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PRESS RELEASE

Capital Roots Partners with St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to Expand Food Storage Capacity

Albany, NY – Capital Roots, a prominent non-profit organization dedicated to nourishing healthy communities in the Capital Region, is delighted to announce its collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Capital Roots facilitated the acquisition of a new freezer at the Food Pantry, allowing them to expand their capacity and better serve the community. This project was made possible by a grant from the New York State Department of Health - Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC).

The addition of a new freezer will allow the pantry to store a wider variety of foods, meats and fish, ensuring that they remain fresh for longer periods. This enhancement helps provide nutritious and high-quality food to individuals and families facing food challenges. In addition to the new freezer, Capital Roots continues its weekly deliveries of fresh, locally sourced produce to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Jeff Vigliotta, Food Pantry Director at St. Vincent de Paul Parish said “The St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has seen a 25% increase in the number of households and people served in 2023 over 2022 levels. We try to offer our food pantry guests a variety of healthy food options which includes frozen meats. Prior to receiving the new freezer we were restricted on the amount of meat that we could offer and occasionally we would run out of some meat options. Being able to utilize this grant we can now ensure that our supply of frozen meat will meet the requirements of our food pantry guests going forward.”

Emily Scimeca, Healthy Communities Manager at Capital Roots, said “We are grateful for the opportunity to work under this grant as it blends seamlessly with our other programming, allowing us to keep distributing nutritious foods to those who need it in our communities”

"We are thrilled to support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and their mission of promoting healthy food access in our community," said Amy Klein, CEO at Capital Roots. " The work of our Healthy Communities team through the CHSC grant at St. Vincent de Paul Pantry aligns perfectly with our commitment to building a healthier and more sustainable food system, and we are confident that the new freezer will significantly enhance the pantry's ability to serve those in need."

For further information about Capital Roots and its initiatives, please visit www.capitalroots.org. To learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and their services, please visit www.stvinctalbany.org. Photos of the installation can be [accessed here](#).