. Today that curriculum is available

to schools nationwide.

More recently, Recipe for Success built Hope Farms, an urban farm on 7½ acres in the historic Sunnyside neighborhood of Houston. The goal is twofold: to provide a source of locally grown, healthy food in a neighborhood considered a food desert and also to provide veterans with jobs and training.

I have big admiration for all of Recipe for Success's efforts, but I knew I'd found a way Eating Well could support them when I heard about the VegOut! app they created to get kids excited about vegetables. The idea is this you download the app, invite friends, family, co-workers, schoolmates, etc. to join, then track the different vegetables you eat to see how you rank against other players. In other words, it gives you extra incentive to notch up your vegetable game. Our whole editorial team will be playing along using VegOut! this June, and we want to invite you, and everyone else for that matter, to

join as well. Best of all, when you join the challenge and use the VegOut! app you'll have the chance to get sponsors to raise money to bring Recipe for Success to a school in your neighborhood.

These pages are packed with 31 different vegetable-forward recipes, ranging from Chipotle-Lime Cauliflower Tacos (page 10) to Grilled Corn & Carrot Giardiniera from star chef Stephanie Izard (page 56). Once you've cooked through the magazine, join us on EatingWell.com and Facebook, where we'll be posting new vegetable recipes, tips and videos each day in June. If that's not enough, just look around. It is the beginning of summer, after all—delicious inspiration is everywhere you turn.



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