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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens welcomes more than 600 guests to 14th Annual *Hat Day* Luncheon

Beth Fisher honored as recipient of the 11th annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award

(May 2, 2014—Columbus, Ohio) Sporting spring fashions and hats, 616 guests gathered this afternoon under a grand marquee at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The 14th annual *Les Chapeaux Dans le Jardin* (Hat Day) luncheon is one of Columbus' premier social traditions and the Conservatory's signature spring fundraising event.

Proceeds from this year's event are expected to net over \$260,000 to benefit the Conservatory's K–12 educational outreach programs. Funds raised since the inception of *Hat Day* total over \$3M.

Bruce A. Harkey, Executive Director of the Conservatory and 2014 Hat Day co-chairs Cherie Lucks and Whitney Lucks welcomed attendees to this year's event.

Kristyn Hartman and Chris Bradley, WBNS 10TV, served as emcees for the event which included a cocktail hour, luncheon cuisine by Cameron Mitchell and a live auction.

Adrian Phillip Howard, award-winning milliner and hat designer from London, was the featured guest at the event. Howard is the in-house milliner for the famous London department store Fortnum & Mason. During his presentation, Howard introduced 12 custom-designed hats for the event, calling them the Columbus Collection.

The 11th annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award was presented to Beth Fisher. Given each year in honor of its first recipient, this highly anticipated award recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided longtime leadership, service or financial support to the Conservatory.

Fisher has been an advocate for the Conservatory for over a decade, serving as VP of Development for seven years from 2003 until 2010.

Past Ann Isaly Wolfe Award winners include:

2013 Beth Henry
2012 Liz Fox
2011 Paige Crane
2010 Barbara Trueman
2009 Beth and Doug Morgan
2008 Pamela Farber Thomas
2007 Mo Meuse
2006 William H. Davis, Dorothy M. Davis and William C. Davis Foundation, and Bill and Jackie Wells Paul B. Redman
2005 Cherie Lucks
2004 Ann Isaly Wolfe

Presenting Sponsor *Hat Day* 2014 was the Davis Foundation. Talent Sponsors were 10TV and Capital Style. Nationwide was the Cocktail Party Sponsor. Other sponsors included Lbrands Foundation, I. Lorraine Thomas, Huntington Banks, and OhioHealth.

High resolution photos are available by request.

About Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. *Light Raiment II*, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.

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