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Spring prospectives and retrospectives

The Host Committee of Central Park Conservancy's Central to Spring – Cocktails on the Park event gathered at Le Cirque last Wednesday night for festive cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to plan the inaugural spring celebration on April 10. On this special evening in April, more than 100 residents of buildings surrounding Central Park will simultaneously host cocktail parties in their homes to toast the Park's gorgeous blooms and green meadows, highlighting the important work of the Conservancy. The event will culminate with a fireworks presentation in Central Park and The Empire State Building lighting up in green.

Only 15 percent of households in buildings along the Park are current donors to the Conservancy. Central to Spring will encourage friends in buildings on all sides of the Park to increase annual support to at least 50% among the Park's neighbors.



Le Cirque's Stella Room



Le Cirque's Central to Spring Cake

With a current annual budget of \$45.8 million required for the Conservancy's care of the Park's 843 acres – 85 percent of which is raised from private sources – the Conservancy's continued success in maintaining this historic, green treasure will depend upon galvanizing those who benefit from the Park every day.

Among the attendees at Le Cirque were Central Park Conservancy President & CEO **Douglas Blonsky**, New York City Parks Commissioner **Veronica White**, **Suzie Aijala**, **Susan Calhoun**, Conservancy Trustees **Judy Hart Angelo**, **Jay Mandelbaum**, **Didi Schafer**, **Donna Schwartz**, and **Suzanne Cochran**, who is also serving as Chairman of Central to Spring. Central to Spring event partners and sponsors include Le Cirque and the Empire State Building.



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