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## Capital District Community Gardens Receives \$28,500 in Grant Awards to Support Job and Life Skills Training Program

Capital District Community Gardens recently received three grant awards that will support the non-profit's Produce Project, a year-round job and life skills training program that involves underprivileged youth from Troy High School in the cultivation of crops on three acres of urban farmland. Since its inception in 2009, more than 80 students have participated in the program, with many going on to pursue higher education and/or obtain higher paying jobs.

**The Merck Family Fund** awarded \$20,000 to increase the number of student trainees involved in The Produce Project and expand the education and workforce training opportunities the program provides for them.

**Citizen's Bank** awarded \$3,500 and **the Review Foundation** awarded \$5,000 to support the expansion of the urban farm's arable land by one acre.

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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, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more.*

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