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Diving through the Decades at Piedmont Park
Celebrating the Gifting of a Multi-million Dollar Complex Back to the City of Atlanta

ATLANTA (June 4, 2009) On Thursday, June 18th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm, Piedmont Park Conservancy will celebrate the completion of the first project of its 53-acre expansion and gifting the Greystone Complex back to the City of Atlanta. The event will showcase the 1920s - the decade Greystone was originally built. Approximately 600 guests will enjoy a delightful evening of great food, an open bar and a fabulous auction. Attendees will get the first peek at the restored historic Bathhouse.

“The Conservancy developed plans for the Bathhouse and pool project with input from an advisory committee consisting of representatives from more than 50 neighborhoods, organizations and constituent groups along with representatives from Atlanta City government,” said Piedmont Park Conservancy President and CEO, Yvette Bowden. “Because of their input, we can gift this multi-million dollar complex back to the citizens of Atlanta, which can now be enjoyed by a new generation of park users,” she added. The complex includes the new Piedmont Park Aquatic Center, the LEED certified renovation of the Park’s historic Bathhouse and approximately 30,000 square feet of outdoor plazas, patios and picnic pavilions.

More than 3 million visitors enjoy the Piedmont Park annually and the Conservancy manages more than 90% of the park’s daily operation. When Piedmont Park Conservancy was formed 20 years ago, the park was suffering from years of overuse that nearly ran Piedmont Park into the ground. Today, with the guidance of the Conservancy, Piedmont Park is a world-class park. The renovation of Greystone and the Piedmont Park Aquatic Center completes the Conservancy’s restoration of the historic portion of the park.

Tickets are available for \$75 per person and proceeds benefit Piedmont Park. To purchase tickets, visit www.piedmontpark.org.

About Piedmont Park Conservancy

Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy has raised and invested more than \$23 million in private funds for Park improvements, and today manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security. By 2010, the Conservancy will have invested an additional \$41.25 million in Phase I expansion projects.

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