

Welcome
American Chestnut
Foundation



From the staff of the
Jimmy Carter
Presidential Library & Museum

The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia is the new home of an American chestnut tree demonstration site, dedicated by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter on September 21, 2005. The demonstration site, planted with eight trees donated by The American Chestnut Foundation's Meadowview Research Farms, features a backcross breeding program for strengthening the American chestnut against disease. "As the then-new executive director of a small struggling nonprofit with a far-reaching vision, I was astounded to discover President Carter was so powerfully supportive of being personally involved in moving the chestnut mission forward," said Marshal Case, President and CEO of TACF. "The Carter Center is a wonderful place for us to be represented," said Phil Pritchard, Director of Development for TACF. "So much of what the Center is doing revolves around creating a healthier planet. This project fits right in." During the day, President Carter shared memories with TACF's Dr. Fred Hebard, Staff Pathologist at the

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Back row (L to R): Dr. Bill MacDonald, Don Willeke, Dr. Fred Hebard, Dr. Mark Stallings, Dr. Ray Hornback, Richard Will, Dr. Al Ellingboe, John Egerton. Front Row: Chris Bolgiano, Phil Pritchard, Meghan Jordan, President Carter, Marshal Case, Liz Pritchard.



President Carter and Marshal Case unveil the interpretive signs at the dedication site of American chestnut plantings.

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Meadowview Research Farms, of collecting chestnuts from the three trees scattered over his family's farm when he was a kid. He would give most to his mother, but take a pocketful to school, where he could trade them one-for-one for marbles, which he thought was great when he came home with a pocketful of marbles.

Mr. Carter conversed with Dr. Mark Stallings, President of the Georgia Chapter of TACF, about his 3,000-acre farm in Plains, Georgia that has been in his family since the early 1800s. He talked about growing a variety of crops, and mentioned again his sadness at losing the three chestnut trees of his youth. "I invited Mr. Carter to visit a Georgia chapter breeding project in the north Georgia mountains the next time he visited his cabin in Ellijay, and he indicated an interest in seeing the large tree we have found and pollinated. Subsequently, members of the Georgia chapter have invited Mr. Carter for a private visit to the area. We hope that he will find time to visit when he comes to the north Georgia mountains on vacation," said Dr. Stallings.



Former President Jimmy Carter and TACF's President & CEO, Marshal T. Case

The American Chestnut Foundation includes The Carter Center's co-founder, Jimmy Carter, and agriculture expert, Dr. Norman Borlaug, as honorary board members. The Center was founded in 1982 by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in partnership with Emory University, to advance peace and health worldwide. A not-for-profit, non-governmental organization, the Center has helped to improve life for people in more than 65 countries by resolving conflicts; advancing democracy, human rights, and economic opportunity; preventing diseases; improving mental health care; and teaching farmers to increase crop production.

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