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**BASH AT THE CONSERVATORY RAISES OVER \$96K
FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Columbus, OH — Community members came together to raise over \$96,000 for education programs during a sold out *Bash at the Conservatory* following the cancellation of *Bash* last year.

Bash at the Conservatory took place on Friday, June 25. A fresh take on the annual fundraising event contributed to its success. Traditionally called *Bash at the Barn*, this year's event was renamed *Bash at the Conservatory*. The expansion of the venue from The Wells Barn to the entire Conservatory inspired the name change. As in previous years, guests enjoyed a rustic-meets-refined evening with local food and beverages and the opportunity to explore the Conservatory.

"Our Bash Host Committee and event teams spent months planning the event, and conceived a format that could be held safely and still showcase these beautiful grounds and our outstanding education programs. The guests themselves were excited to be out for a special evening at the Conservatory, once again," said Carmen Boy, Vice President of Philanthropy. "Our sponsors and donors truly came together to show their support for our programs that positively impact the community."

Proceeds from the event will directly support horticulture, education and community outreach programs. The Conservatory believes that the benefits of time spent in nature are needed now more than ever, and *Bash* attendees demonstrated they shared that belief by providing critical support to our programs.

Interested parties should consider attending *Field to Table* on August 27, 2021, or *Hat Day* on September 24, 2021 or look for details for next year's *Bash* event. Those interested in immediately supporting the Conservatory's programming can do so at fpconservatory.org/giving.

Bash at the Conservatory was possible thanks to the generous support of presenting sponsor Miles-McClellan Construction, lead sponsor GreenScapes, and major sponsors Cardinal Health, Davis Foundation and Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute. A complete list of sponsors can be found on our website: fpconservatory.org/bash.

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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.