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2020 BASH AT THE BARN CANCELED

Columbus, OH— Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens has canceled the 2020 Bash at the Barn fundraising event. The decision was made due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next Bash at the Barn is scheduled for June 3, 2021. The event typically gathers 500 community members at the beautiful Wells Barn and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus to enjoy local food and beer, wine, cocktails, live music, and a silent auction. This is the first time the event has been canceled in its 17 year history.

Around \$75,000 is raised annually to benefit the Conservatory's horticulture programs and community outreach initiatives. In response, an online fundraiser is being held and those interested can still support the Conservatory at <https://fpconservatory.org/giving>.

The Conservatory remains closed to the public amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Conservatory's board and leadership team are following the quickly developing situation and will be providing any updates online at fpconservatory.org and social media channels (@fpconservatory).

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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.