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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
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First Elizabeth Alamo Scholarship Grant Awarded

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) Board of Directors awarded the first \$500 scholarship to a Waverly High School graduate from the Elizabeth Alamo Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was awarded to Li Lin who is attending Mansfield University for a degree in Nursing Education.

Li Lin entered the United States when she was fourteen years old and spoke almost no English. A member of the guidance staff stated she worked harder than almost any student I have ever met and has achieved honor roll status. She graduated with an advanced Regents diploma from NYS while working almost forty hours/week in her family's restaurant. She was a member of her high school varsity tennis team, indoor track team and a member of Student Council.

When asked to comment she stated, "You have no idea how happy I was to be in America. I knew if I worked hard I could go to college and do anything I wanted with my life. My family has always told us that an education meant opportunities – opportunities they didn't have. Waverly is a wonderful place where I have met great friends and had great teachers. I am thankful every day that I was able to come here."

Elizabeth Alamo of Waverly established the Elizabeth Alamo Nursing Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors at the Waverly High School at the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers to offer scholarships to graduating seniors at Waverly High School who enroll in an accredited college or university in the United State to obtain a degree in nursing.

This fund was established in April 2008 by Ms. Alamo, a long time resident of Waverly, New York because she wished to help ensure a supply of nurses for the medical profession. She knows there is already a nursing shortage both nationally and locally and that an even more serious one is predicted in the future.

A selection committee consisting of the Waverly guidance department, principal, and faculty members selected the scholarship winner. The scholarship was announced at graduation and the student may apply for a second year scholarship award if they can demonstrate need and they are a student in good standing at the school where they are enrolled.

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. It establishes endowment funds for charitable purposes from contributions of citizens, corporations, other foundations, charitable organizations and government agencies. As the endowment funds grow, it uses the interest earned on these funds to make grants to organizations or projects that serve identified community needs.

If you have an interest in learning more about the CFTT or in establishing a fund, you can contact the organization by any of these methods: telephone - 570-888-4759; fax - 570-888-4759; email - cftt@stny.rr.com ; or visit the website - www.twintierscf.org .