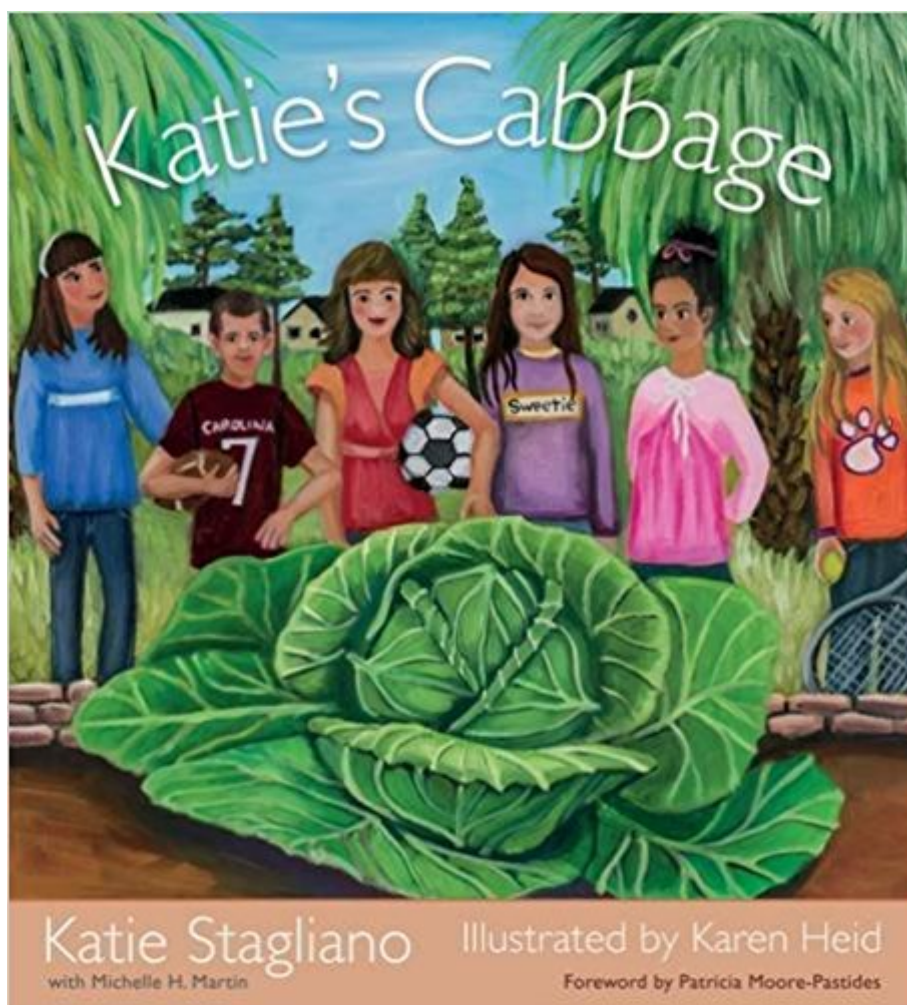


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# Katie's Cabbage (Young Palmetto Books)



## Synopsis

Katie's Cabbage is the inspirational true story of how Katie Stagliano, a third grader from Summerville, South Carolina, grew a forty-pound cabbage in her backyard and donated it to help feed 275 people at a local soup kitchen. In her own words, Katie shares the story of the little cabbage seedling and the big ideas of generosity and service that motivated her to turn this experience into Katie's Krops, a national youth movement aimed at ending hunger one vegetable garden at a time. Katie's Cabbage reminds us of how small things can grow and thrive when nurtured with tender loving and care and of how one person, with the support of family, friends, and community, can help make a powerful difference in the lives of so many. Katie's Cabbage was illustrated by Karen Heid, associate professor of art education at the University of South Carolina School of Visual Art and Design. Editorial assistance was provided by Michelle H. Martin, a dedicated gardener and the Augusta Baker Chair in Childhood Literacy at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science. Patricia Moore-Pastides, First Lady of the University of South Carolina and author of *Greek Revival from the Garden: Growing and Cooking for Life*, offers a foreword about her friendship with Katie and her admiration of Katie's dream to end hunger one garden at a time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 6

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4 •Katie Stagliano tells her own story of growing a cabbage for a third grade project. Shocked to learn that some people go to bed hungry, she was moved to find a way to feed them with the cabbage that grew to be huge under her loving care. When it is harvested and weighed, her cabbage clocks in at an amazing 40 pounds, and Katie assists serving it with ham and rice at the Tricounty Family Ministries soup kitchen. The primitive, childlike illustrations on every page amplify the straightforward text and portray a loving family and caring community. Katie is the youngest recipient of the Clinton Global Citizen Award for Leadership in Civil Society in 2012. However, her story comes across as well meaning, but rather flat and stilted. VERDICT An additional purchase where youth service narratives are in demand. •Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Fairfax County Public Library, VA

"More than a kid's book, Katie's Cabbage is a call to action to make a difference--by starting in your own backyard. Katie Stagliano is an inspirational hero with a heart as big as a forty-pound cabbage."--Rebecca Bull Reed, garden editor, Southern Living  
"With the clarity that accompanies the innocence of youth, Katie Stagliano let her imagination grow as grandly as did her cabbage and she started a movement that feeds the hungry as well as the souls of the volunteers who reach out to their neighbors in need."--Amanda McNulty, Clemson Extension agent and host of the Emmy Award-winning Making It Grow!

I heard about Katie a year or two ago and just fell in love with her. This book is wonderful because it teaches children about compassion and giving. Katie went from just donating a cabbage to forming her own non-profit organization where other kids can learn how to help the hungry by growing a garden. She even sponsors grants to kids who want to do this. One of the things I found out in the back of the book is that there are more than eighty Katie's Krops gardens in twenty-nine states. When you are reading this book to your children, don't forget to mention that Katie is a REAL GIRL and encourage them that just because someone is young doesn't mean they can't make a HUGE impact on the world. Just look at what one young girl did with one little seedling!

Wonderful and inspiring book for all ages. Best part, it is a true story. If you are looking for a book to show children that they difference they can make in the world at any age this is the book. The illustrations are beautiful and there is something hidden on every page. Can you figure out what it is? It is fun searching each page. Hint: it is something that Katie was worried about while her

cabbage was growing and she took action to protect her cabbage from this animal.

I had the opportunity to learn about Katie's cabbage from a YouTube video. I am the father of two young girls and lead a non-profit organization helping to development leadership in the lives of middle school aged students. This book will serve as a fantastic companion to see young people inspired to discover their potential and live into their dreams.

Wonderful, true story that stands as motivation for community involvement for young people.  
Outstanding illustration.

Awesome true story. Very authentic.

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