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Capital District Community Gardens Raises \$73,000 at 8th Annual 'Autumn Evening in the Garden'

TROY – Capital District Community Gardens raised \$73,000 (up 38 percent from last year) at their 8th Annual 'Autumn Evening in the Garden' gala, which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on September 11.

The local non-profit organization hosted 350 guests, for which 16 of our region's top chefs prepared culinary samples using fresh meat, cheese and produce donated by nearly 40 local farms. CDCG announced the date of their Urban Grow Center's grand opening, which will be held on December 3, 10:00 a.m. at 594 River Street, Troy. The Urban Grow Center is a regional food hub that will enable CDCG to triple its capacity to provide access to fresh food.

Dollars raised at the Autumn Evening event will be used to fund the management of 49 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile[®] produce market, The Produce Project, Healthy Stores, Squash Hunger and CDCG's other programs – all of which help to nourish 175,000 residents with 480 tons of produce each year.

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 39-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile[®] produce market, Healthy Stores, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Capital District Community Gardens is in the midst of a fund raising campaign to create The Urban Grow Center. This new regional facility will be a bustling hub focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties, enabling CDCG to triple our ability to deliver local food and services to underserved neighborhoods and low-income families. Learn more at www.cdcg.org.

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