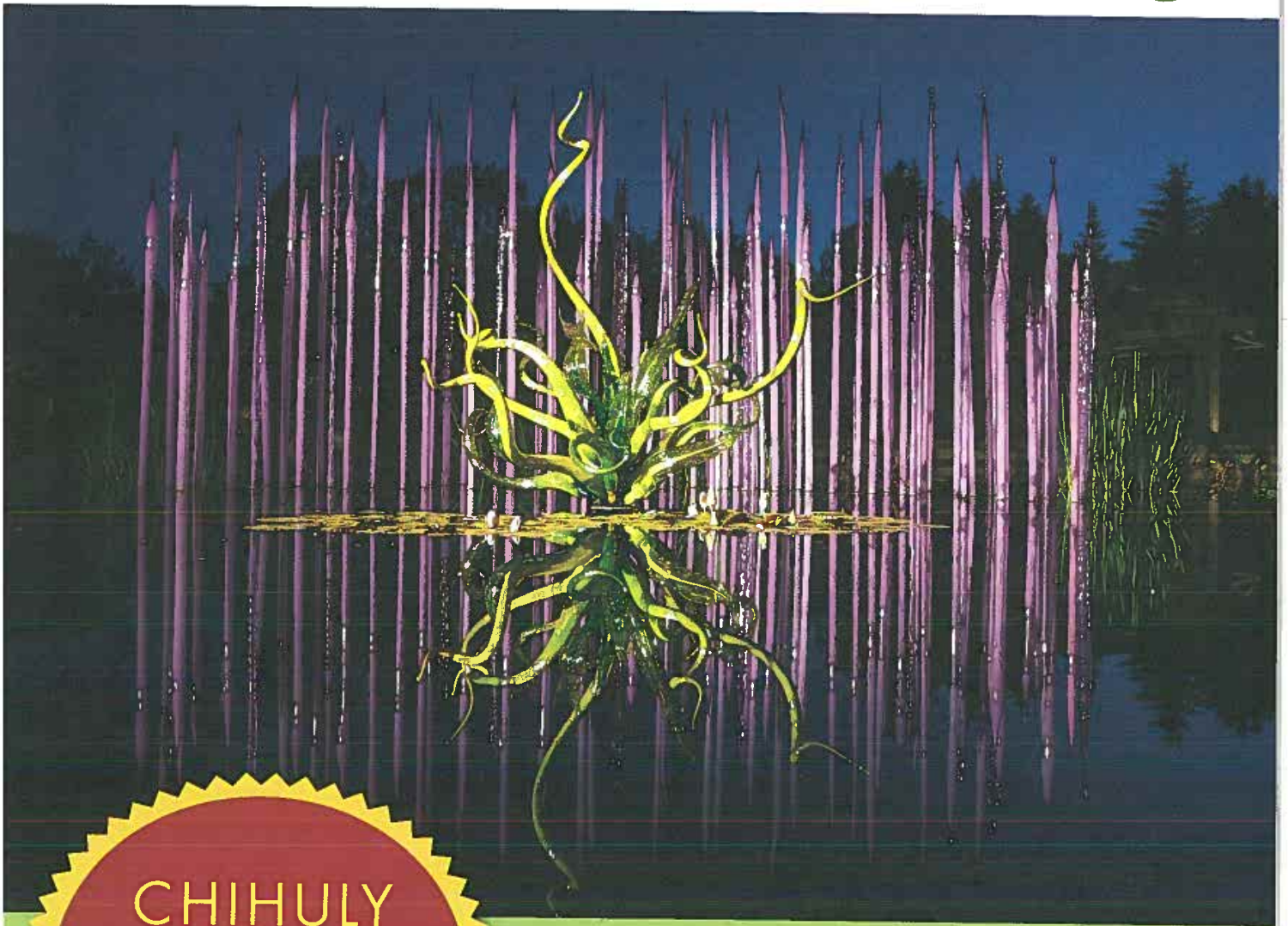


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Donor Spotlight: Jonathan Merage Foundation

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Jonathan Merage in front of the Science Pyramid.

Jonathan Merage, a passionate, young philanthropist, is focused on advancing education and activities surrounding science and severe weather. The Jonathan Merage Foundation seeks to sustain innovative approaches that further our understanding of the natural world and has been an early supporter of the Gardens' efforts to enhance its science education offerings.

The Jonathan Merage Foundation first contributed to the Gardens in 2010 with a gift to help turn the plans for the Science Pyramid into a reality and to create programming for climate

science education. The foundation has continued its support with a \$100,000 donation to fund the installation of photovoltaic panels on the Science Pyramid and to make extensive enhancements to the Omni-Globe, an important facet of the exhibit.

The Science Pyramid, which opened in September, is a permanent, interactive exhibit space that focuses on environmental science.

Visitors can discover global connections between people, plants, environments and material culture by understanding steppe regions around the world.

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