

The 7th ANNUAL FARMER'S TABLE

A program of the nonprofit Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities



An extraordinary evening honoring our farmers while raising funds to support agro-educational programs and expansion of local produce and products hosted by

**Hilary & Jorge Criollo
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HOPKINS
VINEYARD

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017
25 Hopkins Road, Warren, CT**

Cocktails & Tours 6-7pm • Dinner 7pm
Join friends, neighbors and our farmers in a celebration of farm, food and community!



\$150.00* Per Person • Dress for the Vineyard
LIMITED SEATING • RSVP PROMPTLY
using the enclosed Reply Card.

Reservations will be confirmed with payment on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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*Value of goods and services received is \$75.00 per person for attendees.

Read about our Story & Mission 

OUR STORY Litchfield County's annual Farmer's Table began seven years ago. A group of friends, strong supporters of locally grown food, were sitting around a dinner table talking about ways they might increase awareness of Litchfield County's farms and the rich variety of fresh, healthy produce and products they offer.

They came up with the idea of a harvest dinner for both residents and farmers. That first dinner, held in Warren, has become an annual event subsequently held in New Milford, Litchfield, Washington, Morris and Roxbury. This year, our gathering moves to New Preston's historic Hopkin's Vineyard, where fans of locally grown food and the farmers who make it possible will sit down together in conversation. Area chefs volunteer to prepare the dinner, using the same ingredients available to all of us through Litchfield County farmstands, farmers markets and through CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture).

In view of this unique dialogue, the Farmer's Table was invited in 2015 by the nonprofit Litchfield-based Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities to become an integral part of its outreach in support of area farmers. It also moved to expand its goal from simply bringing residents and farmers together in dialogue to raising funds to accelerate the growth of farming in our county.

After asking farmers how they would like to see us allocate the funds raised in support of Litchfield County farming, we organized in January 2016 the first Litchfield Hills Farmers Forum. This free, daylong workshop focusing on business and marketing skills for agriculturalists drew 125 farmers and farming advocates with a waitlist of 25.

In addition, with the monies raised since the 2015 Farmer's Table, we have added to farmers' sales by purchasing CSA shares of seasonal produce for nonprofits focused on serving Litchfield County residents, many of whom might not otherwise have access to locally grown food. The result: thousands of meals served using area farms' produce. With your help, the proceeds from the 2017 Farmer's Table will allow us to do even more. Thank you for joining with us in celebrating Litchfield County's fine farmers.

OUR MISSION Increase awareness among our communities of the rich diversity of healthy, locally grown food from Litchfield County farms and fund, develop and deliver those programs and business initiatives that our farmers tell us best support their work.

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