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**ALIVE! Announces Selection for the 2015-16 Catalogue for Philanthropy
Recognized as “one of the best small charities in Greater Washington”**



June 1, 2015, Alexandria, VA – [ALIVE!](#) is honored to announce its selection for the 2015/16 Catalogue for Philanthropy:Greater Washington as one of the region's best community-based charities. This award reflects ALIVE!’s status as a highly effective local charity, serving as the largest private safety net for the needy in the city of Alexandria, addressing short-term to long-term needs for those less fortunate in the community.

“ALIVE! is honored to be selected by the Catalogue for Philanthropy to be amongst the best charities in Greater Washington,” stated Diane Charles, ALIVE!’s executive director. “This honor strengthens ALIVE!’s resolve and commitment to continue to serve Alexandrians struggling to make ends meet. A Catalogue for Philanthropy endorsement reminds the community that ALIVE! does this effectively and compassionately.”

ALIVE! was selected for the 13th annual Catalogue for Philanthropy, which has, since 2003, connected caring citizens with worthy community causes and raised more than \$28 million for featured nonprofits.

The Catalogue's vetting process is rigorous: members of a 125-person review team, made up of foundations, corporations, peer nonprofits and the philanthropic advisory community, evaluate charities on the basis of program impact and fiscal soundness and each featured charity is visited on-site by at least one member of the review team.

“Donors know they can trust the Catalogue to help them make smart decisions about local nonprofits where their contributions will really make a difference,” notes Catalogue President Barbara Harman. “The Washington, DC region ranks third in wealth disparity in the nation – having one of the most affluent (and well-educated) populations in the country, and also one of the poorest. We are in a unique position to help our neighbors by connecting donors and volunteers to worthy, local nonprofits working to strengthen the D.C. region. The Catalogue makes it easy to learn about community needs and to help meet them.”

In November, 25,000 individuals and hundreds of family foundations will receive copies of the print Catalogue.

About ALIVE!

ALIVE! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of volunteers from over 40 religious congregations and the community working together to help those in need in Alexandria, Virginia. Founded in 1969, ALIVE! serves thousands of Alexandrians annually with shelter; low-cost early childhood education and childcare; financial help for rent, utilities, medical care and other critical needs; emergency food; and deliveries of donated furniture and housewares. Visit www.alive-inc.org to learn more.

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