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Beyond Green Partners Honored as Best For The World, Creating Positive Impact for Workers, Environment, Community

Evaluated by Comprehensive B Impact Assessment

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Today, Beyond Green Sustainable Food Partners (Beyond Green Partners) was recognized for creating extraordinary positive impact as a business based on an independent, comprehensive assessment administered by the nonprofit B Lab. Honorees are featured on B the Change, the digital Medium publication produced by B Lab, at bttps://doi.org/bestfortheworld.

Beyond Green Partners is honored in the Best For The World Overall list, which includes businesses that earned scores in the top 10 percent of more than 2,400 Certified B Corporations across all categories on the B Impact Assessment. The assessment measures a company's positive impact on its workers, community, customers and the environment. To certify as B Corporations, companies like Beyond Green Partners must complete the full assessment and have their answers verified by B Lab.

The full B Impact Assessment evaluates a company's environmental performance, employee relationships, diversity, involvement in the local community, the impact a company's product or service has on those it serves, and more. Honorees scoring in the top 10 percent of all B Corporations set a gold standard for companies using business as a force for good. Beyond Green Partners made the list thanks to zero waste food practices in institutional kitchens and local procurement for scratch cooked menu items.

The 226 Best For The World Overall honoree companies come from 92 different industries and 30 countries. B Lab simultaneously released separate lists recognizing top-performing B Corporations as Best For Environment, Best For Customers, Best For Governance, Best For Community and Best For Workers, which can be found at bthechange.com/bestfortheworld. In the fall, B Lab will release the Best For The World: Changemakers and the Best For The World Funds lists.

Beyond Green Sustainable Food Partners is a consulting and foodservice company that promotes scratch-cooked foods, local sourcing, and zero-waste. "The first time I heard the founders of B Corporation speak, I knew I wanted Beyond Green Partners to become a certified B Corp business. The reason Beyond Green remains a certified B Corp business is not to tell the world 'we are a B Corp'. The reason we remain affiliated is to be pushed harder and further into the deep end of the "sustainability pool"--because it's a mountain with no top," says Greg Christian, Founder/CEO of Beyond Green Sustainable Food Partners.

Additional 2018 Best For The World Overall honorees include: A to Z Wineworks; Give Something Back Workplace Solutions; Mascoma Bank and Northwest Permanente.

"With the rise of anger at a system that feels rigged, people are hungry for companies like Beyond Green Partners who are changing the system by building businesses that seek to create the greatest positive impact," says Jay Coen Gilbert, co-founder of B Lab. "Best For The World is the only list of businesses that uses comprehensive, comparable, third-party-validated data about a company's social and environmental performance. As consumers, talent and investors increasingly demand transparent, values-aligned businesses to buy from, work at, and invest in, companies will need to not just be the best in the world but the best *for* the world. Not just to be nice—but to be the most successful.

Close to 1,000 Certified B Corporations were named 2018 Best For The World Honorees, including: **Patagonia**; **King Arthur Flour Company**; **Green Mountain Power**; and the United Kingdom's **Charity Bank.** Fifty-two countries are represented, including Denmark, India, South Africa and Taiwan. The selection criteria for Best for the World honorees are available at https://bit.ly/2IgAzF5.

Today there are more than 2,400 Certified B Corporations across more than 150 industries and 50 countries, unified by one common goal: to redefine success in business. Any company can measure and manage social and environmental performance at http://bimpactassessment.net.

About Beyond Green Sustainable Food Partners

Beyond Green Sustainable Food Partners is a consulting and foodservice company that promotes scratch-cooked foods, local sourcing, and zero-waste. Founded by chef and "eco-preneur", Greg Christian, their consulting services offer customizable and measurable strategies that offset the costs of increasing quality and environmental stewardship across food, waste, energy, water, and community for institutional kitchens. Their team is devoted to client success and is pleased to provide tools that help others contribute to a healthier, cleaner, and more efficient food system while connecting with the communities they serve. In the greater Chicago area, they operate a zero-waste foodservice company that provides local school lunches based upon fresh, scratch-cooked foods that kids love in a zero-waste kitchen. To learn more about Beyond Green Partners, please visit www.beyondgreenpartners.com.

About B Lab

B Lab is a nonprofit organization that serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good. Its vision is that one day all companies will compete not only to be the best in the world, but the best for the world and society will enjoy prosperity for all for the long term.

B Lab drives this systemic change by: 1) building a community of Certified B Corporations to make it easier for all of us to tell the difference between "good companies" and good marketing; 2) passing benefit corporation legislation to give business leaders the freedom to create value for society as well as shareholders; 3) helping businesses measure, compare and improve their social

and environmental performance with the free B Impact Assessment; 4) driving capital to impact investments through use of its B Analytics and GIIRS Ratings platform.

For more information, visit http://www.bcorporation.net.

B the Change is a Medium publication, produced by B Lab in collaboration with the community of Certified B Corps and the movement of people using business as a force for good.

B the Change exists to inform and inspire people who have a passion for using business as a force for good in the world. Because we believe that storytelling is an essential element in the transformation of business and society, we commit ourselves to telling the most compelling stories possible to the largest audiences possible to propel the movement of business toward its destiny as a powerful force for good. We want to dramatically broaden and deepen engagement with entrepreneurs, managers, employees, investors and citizens in one of the most important discussions of our time.

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