



July 30, 2008

Dear Potential County Fair Participant-

We would like to formally request your presence as a vendor and/or exhibitor at the **Garfield Park Conservatory's 8th Annual County Fair, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. This celebration of traditional harvest practices draws on time-honored county fair objectives, while simultaneously high-lighting new possibilities in urban agriculture. The County Fair, free and open to the public between the hours of **11 am – 5 pm**, provides a platform for you to exhibit, share, and sell related goods to a down-home crowd that often tops **5000** total visitors in one day.

Our Annual County Fair, like most, is family-focused with programs, activities and presentations for all ages. Unlike many county fairs, however, ours is uniquely set in Chicago's West Side neighborhood. Reaching urban residents with messages traditionally only available in rural settings, the Garfield Park Conservatory's County Fair is a new model for educating urban citizens about their world.

This year's County Fair is organized around the following themes and areas:

- Agricultural Traditions:
- Urban Agriculture
- Food Preparation and Preservation
- Arts, Crafts and Oral Traditions
- Healthy Communities

We are asking potential participants of the fair to register under these identification areas, so as to create a cohesive fair experience for our visitors. We are aware that what you have to exhibit/vend may fit into multiple categories, so please make sure to detail your offerings in the space provided; we will be happy to assist in this delineation.

We are certain that your presence at this fair will add to the enjoyment of all. This fun and celebratory event reaches visitors from both the immediate community and throughout the greater Chicago area, and is a great opportunity for organizations and businesses to reach new audiences. Please refer to the registration page for specific information about vendor, exhibitor, or farmer's participation levels.

Please feel free to e-mail Cathy Martinez ([cmartinez@garfieldpark.org](mailto:cmartinez@garfieldpark.org)) with additional questions and concerns. **Please complete and e-mail, fax, or mail the enclosed registration form, along with payment, by August 31<sup>st</sup> to confirm your participation. We will contact you in early September with additional "day of event" logistics.**

Thank you for your consideration, and hope to see you on September 20<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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