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13th Annual Growing to Green Awards Honor Local Community Gardeners

Columbus, OH— On the evening of September 10, 2014, more than 200 community gardeners and local business and civic leaders gathered on the Conservatory's ScottsMiracle-Gro Community Garden Campus for the 13th annual Growing to Green Awards. This annual potluck dinner and harvest celebration honored the hard work of community gardeners throughout central Ohio. This year's event featured remarks by Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner, who presented a resolution to the Conservatory and its Growing to Green Program for its fourteen years of providing community gardening resources to the community.

Each year awards are presented in seven categories along with monetary awards were presented in multiple categories. This year's nominations were reviewed and judged by Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' Women's Board, community garden leaders and the American Community Gardening Association.

Winners of the 2014 Growing to Green Awards:

Neighborhood Improvement Project: Presented by JPMorganChase, \$250 awarded to the project that does the most to benefit to its surrounding community.
Red Roots Community Garden, 150 Clinton St., Columbus, OH 43202

Education Garden of the Year: Presented by Cardinal Health, \$500 awarded to a school or other organization that best utilizes garden projects for educational purposes.
Highland Youth Garden, 67 S. Highland Ave., Columbus, OH 43223

Sustainability Award: Presented by the American Community Gardening Association, \$250 and a garden cart awarded to a garden best utilizing sustainable gardening practices.
Franklinton Gardens, 909 W Rich St, Columbus, OH 43222

Paul B. Redman Youth Leadership Award: Presented by the Conservatory's Women's Board, \$250 awarded to an outstanding youth gardener, to be applied toward his/her education or garden.
Youth gardeners with Kossuth Street Garden, E Kossuth St & S 17th St Columbus, OH 43206

Community Gardener of the Year: Presented by GreenScapes Landscape Company, \$250 awarded to a person who is exceptionally dedicated to his/her community garden and the gardening movement.
Yvonne Jones, Linden area gardens and beautification sites

Community Garden of the Year: Presented by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, \$500 awarded to the top neighborhood gardening project for food production or beautification.
Faith Mission Kitchen Garden, 599 E 8th St., Columbus, OH 43201

Boyd D. Bowden, D.O. Garden Impact Award: Presented by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, \$750 awarded to the top neighborhood gardening project for significant and sustainable impact on the health and vitality of its community
St. Stephen's Community House Project AquaStar, 1500 E 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43219

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About Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and Growing to Green

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens features plant 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's Growing to Green program is Columbus' largest organized effort to promote and provide free resources for community gardening. Growing to Green has provided resources to more than 250 community gardens, schools gardens, and neighborhood beautification projects throughout the central Ohio area.

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