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Energy Assist Foundation and Team Griffin Foundation Groundbreaking at Together Square

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

Oklahoma City, OK - A collaboration between [OGE Energy Corp.](#), [The Energy Assist Foundation](#), [Team Griffin](#) and [Myriad Botanical Gardens](#) is creating a unique space in the heart of downtown called Together Square. Together Square, located west of the Gardens across Hudson Street, will feature a basketball court branded by the [Team Griffin Foundation](#), a futsal soccer court* branded by the [The Energy Assist Foundation](#) and a large open space for general use. In addition to Downtown OKC's highly successful basketball court The Cage, located at Reno and Hudson, Together Square will further enhance downtown with additional space for outdoor activities.

OGE Energy Corp. and Together Square partners will break ground Thursday, February 21, starting at 1:30 p.m. People can expect the courts to open to the public around May 2019. Myriad Gardens will provide general maintenance and care for the site including lawn care and related horticultural work that will help connect the new site to the Gardens. There are plans for the introduction of Oklahoma friendly tree species that are utility line compatible.

Upon completion of Together Square, the Myriad Gardens will also coordinate rentals of the courts and grounds for private and corporate events. One of the first events hosted at Together Square will include finish line support tents and activities for the 2019 Memorial Marathon on April 28. Check back often on Gardens website myriadgardens.org, as we will be posting construction updates, and details on how to reserve space at Together Square for an event or to reserve the green space or court time.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at Together Square between Walker and Hudson, south of Sheridan, west of the Myriad Botanical Gardens (just north of the Arts Council Oklahoma City offices). The ground breaking is open to the public.

**A futsal soccer court is an emerging form of soccer played on a smaller, hard-surface court.*

Below is the rendering. To see animation of the Together Square for the OKC National Memorial Marathon finish line visit <https://youtu.be/cHvxcTtoNQ>



The Myriad Botanical Gardens is one of Oklahoma City's most beloved public spaces, offering its visitors a 15 acre natural escape in the very heart of downtown. A half-acre children's garden, an off-leash dog park, restaurant space, splash fountains, and paths for walking and jogging provide guests young and old with a place to seek solitude with nature, or seek community and the company of others. Additionally, the Myriad Gardens offers a variety of horticultural education programs for adults and children.

The Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory's unique design has earned attention and praise in the architectural community. It is 224 feet long, 70 feet in diameter, and is covered by 3,028 sections of translucent, double-layered acrylic panels. The Conservatory includes 13,000 square feet of plant display area in two distinct climates: the Tropical Wet Zone, which is at the south end and is watered daily; and the Tropical Dry Zone at the north end which receives water from April through September, followed by drought from November through March. Some 2,000 varieties of plants and a 35-foot waterfall round out the spectacular features of the Conservatory.

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