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CDCG's 5th Annual "An Autumn Evening in the Garden" Raises \$25,000

Local Food Fest Benefits CDCG's Programs that Nourish Healthy Communities in Our Region

Troy -- Capital District Community Gardens welcomed 200 people to The Fifth Annual "An Autumn Evening in the Garden," at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom on Wednesday. Guests at the local food fest sampled our region's seasonal flavors in a variety of culinary creations, which were prepared by our area's top chefs using ingredients donated by local food producers. With the participation of 19 local farms, 15 area chefs, 3 bakeries and 4 beverage purveyors, this year marks the event's highest level of commitment from community partners.

The community also showed its highest level of support for the event by helping CDCG to raise \$25,000, a \$3,000 increase from last year, through donor contributions, ticket sales and a wine and dine lottery, which featured gift certificates donated by area restaurants and wine donated by local businesses. All proceeds benefit CDCG's programs that nourish healthy communities in the Capital Region, such as nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Produce Project and the newly launched Healthy Convenience Store Initiative.

"This event is important because it strengthens partnerships between the industries that keep our communities healthy and fed, while supporting programs that extend access to nutritious food to everyone," says CDCG's Executive Director Amy Klein. "It offers community members the rare opportunity to become more aware about local food choices by communicating directly with the people who are growing, delivering and preparing their food. We are so grateful for the enthusiastic community support that makes this event possible."

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Capital District Community Gardens is a nonprofit organization that has served the Capital Region for more than 35 years. CDCG nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger, The Taste Good Series and Street Tree Planting.

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