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Bethlehem Students Donate 1,000 Pounds of Produce to Capital District Community Gardens' Squash Hunger Program

In celebration of our region's 4th Annual 'Farm to You Fest,' students from the Bethlehem Central School District collected more than 1,000 pounds of fresh produce during the first week of October and donated it to Capital District Community Gardens' Squash Hunger program.

CDCG's Squash Hunger program is a food donation initiative that distributes more than 11 tons of fresh produce to dozens of food pantries throughout the region each year. CDCG relies on farmers, gardeners and market shoppers to donate produce in collection bins, which are conveniently located at grocery stores and markets throughout the region, and organizes volunteers to deliver donations to nearby shelters and pantries.

"Fresh food donations are an important part of nourishing those in need and we are so thankful for the generous contribution the families of the Bethlehem Central School District make to CDCG's Squash Hunger program each year," said CDCG's Executive Director, Amy Klein. "It's wonderful to see the Bethlehem Healthy Kid's Committee cultivating the spirit of charity and the value of nutritious food in our region's youth with the 'Farm to You Fest' celebration."

'Farm to You Fest' is a statewide celebration of local food and agriculture during 'New York Harvest for New York Kids Week.' In our region, the event is organized by the Bethlehem Healthy Kids Committee, who cooperates with Bethlehem's district administration, students, families and larger community to improve the health, physical activity, environmental health and overall wellness of all students in the Bethlehem Central School District.

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Capital District Community Gardens is a 37-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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