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Capital Roots' Team Grows in New Year

Nonprofit welcomes new staff and promotes from within

Capital Roots recently welcomed two new staff members to its growing team and promoted two current members. Adding valuable experience across the organization will help Capital Roots achieve its mission of providing the Capital Region access to fresh, healthy and affordable food. Capital Roots nourishes more than 175,000 residents in four counties with 480 tons of fresh, affordable produce annually.

Matt Bruce from Baton Rouge, Louisiana joins Capital Roots as Volunteer Coordinator. Bruce holds a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from Louisiana State University. He brings past nonprofit sector experience to his new role where he will recruit and organize volunteers and interns to assist with projects, programs and events.

Susan Merrick of Albany County joins Capital Roots as Marketing Coordinator. Merrick holds a B.F.A. in Communications Design from Pratt Institute and has worked at multiple marketing agencies within the Capital District. She brings a strong graphic design skillset and knowledge of the marketing industry to her new role.

Hannah Rosen of Albany County moves into a new role at Capital Roots as Food Hub Buyer. Rosen has been with Capital Roots as Healthy Stores Organizer since April 2016 where she brought new locations into the program. In her new role, Rosen will continue to build strong relationships with the local agricultural industry.

James Surano of Schenectady County moves into a new role at Capital Roots as Healthy Stores Organizer. Surano has been Capital Roots' Mobile Markets Assistant since 2015 where he built strong relationships with customers. In his new role, Surano will continue relationship building with a new focus on retail outlets.

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Capital Roots is a 40-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with more than 50 Community Gardens, the Veggie Mobile®, Healthy Stores, the Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Capital Roots is headquartered at the Urban Grow Center, a regional food hub focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties, enabling Capital Roots to deliver local food and services to underserved neighborhoods and low-income families. Learn more at www.capitalroots.org.

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