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**HAMPTON HOTELS GIVES TREATMENT TO AN  
AMERICAN MEDICAL INSTITUTION**

***Hampton® Hotels' Save-A-Landmark® Program Refurbishes the Mayowood Mansion for  
World Health Day***

**Beverly Hills, Calif., April 7** – In honor of World Health Day, volunteers from Hampton® Hotels' Save-A-Landmark® program ([www.hamptonlandmarks.com](http://www.hamptonlandmarks.com)) saluted Dr. Charles H. Mayo today by contributing to the refurbishment of the Mayowood Mansion in Rochester, Minn. Once the home of Dr. Mayo, co-founder of the Mayo Clinic – an internationally recognized leader in research and treatment for medical illnesses – the Mayowood Estate is now owned and operated by the History Center of Olmsted County (HCOC).

The restoration efforts called on more than a dozen volunteers from seven local Minnesota Hampton hotels to sand, peel, prime and paint the exterior of the estate and clean and polish the interior, including several precious Mayo family antiques. Hampton contributed \$9,000 and more than 75 volunteer hours towards reviving the historical site.

“When we allowed the American public to vote online in order to choose which landmarks we should refurbish in 2009, the community response was overwhelming, with Mayowood Mansion receiving nearly 20,000 votes,” said Judy Christa-Cathey, vice president of brand marketing for Hampton Hotels. “The Mayo Clinic is a profoundly important institution in Rochester, as well as in the United States, creating the model for modern-day health care in our nation, and refurbishing Mayowood pays tribute to the family that built that legacy.”

The Mayowood Mansion was constructed in 1911 by Dr. Charles H. Mayo. Two generations of the Mayo family lived in the mansion until 1965 when it was donated to the Olmsted Historical Society. Charles H. Mayo, along with his brother William J. Mayo, built a system that is the foundation for modern medical education and integrated group practice healthcare in the United States with the foundation of the Mayo Clinic.

At the center of the nearly 3,000 acre estate, the grandiose 38-room mansion and beautiful surrounding gardens are the focal point for the many visitors that tour the mansion to experience its unique architectural design. Because of the Mayo family's contributions and strong involvement in the Rochester community over the years, Mayowood has become an important local landmark.

The refurbishment of Mayowood Mansion is Hampton's second landmark refurbishment for the 2009 "All-American Landmarks" campaign. This year, Hampton is devoted to restoring sites that represent what it means to be American, such as the Robert Frost Farm and Washington House, the "Birthplace of the Ice Cream Sundae." Communities across the country showed their American spirit by casting thousands of votes to help elect the nine landmarks that will be restored this year. The public voted for their favorite "All-American Landmarks" in nine states, including Minnesota, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Each site that Save-A-Landmark will refurbish reflects the individual personalities of the states and their residents, and signifies defining moments in the country's past.

Over the years, Hampton has worked to preserve 42 historical, fun and cultural landmarks from the Carousel Gardens in New Orleans, La. to the historical National Monument to the Forefathers in Plymouth, Mass. During this time, the program has helped research landmarks in need, promoted landmark sites and their importance, facilitated tens of thousands of volunteer hours, donated several tons of supplies and worked with matching grants – all at an investment of more than \$3.5 million. Uniting its hotels together in the communities they serve, Hampton employee-volunteers work hand-in-hand on the landmarks while Hampton provides the financial support to refurbish selected sites. The Save-A-Landmark program has already successfully refurbished a landmark in 33 states, continuing on with the ultimate goal to "save" a landmark from each of the 50 states by the end of 2010.

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