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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING.
September 21, 2019

Good Evening!

Welcome to the 26th American Horticultural Society Annual Gala at River Farm; “Harvest of Health & Happiness.”

I feel so fortunate to be recognized by The American Horticultural Society for my passion as a wellness educator and advocate for the health of the planet. The opportunity to inspire positive change in our world with one of the most respected, longstanding national gardening organizations in the country is a special privilege.

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The seeds we plant tonight will produce fruit for years to come. Eat Well. Be Well.

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“The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway.” – Michael Pollan
To Our 2019 Gala Guests,

Welcome to the American Horticultural Society’s 26th Annual Gala. We thank you for coming and hope that you have a wonderful and memorable time tonight.

Our theme for this year’s Gala, “Harvest of Health & Happiness,” encourages us to reflect on the natural world around us and to take a moment to appreciate the richness that gardens — in all their diversity — bring to our lives. Tonight we raise our glasses to the many tangible and intangible benefits that gardens provide, whether they are beautiful havens that refresh our eyes and souls, or bountiful grounds that nourish our bodies. We encourage you to stroll around River Farm this evening and enjoy the colors in the garden.

This evening we celebrate the art and science of horticulture, which is the focus of the American Horticultural Society, and the importance of River Farm and places like it. As the national headquarters of the Society and a place that traces its history to Colonial Virginia, River Farm reflects and supports our vision of “making America a nation of gardeners, a land of gardens.” It symbolizes not only the historical place of gardening in America but also serves as one bright star in a constellation of American gardens that advance gardening today and into the future. Working together, we can make the Society’s vision a reality and ensure that this great treasure will continue to be a place of beauty, inspiration, and education for generations to come.

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