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CHICAGO'S RESOURCE CENTER TO HOST FIRST-EVER "URBAN HARVEST" – A CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE GARDENING AT CITY FARM

Appetizers from Leading Restaurants; Fun Activities for Children and Adults; Inaugural "City Farm Green Cuisine" Award to Recognize Area Chef for Sustainable Cooking Methods

CHICAGO, September 9, 2010 – One of the Midwest's oldest non-profit recycling and environmental education organizations is opening the gates at its City Farm sustainable vegetable farm for the first "Urban Harvest" – a benefit to raise awareness of City Farm's parent organization, the Resource Center, and this unique urban agriculture program.

City Farm's Urban Harvest will offer fun outdoor activities for children and adults, from **4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9**, and is held on-site at City Farm, which occupies an acre at the intersection of Clybourn Avenue and Division Street.

From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be contests and games designed especially for kids. Noble Horse Theater will provide hay rides at points during the event. From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. there will be music under the autumn sky; beer, wine and soft drinks will be served, along with a selection of appetizers donated by Wicker Park's **Piece Brewery & Pizzeria**, Old Town's **Dinotto Ristorante**, and the award-winning **Vie Restaurant** in Western Springs.

Also at the event, Resource Center Founder and President Ken Dunn will announce the recipient of the Inaugural "City Farm Green Cuisine" Award, designed to recognize a Chicago-area chef whose cooking and recycling techniques support City Farm's focus on sustainable urban gardening.

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“We created City Farm as a way to find and create value out of what would have been loss or waste, and it has evolved into a true partnership with restaurants that purchase our produce while also providing their kitchen trimmings to enrich our compost,” noted Ken Dunn, who established the Resource Center 35 years ago. “By hosting Urban Harvest, we look forward to sharing the wonderful experience that City Farm offers with the rest of the community.”

Admission to City Farm’s Urban Harvest event is free for children under age 12; tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for youth aged 12 to 18. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the operations of Resource Center, which operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tickets may be purchased online via Eventbrite, at <http://cityfarmurbanharvest2010.eventbrite.com>; tickets may also be purchased via phone at 773-821-1351.

City Farm is located at the corner of Division Street and Clybourn Avenue, at 1204 N. Clybourn, and is easily reached via #70 bus line (four blocks west of the Clark and Division Red Line stop). Parking is available.

About City Farm

An initiative of the Resource Center, City Farm is a sustainable vegetable farm bordering Chicago’s Cabrini-Green and Gold Coast neighborhoods. City Farm boasts thirty varieties of tomatoes as well as beets, carrots, potatoes, gourmet lettuces, herbs and melons. All produce is grown in composted soil generated from local sources, such as kitchen trimmings from some of the city's finest restaurants.

About The Resource Center

For 35 years, the Resource Center, a non-profit recycling and environmental education organization, has led the way in demonstrating innovative techniques for recycling and reusing materials. The organization is devoted to the economic and educational revitalization of city neighborhoods through recycling, urban agriculture, composting, and other programs that reclaim and reuse resources.

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