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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County Receives “A Community Thrives” Grant From USA TODAY NETWORK and The Gannett Foundation

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County will receive a local merit grant to support their Harvesting Health: A Garden & Nutrition Approach to Community Building project.

June 24, 2019 (Rochester, NY) – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County (CCE-Monroe) was announced a grant recipient of *A Community Thrives*, a grant making and crowd-funding program from the USA TODAY NETWORK and a part of the Gannett Foundation. CCE-Monroe will receive a \$2,000 local merit grant to support the Harvesting Health: A Garden & Nutrition Approach to Community Building project.

A Community Thrives supports non-profit organizations with projects focused on community building and has helped to contribute more than \$6.5 million since 2017. This year, *A Community Thrives* engaged participants in 46 states. *CCE-Monroe* was named one of 5 winners in *Rochester, NY*.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County provides research-based information and educational programming to ensure the vitality of agriculture, strengthen families, promote health and well-being, responsibly improve home and community landscapes, and enhance our natural environment. The *A Community Thrives* grant will support the establishment of a *Seed to Supper* initiative through the CCE-Monroe Master Gardener volunteer program. *Seed to Supper* is a beginning vegetable gardening curriculum designed for adults gardening on a budget.

“We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant in support of our Harvesting Health project. The monies that will be used to establish a *Seed to Supper* program combined with CCE-Monroe’s 4-H youth outreach and SNAP-Ed nutrition education is the perfect recipe for supporting healthy families in Rochester,” comments Andrea Lista, Executive Director, CCE-Monroe.

“We are proud of the work Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County has done to enhance Rochester, NY. At Gannett, our mission is to connect and empower our readers to make a difference in the communities they are a part of. Through *A Community Thrives*, we are further fueling our mission and purpose,” said Andy Yost, Chief Marketing Officer, Gannett.

About A Community Thrives

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