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**Adams County Community Appreciation Day
at Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center
scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18**

Gettysburg, Pa. (Jan. 12, 2010) —The Gettysburg Foundation and the National Park Service are pleased to invite Adams County residents to a Community Appreciation Day on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. This is the first of four Community Days planned for 2010.

On designated Community Appreciation Days, Adams County residents enjoy free tickets to the Cyclorama, Film and Museum Experience at the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Museum and Visitor Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with the first Cyclorama and *A New Birth of Freedom* film showing scheduled for 8:30 a.m.; the final show will be at 4 p.m. Due to the popularity of previous community events, Adams County residents are encouraged to arrive early; crowds are usually lightest between 8:30 – 10 a.m., and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

(Advance reservations are not available for Community Appreciation Day tickets, and rain checks will not be available.) Local visitors should be prepared to show proof of residence, such as a driver's license.

Upcoming Community Appreciation Days in 2010 include: Presidents Day, Feb. 15; a back-to-school day held in late August or early September; and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history. Information is available at www.nps.gov/gett.

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened in April 2008. In addition to operating the Museum and Visitor Center, the Foundation has a broad preservation mission that includes land, monument and artifact preservation and battlefield rehabilitation—all in support of the National Park Service's goals at Gettysburg.

For information about the Foundation, about visiting Gettysburg, or how you can become a part of the history of Gettysburg through your contribution, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org or call 877-874-2478 or the administrative offices at 717-338-1243.