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## **Volunteers from Goldman Sachs and Vanderbilt Museum Will Enhance Estate's Organic Vegetable Garden**

### ***Goldman Sachs Gives Grant for Drip-Irrigation System***

#### **Volunteer Gardeners Also Plan Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale May 11-12**

CENTERPORT, NY (May 8, 2012) -- Goldman Sachs has given the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum a grant for the installation of a drip-irrigation system for the Vanderbilt Estate's organic vegetable garden on May 14. The garden's bountiful harvest is donated each year to a local food pantry.

Volunteers from the firm's Community TeamWorks (CTW) initiative will work with the Vanderbilt's own volunteer gardeners to install the system. More plots will be added to the existing garden, and advanced irrigation will allow the gardeners to increase the yield per pot.

CTW is Goldman Sachs' global initiative that allows the firm's employees one day off each year to volunteer in team-based projects coordinated with local nonprofit organizations. In 2011, more than 26,500 CTW volunteers from 43 offices around the world partnered with 905 nonprofit organizations on a diverse array of community service projects.

Preceding the day of garden work, the Vanderbilt's corps of volunteer gardeners will hold its annual Mother's Day weekend sale of perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees on Friday, May 11, from 12 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum parking lot.

Admission to the plant sale is free. Proceeds will fund the continued beautification of the estate grounds. The goal of the sale is to offer the finest quality flowers, shrubs and trees at the fairest prices.

The 43-acre estate was built in the early twentieth century by William K. Vanderbilt II, great-grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of the New York Central Railroad and builder of Manhattan's Grand Central Terminal. The estate, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes a spectacular, 24-room, Spanish-Revival style mansion. The museum complex includes a marine museum as well as natural-history, ethnographic-artifact and animal-habitat galleries, and a planetarium. (The planetarium, currently undergoing major renovations and a technological update – to include a state-of-the-art Konica Minolta Infinium star projector and full-dome video and

surround-sound systems – will reopen in October as one of the most advanced planetariums in the United States.)