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**FIELD TO TABLE CELEBRATES OHIO HARVESTS, RAISES MONEY FOR
COMMUNITY GARDENING AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, OH— On Friday, August 23, 2019, the Women's Board of Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will celebrate its annual Field to Table fundraiser, a spectacular feast celebrating Ohio's end-of-summer harvests and iconic Conservatory scenes while raising money for the Conservatory's community gardening outreach programs.

More than 700 guests are expected to attend this sold-out event, the proceeds of which are expected to net over \$300,000 for garden-based community outreach efforts. More than just making central Ohio more beautiful, these local community gardening projects are known to improve food access and hunger relief, nutrition education, children's education, a sense of community, neighborhood safety and environmental sustainability. Since the first Field to Table event in 2009, the Conservatory's Women's Board has raised about \$3 million for this cause, equipping the Conservatory with the ability to help start, strengthen and sustain nearly 300 gardens in the central Ohio area.

Field to Table begins with a garden party cocktail hour in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus, where guests can explore the bright and fragrant pollinator flowerbeds, culinary gardens growing among rose bushes and topiary hedges, and community-grown vegetable plots. Following the ceremonial dinner bell, the party moves to the Grand Mallway, where guests enjoy an al fresco dinner against a late summer sunset. From the hors d'oeuvres to the after-dinner coffee, local vendors and Ohio-grown ingredients are featured throughout the dining experience.

More than a culinary treat, Field to Table is a feast for the eyes. Guests enjoy front row seats to *Light Raiment II*, an installation by world-renowned artist James Turrell that illuminates the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House in a rainbow of alternating neon color. And, exclusive to this year, Field to Table guests are invited to get a peek of *Chihuly Nights*, which features the stunning installations of world famous glass artist Dale Chihuly, dramatically lit to create a breathtaking view against the botanical gardens. This magical evening concludes with a fireworks display above the Grand Mallway.

The co-chairs for the 2019 Field to Table event are Joan Kirschner and Barbara Brokemeyer. Sponsors include the Crane Group, Kroger and Nationwide as Greenhouse Sponsors; Big Lots Foundation, Cardinal Health and Huntington as Field Sponsors; the Davis Foundation as the Entertainment Sponsor. For the complete list of sponsors, please visit fpconservatory.org/field-to-table.

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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.

The Conservatory's volunteer Women's Board has over 300 members whose goal is to provide financial support to the Conservatory, create an awareness of the Conservatory's horticulture and educational programs, and broaden the base of community support.