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HYBRID—Bill Lieberman, at podium, hands a newly developed hybrid orchid to Helen Mathieson. The flower is named after her late husband. Bill Strickland stands nearby.

Dedication ceremony

Surrounded by fresh orchids, hot food and even hotter jazz, a black-tie crowd of about 300 joined Manchester Bidwell Corp. President and CEO Bill Strickland for the long-awaited opening of the Andrew W. Mathieson Center for Horticulture and Agricultural Sciences.

The center will teach inner-city children to grow orchids and specially grown tomatoes, both of which will be sold in retail outlets to help fund the center.

During the June 7 dedication ceremony, Manchester Bidwell board Chairman Bill Lieberman presented

Mathieson's widow, Helen, with a new variety of hybrid orchid named for her late husband.

The 40,000-square-foot facility was made possible through federal state and local grants funding and the help of local corporations Alcoa, PPG Industries, Bayer, Heinz and Giant Eagle.

Following the ribbon-cutting, the "Who's Who of Pittsburgh" including K.Leroy Irvis, Glen Mahone, Bill Truehart and Milt and Nancy Washington enjoyed a grand feast and dancing to the music of Jay and Marty Ashby.



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OPENING—It was perfect weather for the well-attended grand opening.