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Media Alert

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Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009 - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Re: **Opening Day for the Season at the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island**

The Colonel Davenport House, located on the North end of Arsenal Island, is opening for the season and welcomes everyone to tour the house and grounds for the first time for free on Saturday, May 2 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Rich with history and scenic views of the Mississippi River, the Colonel Davenport House was the first permanent house in the Quad Cities area. Along with free admission, there are complimentary refreshments and visitors will receive 10% off on gift shop merchandise. All attendees will receive a copy of the newest book on Colonel Davenport entitled "Obedient Servant."

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit all volunteer organization that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community.

For more information on CDHF membership, volunteer opportunities, and the Colonel Davenport House, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

Visitors, ages 16 and older, must show a U.S. photo I.D. at the entrance to the Island.

About the CDHF

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit volunteer group that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community. The Colonel Davenport House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1833-1834 and is on the North end of Arsenal Island in the Quad Cities. Colonel Davenport was the first permanent white settler in the Quad Cities and built the first house in the area. The Foundation relies on volunteers to maintain and operate the house. It is open for tours from May to October, Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

MEDIA NOTE: All media must be escorted while on Arsenal Island.