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*******MEDIA ALERT*********CALENDAR EVENT** *******MEDIA ALERT*******

Grab a Piece of History and Help Plant American Chestnut Trees for Arbor Day, April 18

Lisbon, Ohio, April 10, 2009Lisbon, Ohio is getting a piece of Americana on Arbor Day when 25 American chestnut trees are planted in partnership with The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) and the Little Beaver Creek Land Foundation. The trees were gifted by The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) whose sole purpose is to restore the American chestnut to its native range which includes Ohio.

Vounteers will be digging in a one-acre section of the land and will plant the 25 American chestnut trees (**GOOD PHOTO OP**). TACF staff will be available for interviews about TACF's progress in producing a blight-resistant American chestnut and about the care and feeding of chestnut trees.

Media should contact Meghan Jordan, Director of Communications for TACF at (828) 713-9547 if they need additional information about the trees or background on TACF.

**When: Saturday, April 18, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (best to arrive around 10:30 a.m.)**

Where: Little Beaver Creek Land Foundation

**Directions: E. Liverpool Road 425, 1 mile after Route 7 intersection.
Columbiana County.**

With its wide trunks and heights that stretched to 100 feet in the Eastern forests, wildlife and rural families alike favored the American chestnut throughout the 1800s and early 1900s for its nutritious nuts, an important cash crop for many Appalachian communities. As a straight hardwood lighter than oak and virtually rot resistant, chestnut timber was used for everything from railroad ties to musical instruments. A foreign fungus imported in 1904 devastated the tree, and by 1950 the king of the forest was nearly destroyed by the chestnut blight.

About TACF

The American Chestnut Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Asheville, NC. It has nearly 6,000 members and chapters in 17 states. TACF was established in 1983 with the sole purpose of restoring this majestic tree to its native forests in the eastern United States, and the Foundation has supported the efforts of

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scientists who are working to develop a blight-resistant American chestnut. For more information about the Foundation, please visit our website at www.acf.org.

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