

# Introduction

The idea of Phanfood came to me when I was walking on the bike path in Burlington, VT. I had wanted to do some sort of cookbook for some time when the idea just popped into my head...a cookbook for Phish fans, by Phish fans that benefits people who can't afford to eat delicious meals themselves. PhanArt Pete Mason immediately came to mind as a collaborator for the cookbook since he was so successful with his PhanArt book. I called him immediately and spurted out my idea to him and he loved it as much as I did! We set the wheels in motion right away. Pete set us up with Julie Parker who designed our logo and website. We decided to donate money to the food pantries in the towns where Phish tours most. Talented Phish artists were interested in providing us with artwork. Britt Nemeth signed on as the graphic artist in charge of the layout. Recipes starting coming in and we were on our way to a kick-ass book that is going to help so many people eat delicious foods! You know how when you are supposed to do something and are on the right path, things just seem to happen? All the right people want to help you and things just fall in line? Well that is what happened for us and for PhanFood! ~Taraleigh Weathers

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