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## Capital Roots Raises \$78,650 at 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Brunch

**Troy** - On May 3, at Hudson Valley Community College's Siek Campus Center, Capital Roots, formerly Capital District Community Gardens, raised \$78,650 at their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Brunch. The event included a buffet style brunch with nearly 125 buffet items, a silent auction, live music by harpist Darhon Rees-Rohrbacker, and children's activities, including the first workshop of the Urban Grow Center Mural Project. Proceeds benefit Capital Roots' programs including 51 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile®, The Produce Project, Healthy Stores, Squash Hunger and more.

Capital Roots hosted 650 guests including Congressman Paul Tonko, Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino, Troy City Mayor Lou Rosamilia, Troy City Councilpeople Rodney Wiltshire and Lynn Kopka, and Albany Common Councilman Richard Conti. More than 100 volunteers assisted with the event and 400 local businesses donated food, flowers, beverages and auction items.

The event was sponsored by Saratoga Casino and Raceway; Monticello, Licensed Real Estate Broker; Greco Construction Services, LLC; M&T Bank; Fingerpaint; NYSID; Stuyvesant Plaza; Accu Care Home Health Services, Inc.; Bouchey Financial Group; Bullard, McLeod and Associates; Ceralink; Marra's Pharmacy; The Niles and Carl Group at Morgan Stanley; Pombo Wealth Management; Rose & Kiernan; and Spectrum Theater.

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*Capital Roots, formerly Capital District Community Gardens, is a 40-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile® produce markets, Healthy Stores, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Capital Roots recently opened the Urban Grow Center, a regional facility focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties. Learn more at [www.capitalroots.org](http://www.capitalroots.org)*

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