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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **THE WAIT IS OVER!**

*4 Years after Katrina--The Secret Gardens Tour will be back March 2009*

**WHO:** The Secret Gardens Tour, in Uptown New Orleans, is a non-profit organization benefiting brain injury recovery needs.

**WHAT:** The Secret Gardens Tour returns, premiering a variety of gardens designed by national and locally renowned landscape architects. These garden experts will be available on the days of the tour to answer questions. New attractions will be a garden auction, private guided walking tours, and boxed lunches. As in tours before, ongoing musical performances, complimentary bottled water and *Secret Treasures*, the outdoor boutique offering garden accessories, gifts and art by local artists and merchants, will be open. Tickets may be purchased beginning November 1, 2008 at [www.secretgardentour.org](http://www.secretgardentour.org) for \$20 each, or on the day of the tour for \$25 at one of the designated gardens.

**WHERE:** In the beautiful and historic Uptown area of New Orleans primarily on Arabella and Octavia Streets, and along the streetcar route of prestigious St. Charles Avenue.

**WHY:** In the United States, 5.3 million live with a TBI (traumatic brain injury) disability, and as a result of stroke and other causes, 5 million and more Americans have acquired brain injuries. Funds raised from the event will go to a brain injury recovery guide and programs.

**WHEN:** The Secret Gardens Tour: self-guided walking tours on **Saturday, March 21, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Limited private-guided walking tours on **Friday, March 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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