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WOMEN'S BOARD ANNOUNCED RECORD AMOUNT RAISED FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING DURING FIELD TO TABLE

COLUMBUS, OH — Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' Women's Board announced the results from this year's *Field to Table*. *Field to Table*, held on August 26 this year, is the Women's Board annual fundraising event for the Conservatory which celebrates the bounty of the late-summer harvest in Ohio. Funds raised by community members and corporate sponsors during the event support community outreach and education initiatives and this year was record-breaking. The Women's Board directed \$410,000 to Conservatory programs that have a lasting impact on the community during the meeting this October.

A cocktail hour and meal featuring food grown and produced in Ohio delighted 700 community and corporate leaders during an evening on the Conservatory's grounds. The Women's Board rallied these leaders to come together to secure the long-lasting impact of the Conservatory's outreach programs like Growing to Green, Teen Corps, Community Days and more. These programs ensure that the Conservatory's community has access to nature and experiences the transformative power of gardens. Over the past fourteen *Field to Table* events, over \$4,000,000 has been raised for the Conservatory.

In response to the gift, Conservatory President and CEO Bruce Harkey said, "We are beyond grateful to the many individuals, corporate sponsors, and Women's Board members who gave so generously in support of the Conservatory's mission through this year's *Field to Table* fundraiser. Because of their investment, we can continue to provide free resources to community gardens, offer healthy local produce to neighbors through our Farmers' Market, and strengthen initiatives that ensure the Conservatory is an accessible and welcoming space for all. We are also deeply grateful to our Women's Board, who so successfully rallied our community to support these and other programs."

The co-chairs for the 2022 *Field to Table* event were Joan Kirschner and Barbara Brakemeyer Elliott. Sponsors include the Spark Joy Fund as Mallway Sponsor; ADS and Kroger as Greenhouse Sponsors; Big Lots Foundation, Cardinal Health, Crane Group, the Davis Foundation, Huntington and Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease as Field Sponsors and Bob-Boyd Auto Family as Valet Sponsor. Many in-kind partners generously contributed to the success of *Field to Table*, including local farmers and producers who donated ingredients for the meal.

For more information, please visit fpconservatory.org/field-to-table, and follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).



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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art & nature-based exhibitions and educational programs. The 13-acre indoor and outdoor facility—situated two miles from downtown Columbus—features glasshouses including the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children’s Garden and Scotts Miracle Gro-Foundation Community Garden Campus; and event venues. The Conservatory is home to the largest collection of Chihuly glass in a botanical garden and Light Raiment II by internationally renowned artist James Turrell. Committed to the community, the Conservatory strives to provide an accessible and welcoming experience to all.

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.