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FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS TO THE CONSERVATORY ON JUNE 2

Columbus, OH — After a year-long hiatus, the Conservatory's Farmers' Market will return during the summer of 2021. The market will occur from 3:30-6:30pm every Wednesday, starting June 2 and ending September 1. Open to the public and located in the Conservatory's main parking lot off East Broad Street, no admission is required to shop at the market and parking is free.

"I'm excited that we are able to bring back the market this year," said Michele Bailey, the Farmers' Market Coordinator, "It offers us a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors and strengthen community relationships while at the same time providing healthy food access."

Vendors, all local to central Ohio, will sell a variety of products. In addition to fresh produce and specialty foods, handmade items, artisanal goods and health products will be available for purchase. A rotating selection of food trucks will be onsite for any guests who'd like to have a bite to eat. The market, originally established to help address the food desert around the Conservatory, brings fresh food and produce to the east side of Columbus and connects community members with local businesses.

The Conservatory's Teen Corps will also return to the market this year. The Teen Corps program teaches Columbus City School students skills through hands-on experiences in urban farming. Every summer, they grow produce in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus and sell it from a stand at the Farmers' Market.

Select dates will include entertainment or special guests:

- June 16: "Ask a Master Gardener" station and performance from local musician, Dino Hill
- July 21: Performance from local musician, Dino Hill
- August 4: Back to school book giveaway with the Second and Seven Foundation

The market accepts EBT for all qualifying purchases and offers incentive dollars through the Produce Perks Columbus program for fresh produce for all EBT users.

The health of community members is a priority for the Conservatory. Guests should follow all safety guidelines enforced at the Conservatory. More information on safety guidelines and the Farmers' Market is available at fpconservatory.org and updates will be shared via 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.