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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
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Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers to Hold 6th Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers has set a date for its sixth annual meeting. It will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 beginning at 8:00 am at the Towanda Country Club on Route 6 East of Towanda.

The theme of the 6th Annual Meeting is “Connecting People who Care with Causes that Matter.” The foundation will be announcing its newest members of the Visionary Society and introducing their newest award called Partners in Philanthropy.

The guest speaker is Tracy Wright, a Special Education teacher for BLAST IU 17 who was the recipient of a Bradford Unrestricted Fund grant. She used the grant funds to implement an intensive character education program in her classroom. With the grant funds she attended a seminar called, Character Counts, a three day training which certified her as a trainer in character education.

She will speaking about her experiences in her classroom and what she sees as the potential impact this could have for every school district in Bradford & Sullivan Counties. She feels that character education may prevent violence in our schools, curb depression among youth, and suppress bullying on the playgrounds.

Ms. Wright prior to teaching was a social worker to children who have emotional needs greater than the schools can accommodate. Ms Wright stated, “Through both of these occupations, I have found a common thread. There is a need for character development in children. Our children may or may not be able to pass standardized tests but too many are not able to exemplify character traits that will make them contributing members of a community someday.”

In addition, the meeting will give recognition to new funds, donors and the work of the County Advisory Boards. The 2008 CFTT Annual Report will be presented to the community for the first time.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is a non-profit public foundation established in 2002 by a diverse group of local leaders and residents. The Foundation encourages community philanthropy to enhance the quality of life for those who reside in Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania and Tioga County in New York State.

The CFTT was one of the fastest growing Community Foundation in Pennsylvania in 2008. The Board of Directors of CFTT is eager to report on the progress made by the Foundation in building its endowment funds and awarding funds to the community. The CFTT is dedicated to making a difference locally “for good – for ever” It was recently given national accreditation by the Council on Foundations.

Marilyn Bok, Board Chair, stated: “It is a very exciting time for us. We are growing very rapidly and some days it is hard to keep up but in the end it will be well worth it. The potential for good in the future is only limited by the generosity of the people of the region. Our funds are raised locally and are used to help local families.”

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 charitable purposes. As the endowment funds grow, it uses the interest earned on these funds to make grants consistent with the goals and interest of the donor and, in the case of undesignated funds, to organizations or projects that serve identified community needs.

If you have an interest in attending the annual meeting, please call or email the Foundation office to make reservations. There is no cost to attend. Also, 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; or website - www.twintierscf.org. Our office is located at 104 West Lockhart Street, Sayre, PA.