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**Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
welcomed 600 guests to 16th Annual *Hat Day* Luncheon**
Alexis Jacobs honored as recipient of the 13th annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award

(May 6, 2016—Columbus, Ohio) A crowd of 600 hat-adorned guests gathered this afternoon under a grand marquee at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

Les Chapeaux dans le Jardin, also known as Hat Day, is one of Columbus' premier social traditions and the Conservatory's signature spring fundraising event. The luncheon features a cocktail hour, cuisine by Cameron Mitchell Catering, a live auction and a fashion show by Thread, Lubna Designs and 1812.

The 16th annual event was chaired by Janelle Simmons, L Brands. Kristyn Hartman and Chris Bradley, WBNS 10TV, served as emcees for the afternoon.

Proceeds from this year's event are expected to net \$300,000 to benefit the Conservatory's education programs. Hat Day has raised more than \$3.3M since it began in 2001.

The 13th annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award was presented to Alexis Jacobs. Given each year in honor of its first recipient, this highly anticipated award recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided longtime leadership, service or financial support to the Conservatory.

"Thank you to the Conservatory for hosting this wonderful affair, and thank you to Ann Isaly Wolfe and the Wolfe family for everything you do to make Columbus a wonderful place to live," said Jacobs, as Bruce Harkey, executive director of Franklin Park Conservatory, presented the award.

Past Ann Isaly Wolfe Award winners include:

2015 I. Lorraine Thomas
2014 Beth Fisher
2013 Beth Henry
2012 Liz Fox
2011 Paige Crane
2010 Barbara Trueman
2009 Beth and Doug Morgan
2008 Pamela Farber Thomas
2007 Mo Meuse
2006 *William H. Davis, Dorothy M. Davis and William C. Davis Foundation,*
and Bill and Jackie Wells

Paul B. Redman
2005 Cherie Lucks
2004 Ann Isaly Wolfe

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About Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

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.

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