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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

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**Donor Advised Fund Set up to Benefit Youth of Tioga County
at the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers**

The Floyd Hooker Estate of Waverly recently established the Floyd Hooker Donor Advised Fund to benefit the youth of Tioga County, NY at the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers. The family of Floyd Hooker has set up an advisory committee that will be soliciting proposals for ideas on how to best benefit the youth of Tioga County. They will be recommending projects for grant funding to the CFTT Board of Directors.

According to his niece, Brenda Smith, Mr. Hooker was a very private man who kept things to himself. He donated to local organizations and helped many people in the community. He never wanted any recognition for what he did. He worked at the Roger Neal Upholstery Shop in Campville, NY for as long as she can remember. He won the lottery in 1999 and received over \$12 million in payments before his death in 2007.

With thirty percent of his estate left in his will for a foundation to benefit the youth of Tioga County there will be over \$3.2 million coming from the NYS lottery over the next 17 years to fund this his last wish. The executor of the estate, attorney Mark Dixson, chose the CFTT as the vehicle for administering these funds. He will be working with the advisory committee in their work of selecting worthy recipients of these grant funds and seeing that the purpose of these funds is adhered to. There will be approximately \$7,200 available for grants in 2009.

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, it uses the earnings from these funds to make grants to organizations or projects that serve identified community needs or are designated by the donor.

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 - 570-888-0814; email - cftt@stny.rr.com; or website - www.twintierscf.org.