

Continuing and Expanding Connections with Students at FoodRight

After learning, teaching, and cooking virtually all school-year, FoodRight RDs, assistants, and AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialists have been looking forward to the next opportunity to cook with students in person and see smiling faces light up when trying a new dish made with their own hands. FoodRight Inc., a Milwaukee-based nonprofit that brings culinary and gardening education to Milwaukee Public Schools and community organizations, pivoted to all-virtual education at the start of the pandemic.

Read more about the shift to virtual learning here (page 6): <http://tiny.cc/gcphuz>



We didn't have to wait long; FoodRight began new partnerships this summer with local Milwaukee nonprofits and community organizations in the form of summer camps! We teamed up with COA Goldin Center and Our Next Generation, providing week long summer camps for students going into 7th and 8th grade. FoodRight brought their Youth Chef Academy programming to the students, along with new recipes!



For AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialists, it was the first time being in the classroom since beginning the service year. While we don't know what this fall holds yet, we feel fortunate to have gotten to assist in teaching this summer, connecting with students, and creating memories in the kitchen. Helping students measure, mash, shape, and cook chickpea "chick'n" sandwiches and whip up a creamy ranch sauce was delicious, filling, and heartwarming. This is what FoodRight is all about.

Though the AmeriCorps Farm to School Service year is coming to a close, the FoodRight team is staying together and growing! After my year of service, I will be joining the FoodRight team as the new Communications Assistant. Candace, my AmeriCorps peer, is doing another year of service (and I couldn't be more excited. It just wouldn't be the same without her). FoodRight is also bringing on new AmeriCorps Farm to School members and we are so excited to meet them!



Learn more about FoodRight: <https://www.foodright.org>

Learn more about COA Goldin Center: <https://www.coa-yfc.org>

Learn more about Our Next Generation: <https://ongkids.org>