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Media Release for the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
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**Endless Mountains Heritage Region Establishes
Fund with the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers**

The Board of Directors for the Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR) recently established an Agency Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT). EMHR as a non-profit organization created this fund to provide for the long term future of the organization and its mission.

Phil Swank, Executive Director of EMHR, when asked why he established this fund for his organization said, "The EMHR established the heritage endowment fund to ensure future capacity for protecting, preserving, and enhancing our region's historic, cultural, and natural resources".

We wanted to create a means by which caring people could confidently share their resources for the benefit of our rural landscapes, welcoming communities and heritage sites across the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania.

EMHR is very pleased about partnering with the CFTT for the preservation of our heritage, the interpretation of our culture and education of our residents and visitors." EMHR serves Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties of Pennsylvania.

Although the minimum amount of funds needed to establish an agency endowment fund with the CFTT is \$10,000 EMHR 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. Once this occurs the EMHR will receive a payment each year to help cover operating and project costs. This will continue for the life of the organization.

Since this fund is now open anyone in the community can make a contribution to this fund of any amount.

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.

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.