

Geauga Growth Partnership, Inc.

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Geauga Growth Partnership hosts 2nd Annual HomeGrown Geauga Partnering People, Products and Produce

Geauga Growth Partnership is pleased to announce the **2nd Annual HomeGrown Geauga fundraiser, held on Saturday September 13th**, to benefit Geauga County's High School Summer Intern and Career Education Program. With the goal of "***Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce Today***", these programs provide soft skills and real world employment experience. Our mission is to increase knowledge of employment opportunities with Geauga County employers, as well as to improve intern understanding of workplace expectations.

HomeGrown Geaug: - Partnering People, Products and Produce, will be held at The Federated Church Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Road in Bainbridge from 6pm-11pm . The event includes a host of activities as well as an exquisite buffet dinner that showcases Geauga County produce and products. The event is sponsored with the support of the Geauga County Farm Bureau.

At the center of the culinary experience, is Chef Kimberly McCune Gibson, of Hungry Bee, LLC. Kimberly is a homegrown Kenston High School graduate from the Auburn Career Center Culinary Program who advanced to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

A Geauga County Farmer's Market that will be open to the public from 6-7 p.m. will feature Geauga produce and more from purveyors such as Sirna Farm and Market, Morning Song Gardens, RAD Foods, The Agrarian Collective, Great Lakes Cheese, Middlefield Cheese and many others.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the HomeGrown Geauga benefit will begin where Chef McCune will be joined by local chefs (including Kelly Hanley Potts from the Agrarian Collective) who will create mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres followed by a spectacular dinner buffet prepared by Chef McCune that showcases Geauga County – all accompanied by homegrown wine and beer. .

A host of local entertainment will be available for benefit-goers. Photo souvenirs, caricature artists, tarot cards, a performance by Jasmine Dragons acrobatic aerial team plus live music are just a few of the unique distractions.

Music is provided by No Moss from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., with music and dancing to the band Switch from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Farmer's Market is free and open to the public.

General admission to the benefit is \$100 per person with cash bar. Advanced tickets are required.

VIP admission is \$125 and includes a VIP lounge with open bar that will be open from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Guests may also sample local bourbon products.

Advance tickets are available by calling Marcia Owen at GGP at 440-564-1060. Orders will be available through Eventbrite and sponsorships are available by contacting Tracy Jemison at info@geaugagrowth.com or calling 440-564-1060.

We thank Great Lakes Cheese as our Diamond Sponsor along with Platinum Sponsors, Hungry Bee, LLC, Middlefield Cheese, and University Hospital Geauga Medical Center.

For more information please contact Marcia Owen at info@geaugagrowth.com or by calling 440-564-1060.

Attendance is limited so don't delay!