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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers  
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### **Fund Established with the Community Foundation for Catholic Charities**

A Donor Designated fund was recently set up at the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) for Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Outreach Center (CCTT). The purpose of the fund was to help the CCTT carry out its charitable role and mission in Tioga County, NY through the work of the Tioga Outreach Center.

Marty Borko, a supporter of the CCTT spearheaded the effort to obtain funds to open this account at the CFTT for the organization. When asked why he would establish such a fund for this organization he said, "This organization does an enormous amount of good work in Tioga County and I fully support their efforts to assist the needy. They do a great job. They have many volunteers who contribute hundreds of hours to provide these free services that help Catholic Charities accomplish its mission. Anyone, regardless of their religious affiliation, is eligible to receive services. They are really interested in helping see needy residents in Tioga County, NY obtain the assistance they need."

Although the minimum amount of funds needed to establish a donor designated endowment fund with the CFTT is \$10,000 the donors didn't need this amount to open their fund. With the minimum start-up contribution of \$500 they opened the fund and now have ten years to reach the \$10,000 minimum fund balance. Since this fund is now open, anyone in the community can make a contribution to this fund of any amount. Once this fund reaches its minimum fund balance grants will be given each year to Catholic Charities to be used for providing charitable services to needy Tioga County, NY residents. These grants will increase in value and will continue for the life of the organization.

CFTT serves Bradford, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania and Tioga County in New York State. It is a purely public charity, incorporated as a non-profit, that has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS. The mission of the CFTT is to continuously improve the present and future quality of life in the counties served by the Foundation.

The CFTT establishes endowment funds from contributions of many individual citizens, corporations, other foundations, other charitable organizations and government agencies for philanthropic purposes. As the endowment funds grow, the earnings from these funds are used to make grants to meet identified community needs or fulfill the desire of the donor. Donors can even make recommendations to the CFTT of the charitable organizations to receive grants.

Anyone interested in learning more about the CFTT or in establishing a fund can contact the organization by any of these methods: telephone - 570-888-4759; fax - 570-888-2179; email - [cftt@stny.rr.com](mailto:cftt@stny.rr.com); or website - [www.twintierscf.org](http://www.twintierscf.org).