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PHIPPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES CARNEGIE SCIENCE AWARD

(Pittsburgh, Pa.)—Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens executive director, Richard Piacentini, received the 2008 Carnegie Science Award for the Environment at a ceremony on May 9, 2008 at the Carnegie Museum in Oakland.

“It is an unexpected honor to receive this award and be recognized among such prestigious company,” said Piacentini. “Our vision is to become a leader in green buildings and sustainable practices while influencing the lifestyle choices of visitors to Phipps. This award and the recognition it brings advances our message beyond our glass walls and it is with sincere gratitude that I accept the award on behalf of everyone at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.”

Carnegie Science Center established the Carnegie Science Awards program in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania. Celebrating its 12th year, the Carnegie Science Awards have honored the accomplishments of more than 200 individuals and organizations that have improved lives through their commitment, courage, and contributions.

“The Carnegie Science Awards program celebrates the heroes of science and technology in western Pennsylvania,” said Joanna Haas, director of Carnegie Science Center. “Their accomplishments are inspiring and significant, because these extraordinary winners are driving economic growth and developing tomorrow’s scientific workforce for our region.”

About Phipps

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a Victorian glasshouse, gardens and tropical forest conservatory in the Schenley Park area of Pittsburgh. Effective February 25, 2008, Phipps is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and until 10 p.m. on Fridays. Café Phipps and The Shop at Phipps are open during all Conservatory hours. Daytime admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors (62 and over) and students with ID, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 18. Phipps members and children under two are admitted free. For more information, call (412) 622-6914 or visit www.phipps.conservatory.org.

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