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'An Evening in Bloom' opens annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show
Special preview of show before it opens to benefit
local institutions and green organizations

Enjoy a festive evening of food, cocktails and an exclusive opportunity to experience the 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show before the show opens and the crowds fill the floor at "An Evening in Bloom"—a preview benefit and fundraising event from 6-9:30 p.m. on Friday evening, March 6, at Navy Pier.

The evening is being co-chaired by Aetna Inc. vice president of external affairs Martin R. Castro, NBC5 anchor/reporter Anna Davlantes, nightlife impresario Billy Dec and socialite/fund-raiser Donna La Pietra, all in cooperation with the City of Chicago and Mayor Richard M. Daley. It will be held in Navy Pier's Festival Halls A & B.

Tickets are \$100 per-person, which includes global cuisine and cocktails, live musical entertainment—cabaret, Latin jazz and DJ—plus an advance preview of the Flower & Garden Show floor!

The evening's proceeds will benefit six local cultural institutions that are participating in the show's new "themed midway," as well as two green organizations. The eight beneficiaries are:

- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Chicago Gateway Green
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Museum of Science & Industry
- National Museum of Mexican Art
- NeighborSpace
- John G. Shedd Aquarium

Attire is business dress. If spaces are still open, discounted Flower & Garden Show preview benefit evening parking is available for only \$14 in Navy Pier's parking garage.

To order tickets, visit www.chicagoflower.com/party.cfm.