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CONSERVATORY'S BASH AT THE BARN RAISES \$80,000 FOR ADULT LEARNING INITIATIVES

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's 14th annual tastings fundraising event, *Bash at the Barn*, brought together community leaders and emerging professionals for a rustic-meets-refined evening at The Wells Barn.

Bash at the Barn, formerly *Tastings on the Terrace*, found a new home with the completion of The Wells Barn in 2015. Its new location allows guests to stroll among native, seasonal plantings, all while enjoying food and drinks from local vendors.

Over 500 guests mingled on The Wells Barn Celebration Lawn and the ScottsMiracle-Gro Community Garden Campus, enjoying music from the Rice Bros, delicious food from top Columbus restaurants, and signature cocktails, wines, and craft beers, all from local purveyors.

This year's *Bash at the Barn* raised over \$80,000 to support the Conservatory's adult learning initiatives, including therapeutic horticulture programs and the job training program [Green Corps](#). Green Corp participants work side-by-side with employees at the Conservatory learning skills in horticulture, landscape and garden maintenance and green practices.

Miles-McClellan Construction served as the presenting sponsor for the evening, with media support from Dispatch Media Group. Major support was provided by Cardinal Health, Davis Foundation, Dorothy M. Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company.

For more information about Conservatory fundraising initiatives, visit www.fpconservatory.org.

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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.