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A SPARKLING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION IN HERMANN PARK

HOUSTON, TEXAS – On March 24, the bow was untied to officially unveil one of Hermann Park's finest new additions: The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Bridge. The elegant bridge is a major component of the Park's new Lake Plaza, a multimillion-dollar project officially opening to the public next month. Granting beautiful views as it arches over the lake lagoon, the bridge is sure to become a favorite spot for Park patrons.

"It is an honor to be here to officially open The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Bridge," said Fernanda Kellogg, president of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation. "Our foundation's mission to beautify open space in urban environments has been magnificently met with this elegant bridge that enhances Lake Plaza and will forever represent our successful partnership with Hermann Park Conservancy."

In support of its mission to preserve the natural heritage that distinguishes great urban centers, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation donated \$1 million to Hermann Park Conservancy toward the project and the bridge that bears its name.

"We are most grateful to The Tiffany & Co. Foundation for their generous support," noted Doreen Stoller, Hermann Park Conservancy executive director. "After nearly a year of construction, we are eager to see visitors begin enjoying this wonderful new feature in Hermann Park."

While the bridge is set to receive its finishing touches before the grand opening, the dedication on March 24 was a celebration of the partnership between The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, Hermann Park Conservancy, and City of Houston. The public ribbon cutting ceremony took place at 10:30 am in the new Lake Plaza. Those present included First Lady Andrea White; Council Member Pam Holm,

District G; Council Member Wanda Adams, District D; and Fernanda Kellogg, president of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation. Also in attendance were Joe Turner, director of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department; Doreen Stoller, executive director of Hermann Park Conservancy; Don Short, Hermann Park Conservancy board chair; and Sanford Criner, past board chair.

Later that day at 2:00 pm at a City Council session, Mayor Bill White presented a proclamation to The Tiffany & Co. Foundation.

About Hermann Park Conservancy

Founded in 1992 as Friends of Hermann Park, Hermann Park Conservancy is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park – today and for generations to come. Through a public-private partnership with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Conservancy raises millions of dollars each year to enhance and maintain Hermann Park, one of Houston's most historic and popular green spaces. For more information on the Conservancy, visit www.hermannpark.org.

About The Tiffany & Co. Foundation

Established in 2000, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations working in two main program areas: the environment and the arts. The Foundation's environmental conservation program promotes responsible mining, healthy marine ecosystems, the enhancement of urban environments and the preservation of culturally significant landmarks. In addition, the Foundation fosters design excellence by supporting organizations dedicated to the decorative arts. For more information on The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, please visit www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org.