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Capital District Community Gardens Raises \$63,000 at Their 25th Annual Spring Brunch

On May 6, at Hudson Valley Community College's Siek Campus Center in Troy, Capital District Community Gardens raised \$63,000 at its 25th Annual Spring Brunch, a 25% increase over last year. Funds will support CDCG's programs including, 48 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Produce Project, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, Squash Hunger and more.

Marking the annual event's highest attendance record yet, this year CDCG hosted nearly 600 community members, including Congressman Paul Tonko, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari, Cohoes Mayor John McDonald, Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia and Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino. Guests sampled culinary fare prepared by 100 local chefs and bakers, bid on garden goods, Mother's Day gifts and more in a silent auction and enjoyed live harp music. Children enjoyed activities provided by the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum. Volunteers helped staff the event and CDCG's mobile market duo, The Veggie Mobile and The Veggie Mobile Sprout were also hard at work making fresh, organic produce available for guests to take home after the event.

"The Spring Brunch is the perfect opportunity for members from the different communities we work with to meet one another," said CDCG's Executive Director Amy Klein. "A strong network of donors, volunteers, program participants, community leaders and CDCG staff is the key to nourishing healthy communities. We owe the overwhelming success of this year's fundraiser to our guests, volunteers and donors and I am confident that, with their continued support of CDCG and one another, the upcoming growing season will be every bit as successful as the brunch."

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 36 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.
