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Acopia Harvest Presents Project Sprout Program With Its New Green Machine(TM) Hydroponic System at "Eat Healthy Rhode Island Day," March 11, 2015



CENTRAL FALLS, RI -- (Marketwired) -- 03/09/15 -- The [Acopia Harvest Project Sprout Program](#) featuring their [Green Machine™ Hydroponic indoor growing system](#) will be featured at the 3rd annual "Eat Healthy Rhode Island" Day on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, hosted by The Picture of Children's Health.

"Eat Healthy Rhode Island" is aimed at educating young people on the importance of healthy eating, motivating them to celebrate their health and developing a culture among youth that supports wellness. Last year the event garnered the support and involvement of 415 schools and businesses.

"With childhood obesity on the rise, Eat Healthy Rhode Island offers a light-hearted but effective way to engage all Rhode Islanders around a critical public health issue," said Linda Silva, President of the Picture of Children's Health board.

According to Irving A. Backman, [Acopia Harvest Principal](#), "Our state-of-the-art Green Machine hydroponic system is able to grow nutritious leafy vegetables indoors, 52 weeks a year. Our mission via Project Sprout is taking root in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York to introduce affordable, manageable, and sustainable hydroponics systems in schools, homes and businesses around the world.

"In the last year," continued Mr. Backman, "the program was implemented throughout 45 schools with its aim to engage our children about self-sufficiency and nutrition with hydroponics so that they can, in turn, positively impact future generations and cultures."

The kick-off event and ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Edward R. Martin Middle School in East Providence. This year's theme is "Wear Green, Eat Green." Rhode Island Lt. Governor Daniel J. McKee will serve as the honorary guest speaker.

WPRI-TV's "Call 12 for Action" reporter Susan Hogan will emcee the event. The program highlights a healthy eating oath by 6th grade students, remarks by a number of health and education officials. As well as a variety of activities that include education in the areas of cooking, exercise, sustainability and nutrition. The Rhode Island State House will be lit in green to memorialize the event.

About [Acopia Harvest International](#)

Mr. Backman has been funding and researching new technologies for over the past 35 years, involving alternative energy and concentrating on those areas for improving health and the environment. The organization is a team of scientists, developers, entrepreneurs and businessmen dedicated to the advancement of Earth-friendly technologies relating to sustainability. Collectively, the company seeks solutions for the social, economic and environmental pressures facing society. An initiative for indoor growing has been launched to utilize vacant factory and warehouse buildings to generate new employment and career opportunities for returning and disabled veterans and students. Headquarters are located at 712 Broad St., Central Falls, RI 02863. Telephone 401-572-4976 or visit the web site, www.acopiaharvest.com. Facebook, www.facebook.com/acopiaharvestinternational Parent company website: www.ibaglobal.com

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