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TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2019 BASH AT THE BARN FUNDRAISING EVENT

Columbus, OH—This Thursday, June 6 at 6:30pm, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will host its annual Bash at the Barn event to raise funds for the Conservatory's adult learning initiatives. Last year, the event welcomed 500 people and raised nearly \$79,000. Visit www.fpconservaotry.org/bash to attend this party with a purpose.

Bash at the Barn is one of the Conservatory's premier fundraising events where guests enjoy a rustic-meets-refined tasting event at The Wells Barn and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus. Over 25 local vendors will participate this year, including top Columbus restaurants; popular breweries, wineries and cocktail bars; and dessert and specialty vendors, as well as live music by The Buzzard Kings Duo.

Proceeds from ticket sales, a silent auction and corporate sponsorships go toward the following programs, which have had a profound impact on adults in the community:

- **Green Corps:** The Conservatory's Green Corps program prepares young adults for the workforce, providing specific education for careers in green, environmental and agricultural industries. To date, 90 percent of graduates have successfully obtained jobs in their desired fields.

- **Garden Explorations**: This horticulture therapy program offers enriching and engaging gardening experiences to adults with disabilities with the goal of promoting physical and mental wellness.

- Academic Partnerships: The Conservatory offers a variety of hands-on work experiences customized to college and graduate students' academic goals. Through universities partnerships, the Conservatory has also been able to offer professional development programs to differently-abled students.

Bash at the Barn 2019 is made possible thanks to the generous support of presenting sponsor Miles-McClellan Construction; major sponsors Cardinal Health, the Davis Foundation and Dorothy M. Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute; and media sponsor Dispatch Media Group. A full list of sponsors can be found <u>here</u>.

For more details about Bash at the Barn, please visit <u>www.fpconservatory.org/bash</u>.

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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.