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The Detroit Food Policy Council is concerned about all aspects of food. We want to ensure people have access to enough healthy food for proper nutrition that sustains their minds, bodies and spirits. We are also concerned about the conditions of our grocery stores, restaurants and other places in our community where people buy food.

We think about where our food comes from, who brings it to us and how it is produced. We hope to grow more opportunities for these activities at the local level so Detroiters benefit nutritionally and economically from the food system that serves us. And we want people to know about all these aspects of our food so we are equipped to advocate for building a better food system.

Each year, the Detroit Food Policy Council hosts an annual conference to increase awareness about our food system. One of the purposes of the conference is to develop strategies for building a healthier food system in Detroit.

With this year's theme, "What's on your plate?" we are addressing all of the issues related to the food we eat every day. We want to hear about the issues that are important to people in the city of Detroit. We want to hear your concerns about education, healthcare, employment, our economy, neighborhood safety, childcare and the other issues that affect our lives and our collective vision for the future of Detroit. The food system affects all of these issues. We want to grow in understanding together how food system solutions can become solutions for our other challenges, also.

Detroit Food 2013 will bring together 400 people to learn about our local food system, celebrate the local food experience of Detroit and expand community engagement in local food system activities. The annual conference gives the Detroit Food Policy Council an opportunity to highlight our achievements, increase our visibility within the community and engage community members in the projects of our four work groups. Join us this year on the discussion of food and the future of Detroit.

Detroit Food 2013 will be held April 4-6 at Focus: HOPE Conference Center, located at 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit.

For more information, call 313.833.0396 or e-mail kibibi.dfpc@gmail.com. Also visit www.detroitfoodpolicycouncil.net/Annual_Summit.html. We are currently seeking sponsors for this year's summit. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.detroitfoodpolicycouncil.net/Annual_Summit.html.

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