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**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY HONORS KAREN FIORILE WITH  
THE ANN ISALY WOLFE AWARD**

Columbus, OH—Each year, Franklin Park Conservatory honors an individual who has demonstrated leadership and enduring service to the Conservatory with the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award during Hat Day, the Conservatory's signature annual fundraiser, presented by The Davis Foundation. This year's recipient is a devoted supporter, board member, and longtime friend of the Conservatory: Karen Fiorile.

Fiorile began her volunteerism at the Conservatory in 2001, initially as a member of the volunteer auxiliary Women's Board. A natural leader, Karen was soon chairing committees, heading up the Women's Board Antiques and Gardens Fair fundraiser in 2003, and later serving a dual term as the Women's Board president in 2005 and 2006. In 2009, she led the Women's Board effort to close the Conservatory's first capital campaign.

In 2005, Fiorile joined the Franklin Park Conservatory board of trustees and, in 2008, again led fundraising efforts for the Conservatory as Chair of the 8th annual Hat Day. Fiorile served as president of the Conservatory board in 2010 to 2011; when the organization began its second major capital campaign in 2014, Fiorile stepped up to lead the effort, which is on the cusp of achieving its \$22 million goal. The many capital improvements resulting from the campaign include the soon-to-open Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden.

Among other volunteer and community involvement, Fiorile was honored as a 2012 YWCA Woman of Achievement; has served on the Columbus Museum of Art Women's Board; and was a deeply engaged volunteer with Columbus School for Girls, where she held several volunteer leadership positions and was a member of the school's board of trustees.

"Karen's leadership, passion and strategic thinking have guided the Conservatory through a period of tremendous growth. I am grateful for her tireless dedication to our mission," remarked President and CEO, Bruce Harkey. "Karen truly embodies the spirit of the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award."

The Ann Isaly Wolfe Award recognizes individuals who, through enduring service, leadership and financial support, have enabled the Conservatory to take its place among the leading cultural institutions in Columbus. The award was created in 2004 and is given in honor of Ann Isaly Wolfe, a passionate and dedicated champion of the Conservatory.



**Past Ann Isaly Wolfe Award winners include:**

- 2017 Barbara Brandt
- 2016 Alexis Jacobs
- 2015 I. Lorraine Thomas
- 2014 Beth Fisher
- 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
- 2005 Cherie Lucks
- 2004 Ann Isaly Wolfe

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*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.*