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### **Capital Roots raises \$89,000 at Autumn Evening Event**

(Troy, N.Y.) – [Capital Roots](https://www.capitalroots.org) kicked off fall with their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Evening Fundraising event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy this past **Thursday, September 14**. Host Lydia Kulbida welcomed roughly 300 community members who sampled exquisite culinary fare highlighting New York’s best farms, producers, chefs, distilleries, wineries and breweries.

“This event is, at its heart, a celebration of local food,” said Capital Roots’ CEO, Amy Klein. “Capital Roots works to bridge the gap in fresh food access for our constituents and Autumn Evening brings together the farms, producers, and chefs who are a part of these efforts.”

The funds raised will go to support essential food access work in the Greater Capital Region, with a mission auction that focused on supplying equipment to the brand new incubator kitchen.

This year’s top chefs from around the Capital Region include Chef Jaime Ortiz, Chef Tyikea McLean, Chef Mark Graham, Chef Gabe Pollow, Chef Daniel Gordon, Chef Melanie O’Malley, Chef Matthew Joyce, Chef Bri Harrington, Chef Corey Urquhart, Chef Michaela Schermerhorn, Chef Paul Dimm, Chef Danielle Croley, Chef Debra Corbett, Chef Christian Lofaro and Chef Harley Bleitzhofer.

This year’s sponsors include CDPHP, Fenimore Asset Management, Architecture+, Behan Communications, E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy, Guth DeConzo, Pombo Wealth Management, Stewart’s Shops, and Rosenblum Companies, among others.

The complete list of supporting Farms and Beverage Purveyors is listed on Capital Roots’ Website.

Photos from the event, taken by Liz Lajeunesse Photography, [can be found here](#).

For more information about Capital Roots, visit <https://www.capitalroots.org/>.

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**About Capital Roots.** Capital Roots is a 48-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with more than 55 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](https://www.capitalroots.org/).