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## **Capital District Community Gardens Raises \$43,000 at 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Autumn Evening in the Garden'**

TROY - Capital District Community Gardens hosted 250 guests and raised \$43,000 at their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Autumn Evening in the Garden' gala at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom on September 20. The fundraiser featured culinary samples, created from fresh, seasonal ingredients donated by 20 local farmers and prepared by 13 of the region's most talented chefs.

The amount raised marks a 72% increase from last year and will be used to fund the nonprofit's programs, including 48 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Produce Project, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative and more.

"Capital District Community Gardens' Autumn Evening gala is not only a way to celebrate the local food we and our partners work together to cultivate, but also an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for the community support that has fueled the expansion of our programs to build healthy communities throughout the region," said Amy Klein, CDCG's Executive Director.

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*Capital District Community Gardens is a 37-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more.*

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