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PRESS RELEASE

**VOLUNTEERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES RAISE \$30,000
FOR CAPITAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDENS**

All proceeds to be used to transform vacant lots into neighborhood gardens.

TROY, NY, May 2, 2004 - One of the Capital Region's most popular spring events - Capital District Community Gardens' annual Spring Brunch and Silent Auction - experienced a record breaking year, drawing the largest crowd to date of 525 and netting over \$30,000. The money benefits the garden program and will be used to transform vacant lots into neighborhood food gardens.

"The community's generous support of the Spring Brunch and Capital District Community Gardens was truly remarkable this year," said Steve Cowan, President of the Board of Directors. "We are very grateful to all of the volunteers, businesses, and benefactors for their commitment to the region's only community gardening program."

Proceeds from the event help underwrite CDCG's maintenance and insurance costs of the 40 gardens that serve 600 families in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties and will help develop two new gardens.

The Spring Brunch was held at Hudson Valley Community College, in Troy. Additional information about Capital District Community Gardens and the 17th annual Spring Brunch and Silent Auction benefit can be found at www.cdgc.org.

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Capital District Community Gardens is a nonprofit organization that has been working with local residents for the past 30 years to improve their neighborhoods through gardening and greening projects.

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