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**THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS
TO RESTORE AND BEAUTIFY URBAN ENVIRONMENTS**
Grants Totaling \$2,750,000 Awarded to Three Organizations

New York, NY (September 25, 2008) – In support of its mission to preserve the natural heritage that distinguishes great urban centers, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation today announced grants to three organizations—Hermann Park Conservancy in Houston, Parkways Foundation in Chicago, and The Vizcayans in Miami—for the restoration of parks and gardens in their individual cities. These grants expand the Foundation’s urban parks program that originated with support for New York City’s parks through the Battery Conservancy and Friends of the High Line and now includes parks in other major cities, as well.

“The grants we announce today increase the Foundation’s support for the beautification of urban parks and gardens throughout the country,” said Fernanda Kellogg, Foundation president. “We recognize the role that green spaces and cultural sites plays in lifting spirits and providing a sanctuary of natural beauty and elegance in the midst of urban life, and we are very pleased to partner with these organizations in creating new environments and restoring historic venues.”

The three recipients will use the Foundation grants to further their goals, as follows:

Hermann Park Conservancy will receive a grant for \$1,000,000 for The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Bridge at the newly redesigned Lake Plaza in Hermann Park. Hermann Park is a historic park in Houston situated between the Museum District, Texas Medical Center, and Rice University. Lake Plaza will offer new amenities to park users, including a renovated Hermann Park Railroad, new café and dining terrace. The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Bridge, an elegant, arched design, will serve as a centerpiece of the Park and Plaza, offering romantic views from a newly accessible vantage point, increasing connectivity within the Park and enhancing the beauty of the area without disturbing the natural surroundings. Lake Plaza is a LEED certified project and is scheduled for completion in March 2009.

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Parkways Foundation will receive \$1,250,000 for the creation of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden in Chicago's Grant Park. Working in conjunction with the Chicago Park District for the historic preservation and urban beautification of Chicago through the city's parks, the Foundation will transform Grant Park's rose garden into a formal garden and event space adjacent to Buckingham Fountain. The magnificent garden is located near the city's major cultural institutions, including Millennium Park, the Field Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Chicago Cultural Center with its newly completed Tiffany Dome. The garden is scheduled to open in late summer 2009.

The Vizcayans, on behalf of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami, will receive \$500,000 for the restoration of the Sutri Fountain and the garden in which it resides. The Vizcayans' work to protect and preserve the gardens spans over a half century. Built between 1914 and 1917, Vizcaya is a subtropical interpretation of a classic Italian villa with ten acres of formal gardens and is designated as a National Historic Landmark. This funding matches the *Save America's Treasures* grant awarded to Vizcaya by the National Parks Service to restore the garden's fountains and statuary that have deteriorated in the subtropical environment.

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

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