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The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region's Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund Awards $3,000 to Capital District Community Gardens

Expanding CDCG's Turf Mobile Home Park Community Garden and Nourishing More Low-Income Residents in Southern Saratoga County

This morning, at a press conference held at the State Legislative Building, Capital District Community Gardens' Program Manager, Sharon DiLorenzo, accepted a $3,000 check from The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region's Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund.

Assemblyman Reilly's and The Community Foundation's support will fund the expansion of CDCG's newly opened Turf Mobile Home Park Community Garden located in Clifton Park. CDCG will increase outreach efforts to bring the 18-plot garden to full operating capacity. CDCG's Garden Educators and mentors from The Clifton Park Garden Club will assist beginner gardeners with developing the skills needed to have successful harvests. With increased participation and improved gardening technique, CDCG expects the Turf Park garden to produce more than what is needed to feed the gardening families alone. Benefitting even more low-income residents in the Turf Mobile Home Park, the community garden's excess produce will be donated to CAPTAIN's Food Pantry and Outreach Center, an on-site organization that many park residents rely on for sustenance.

"Last year, we took our initial steps toward improving dietary intake for the 40% of Saratoga County residents who have limited access to fresh food when we opened our first Saratoga County community garden in Clifton Park's Turf Mobile Home Park," says Capital District Community Gardens' Executive Director Amy Klein. "With Assemblyman Robert Reilly's support, we can now make even greater strides toward nourishing the communities of southern Saratoga County."

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 36 year old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities throughout the Capital Region with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile and Sprout, Veggie Rx, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger, The Taste Good Series and Street Tree Planting.

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