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Taste of the Market Fundraiser to Benefit Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY- This year marks the inaugural "Taste of the Market" fundraiser on September 13, 2017 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Hosted by the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum and TEG Federal Credit Union, the event features local beer and cider and wines from Millbrook Winery and Vineyards, live bluegrass music by the Bob Stump Band, silent auction, and a creative farm-to-table dinner by popular chef John Lekic of Le Express.

The waterfront celebration will feature a presentation to the 2017 "Great Friend to Kids Award" honoree, Ozie Williams, RD, RN, CDE. The "Great Friend to Kids Award" is presented to individuals and organizations who are transforming the lives of children through their work in education. Honoree Ozie Williams works tirelessly in the community to promote optimum nutrition beginning with the youngest residents. She is a strong presence in the schools providing nutrition education, which she teaches with passion and joy.

Chef John Lekic of Le Express restaurant in Poughkeepsie will create a fabulous farm-to-table dinner utilizing produce, meats and other farm-fresh ingredients from the many vendors who sell at the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market each Monday. This evening will be a great way to sample the bounty of the Hudson Valley while supporting the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at tegfcu.com/MHCM-Taste-Ticket. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 845-452-7323 ext. 1218.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market opened on Monday, June 5 and operates weekly on Monday evenings from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm through October 23. The Market celebrates and shares the agricultural bounty of the Hudson Valley, including fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, eggs, poultry, baked goods, and more. The goal of the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market is to bring farm-fresh food to City residents. The Market is an authorized partner in the New York State's WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), and WIC Vegetables and Fruit Check Program (WIC VF).

Named Hudson Valley's 2016 Favorite "Kid Friendly Museum" and recipient of the 2015 Dutchess Tourism Family Entertainment Award of Distinction, the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is the ideal destination for families with young children. With exhibits that focus on early literacy, art, STEM, and the local community, the museum provides an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills, to engage in purposeful play, and to develop interpersonal connections. The museum is located in the heart of the historic waterfront in Poughkeepsie, just steps away from the Poughkeepsie Metro-North train station, the Walkway Over the Hudson's Elevator, fabulous restaurants, and a new city park. The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Admission is \$9.00 per person. Children under 1 year are free. Visit mhcm.org or call (845) 471-0589 for more information.

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