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OBERLIN HERITAGE CENTER/ O.H.I.O. BECOMES A PARTNER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Oberlin, Ohio (April 29, 2003) - The Oberlin Heritage Center (O.H.I.O.) has joined the growing network of official National Trust for Historic Preservation Statewide and Local Partners. The National Trust's Statewide & Local Partners are staffed preservation organizations throughout the country that build a strong constituency for preservation in their state, and strengthen community preservation activities, and support local preservation organizations.

"Building a national preservation movement by strengthening our local and statewide nonprofit partners is the highest priority of the National Trust," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "I am pleased to have the Oberlin Heritage Center as our partner in protecting our irreplaceable architectural treasures."

Currently, there are 71 official National Trust Statewide and Local Partners across the nation, representing 36 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. One statewide and three local organizations in Ohio are now part of the program, Heritage Ohio/Downtown Ohio, Inc, the Cleveland Restoration Society, the Cincinnati Preservation Association and the Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O. These organizations are key allies with the National Trust in saving historic places. The Trust's partners are given top priority for special capacity building grants, leadership training, and organizational development assistance.

"We are very pleased to become part of the Trust's Statewide and Local Partners program and view it as an excellent way to help us preserve our community's rich and diverse heritage and to let others know about our community's historic and architectural treasures" said Cathe Radabaugh, Board President of the Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O.

For more information about Statewide & Local Partners, contact the National Trust Statewide & Local Partners Program at 202-588-6186.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. Its Washington, DC headquarters staff, six regional offices and 21 historic sites work with the Trust's quarter-million members and thousands of local community groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the Trust's web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

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