CDCG Raises $51,000 at 24th Annual Spring Brunch

Troy, NY – Capital District Community Gardens (CDCG) raised more than $51,000 and fed more than 500 people during the 24th Annual Spring Brunch at Hudson Valley Community College’s Siek Campus on May 1, 2011. The event also offered area residents, volunteers and staff the opportunity to celebrate the onset of the growing season after an especially difficult winter.

The Spring Brunch satisfied more than 500 appetites, including those of Congressman Paul Tonko and State Senator Neil Breslin, with culinary creations donated by more than 100 food and beverage providers. The funds raised at the brunch will provide support for CDCG’s programs, including 47 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile and The Produce Project.

CDCG has grown substantially over the past 35 years and has made a significant, positive impact on the community. The Spring Brunch provides an opportunity for members of the community to meet CDCG staff and volunteers who contribute to the success of the organization’s programs. “With new and familiar faces smiling after May 1 and a sense that community relationships have been built and strengthened, CDCG deems the 24th Annual Spring Brunch a success” said Amy Klein, Executive Director of CDCG.

# # #

Capital District Community Gardens is a local nonprofit community service organization that has more than 35 years of experience helping local residents improve neighborhoods, foster self-sufficiency, grow food through community gardening and beautify urban areas through street tree programs. CDCG manages 47 cooperative neighborhood food gardens which serve more than 3,700 local residents. CDCG also operates the Veggie Mobile, which brings fresh produce at an affordable price into low-income, inner-city neighborhoods throughout our region and The Produce Project, an entrepreneurial urban agriculture training program for at-risk youth. Other organization programs include Squash Hunger, Taste Good Series and Urban Greening.

******