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**ANNUAL HAT DAY FUNDRAISER NETTED OVER \$240,000 FOR  
CONSERVATORY COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION**

Columbus, OH—On May 3, 2019, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> annual *Les Chapeaux dans le Jardin*, its signature spring fundraising event. Guests donned their chapeaux and gathered outside of the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House for cocktails on the Wolfe Terrace and a program and luncheon under the grand marquee.

This year's Hat Day event raised over \$240,000 to benefit the Conservatory's community outreach and education programs. All Hat Day proceeds support school field trips, educator visits to school classrooms, preschool programs, job training for eligible teens, free family programs and so much more!

Angela An of WBNS 10TV emceed the event, with remarks from the Conservatory's President & CEO Bruce Harkey, as well as the 2019 Hat Day chairs, Bobbi Lucas and Suzanne D. Lucas. Guests enjoyed a fresh, garden-inspired lunch prepared by the chefs at Cameron Mitchell Premier Events.

After lunch, the Spring Style Show wowed guests with a runway show featuring local boutiques, floral designers and Conservatory horticulturalists. Leál, Rowe, Godfry's and Elliott Cooper shared chic looks from their collections, while Steven Cox Flowers, Petals & Leaves, Andrew Elonich Studio Florists and Franklin Park Conservatory contributed fresh floral accents to each look. At the end of the program, ten lucky guests were crowned the coveted "10 Best Hats on 10TV" for their remarkable chapeaux.

Each year the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award, given in honor of its first recipient, recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided longtime leadership, service or financial support to the Conservatory. This year, Cindy Rasmussen was presented the 16th annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award. Rasmussen's leadership has made an indelible mark on the Conservatory. From her nine years as a board trustee to serving as the chair of its major fundraising events, Cindy has been a steadfast advocate and generous supporter.

**Past Ann Isaly Wolfe Award winners 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 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.*