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The American Chestnut Foundation earns its second 4-star rating from Charity Navigator

Bennington, VT -- The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator. This award, which is the highest possible, indicates that TACF outperformed the majority of nonprofits in the United States with respect to fiscal responsibility.

"We are proud to announce that The American Chestnut Foundation has earned our second consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently grow and manage its finances. Only 28% of the charities we've rated have received at least one consecutive 4-star rating," said Charity Navigator's interim president Michael Smith.

"As we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year, TACF is honored that Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, has given us this award. With the generous support of our members and partners, TACF was able to allocate a remarkable portion of our income -- 87% -- on programming expenses alone. This means more trees in the ground, more hope for restoring the American chestnut to its native forests, and more forests that are healthy," said TACF President and CEO Marshal Case.

Since its last rating by Charity Navigator, TACF has partnered with several high-profile institutions, including Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Site to plant blight-resistant American chestnuts that are the result of the Foundation's breeding program. TACF's state chapter network has grown to include a newly established Vermont/New Hampshire chapter as well as record-high numbers of members. Progress is steady on the scientific front and during its last fiscal year, TACF awarded more than \$50,000 in external research grants to further the work of chestnut restoration.

The American Chestnut Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)-3 organization with more than 6,000 members around the world and chapters in 17 states. Please visit www.acf.org for more information on national, state and local activities.

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