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## **DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS SAYS “THANK YOU” TO DENVER RESIDENTS WITH FREE DAY**

DENVER—Denver Botanic Gardens announced today that **all residents of Denver County will be allowed free admission to the Gardens’ York Street location on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.**

The Gardens’ new, approximately 50,000 square-foot Greenhouse Complex was funded by the citizens of Denver through the Better Denver Bond Campaign which allocated just over \$15 million for the greenhouse construction. This free day is the Gardens’ way of saying “thank you” to voters in the metro area, and will give Denver County residents a free opportunity to explore the new structure.

"Without the support of the people of Denver, this phenomenal, facility would not have become a reality," said Brian Vogt, CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens. "As a small way of thanking all of the voters who have supported us, we are inviting all of them to the Gardens to not only enjoy our new Greenhouse Complex, but to also experience all 23 acres of the Gardens, including our brand new, 3-acre Mordecai Children’s Garden."

The new Greenhouse Complex is state-of-the-art with flexibility for 12 climate zone control options that show visitors how plants grow in different environments. Other sections of the building give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the operations of propagating, growing and maintaining plants at the Gardens for outdoor and indoor displays.

Visitors to the Greenhouse Complex will also experience the beauty of the new Marnie’s Pavilion, which contains waterfalls that are part of a new newly constructed mountain holding orchids, bromeliads, ferns and aquatic plants. The facility also includes an Orangery with seasonal year-round displays reminiscent of traditional European Renaissance garden displays. Displaying citrus trees and other seasonal colorful plants, this space consists of roll-up doors that will remain open during seasonable weather spilling the plant displays outside into the terrace.

Denver Botanic Gardens will be open on Labor Day from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

### **About Denver Botanic Gardens:**

Green inside and out, the Gardens is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Gardens’ living collections encompass specimens from the tropics to the tundra, showcasing a plant palette chosen to thrive in Colorado’s semi-arid climate. The Gardens’ dynamic, 23-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city is now in its 51st year, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, a 750-acre wildlife and native plant refuge in Jefferson County; and Mount Goliath, a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway, extend this experience throughout the Front Range. For more information, visit us online at [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).

### **About the Better Denver Bond Program**

The City & County of Denver’s Better Denver Bond Program works to preserve, renovate and create amenities that touch citizen’s lives – including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, city buildings and cultural facilities. Approved by voters in 2007 and led by Mayor John Hickenlooper and civic leaders throughout the city, the bond program pumps millions of dollars in the economy, helps preserve and create jobs

and is making Denver a more attractive place to live, work and invest in the future. For more information about the Better Denver Bond Program, visit [www.denvergov.org/betterdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/betterdenver).

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