

## GOOD LIFE

### Principal honored by Farm Project

Nadine Elting-Dargan, principal of S.F.B. Morse Elementary School, Poughkeepsie, was honored by the Poughkeepsie Farm Project. She was recognized for her dedicated partnership with the organization including on the opening of a school garden, the Farm Fresh Home Chefs program, the Mobile Fresh Market at school dismissal, farm field trips, cooking workshops, school garden workshops, professional development opportunities for teachers and cafeteria tastings with raw produce.

The programs have benefited her students and increased awareness about locally-grown food and nutrition. The award was given in celebration of the National Farm to School Network's Farm to School initiative, and its mission to incorporate local food and nutrition into school meals.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project embarked on its Farm to School work in 2013 as part of a collaborative project funded by the USDA. Its partnership with Poughkeepsie City School District has introduced more fresh local produce into school meals. For more information, visit [www.farmproject.org/farm-to-school](http://www.farmproject.org/farm-to-school)

### Hat drive to benefit kids with cancer

Rachel Kahn, a 7th grader at Bulkeley Middle School, Rhinebeck, is raising funds and hat donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by conducting a hat drive in the Rhinebeck school district. Boxes for donations of new hats from smoke- and pet-free homes have been set up at Chancellor Livingston Elementary School, Bulkeley Middle School and Rhinebeck High School. There is also a box at Peri-



**From left to right: Nadine Elting-Dargan, principal of S.F.B. Morse Elementary School; Education Director Jamie Levato and Executive Director Ray Armater of Poughkeepsie Farm Project.** COURTESY PHOTO

winkles, 24 E. Market St. in the village of Rhinebeck, for the month of November.

This is Rachel's third annual fundraiser for St. Jude. "I was inspired to do something for kids with cancer after I saw a kid who had lost their hair to what I thought might be due to cancer treatment," Rachel said.

For more information, visit [Http://events.stjude.org/MadHatter12](http://events.stjude.org/MadHatter12)

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