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**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY HONORS
CINDY RASMUSSEN WITH ANN ISALY WOLFE AWARD**

Columbus, OH—Every year, Franklin Park Conservatory honors an individual who has embodied and fostered the Conservatory's growth as a cultural institution. This year, the Conservatory is naming Cindy Rasmussen the Ann Isaly Wolfe honoree of 2019, an award that will be officially delivered during the Hat Day fundraiser on May 3.

"Cindy has been a longtime supporter and friend of the Conservatory. She exhibits a true commitment to education and our mission, and her leadership has been integral to so many facets of the Conservatory," said President and CEO Bruce Harkey. "It is truly a pleasure to recognize her with the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award this year."

The Ann Isaly Wolfe Award recognizes individuals who have furthered the Conservatory's mission through their enduring service, leadership and financial support. Cindy, a Woman's Board member for the past 15 years and a Conservatory board member for nine, is a strong example of someone who has been instrumental to the Conservatory's success. In addition to her involvement in two capital campaigns, Cindy has chaired the Conservatory's strategic planning and development committee, been a vital part of the Field to Table fundraising committee, served as Hat Day chair in 2010, and chaired and co-chaired the Antiques and Gardens Fair in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

A dedicated community leader and volunteer, Cindy's involvement reaches far beyond the Conservatory. From championing events to providing leadership, she has dedicated herself to the Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Board, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Ohio 4-H Foundation and, in 2012, chaired the United Way capital campaign with her husband, Steve. Additionally, Cindy has held volunteer leadership roles with the American Heart Association, BalletMet, Columbus Museum of Art, Easterseals, Make-A-Wish Foundation, The Ohio State University, and YWCA, and has volunteered as well as taught at various schools for many years.

In addition to the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award from the Conservatory, Cindy has earned the Corcoran award from St. Vincent Family Center, the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Foundation Award, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Honoree Volunteer Award, and the Junior League Community Service Award.

The Conservatory is excited to present Cindy with the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award at the 19th annual Hat Day fundraiser before an expected audience of about 500-600 fellow supporters of the botanical gardens.



Other Ann Isaly Wolfe Award recipients include:

- 2018 Karen Fiorile
- 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 world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.