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(From left to right: Joey Then, Maggie Rodriguez, Debbie Figueroa and Marisol Pietri.) Individuals from Liberty's Salsa Picante group take a short break from selling food they prepared to help raise money to send kids to summer camp and to assist the Salvation Army. The food consisted of authentic Spanish cuisine including their famous Empanadas. So far, in 2012, they have raised \$2600 through their cooking efforts.

Salsa Picante Cooks for Kids

Amsterdam - Liberty's Salsa Picante group recently prepared a luncheon repast consisting of authentic Spanish cuisine for sale to staff and individuals at their Day Habilitation Center facility. The \$400 raised will be donated to assist local children and others in needs in our community.

All proceeds from the luncheon will go to the Fulton County YMCA and the local Salvation Army. Funds will help offset costs for kids who'd otherwise not have the opportunity to attend the YMCA summer camp. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase clothing, toiletries, household goods and food to help stock shelves at the Salvation Army.

Stewed chicken, rice with pigeon peas and the group's well-known Empanadas were on the menu. All the food was prepared and served by individuals in the Salsa Picante group.

Salsa Picante consists of individuals in Liberty's program who are committed to giving back to the community through their numerous volunteer activities. In the past, the group has raised money for the United Way, Centro Civico and the Amsterdam Homeless Shelter. They also purchased, packed and gave away 80 backpacks to local school children at the start of the 2011-2012 school year and will be doing the same this year. In 2010 the group raised nearly \$5,000 for local not-for-profit organizations.

Founded in 1957, Liberty is a not-for-profit organization serving over 600 individuals with developmental and other disabilities. In addition to offering core programs including vocational, day and family support and residential services in Montgomery County, Liberty focuses on volunteerism and other ways to make a meaningful difference in the community. The organization also operates New Dimensions in Health Care, providing dental and medical services at 40 Wall Street. In 2004, the agency began operating day and residential supports in the State of Delaware as Choices for Community Living, Inc.

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