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Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC Receives \$50,000 **TCEZ** RLF Loan

On Monday, December 21, 2009, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* (TCDC) closed on a **Tioga County Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan Fund** loan to Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC (TTCS). The \$50,000 loan will be used to assist in start up cost of a crematory, office and private family gathering room to be located at 2843 Tioga River Road in Lawrence Township, Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania.

Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC will offer personalized, quality cremation services to funeral homes throughout the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania and Southern Tier of New York. Their specialized services and convenience will save time and money for the clients they serve, offering not

only state of the art cremation but knowledgeable industry professionals. "We are grateful to the wonderful people at TCDC for their assistance. We look forward to serving not only our two family funeral homes (Carpenters Funeral Home LLC and Phillips Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Corning) but serving other smaller family funeral homes throughout the Twin Tiers that do not have their own cremation facilities," states Brenda Carpenter of Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC.

Along with financing from **TCEZ** RLF, Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC received funding from First Heritage Federal Credit Union. For more information, applications or assistance on the *Tioga County Loan Programs* or other financial assistance, contact Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator, at (570) 723-8232 or eMail to tcdc3@ptd.net.



L to R: Susan Zeimak, First Heritage Federal Credit Union; Samantha Wilcox, Esquire, Owlett & Lewis, PC; Brenda Carpenter, Twin Tiers Cremation Services LLC; Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator and David Carpenter, Phillips Funeral Home, Inc. and Carpenters Funeral Home LLC.

2010 Board Meetings

- February: Board Retreat
- March 12, 2010
- No April Meeting
- May 14, 2010
TCDC On the Road
- June 11, 2010
Board Work Session
- July 9, 2010
- No August Meeting
- September 10, 2010
Board Work Session
- October 8, 2010
- November 12, 2010
Board Work Session
- December 10, 2010

Plan Ahead...

CLP Mixer

Thursday, March 25, 2010
6:00PM—7:30PM
Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center
Wellsboro, PA 16901

TCDC's 14th Annual

Legislative Breakfast

Thursday, April 1, 2010
Historic Penn Wells Hotel
Wellsboro, PA 16901

TCDC's 17th Annual Meeting

Monday, July 26, 2010
Southern Tioga School
District

Public Funding Opportunity: Small Business First Loan Program

To better inform our Business Members of Public Funding opportunities available, the *TCDC eNews Insider* will begin to highlight the financing options available through the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)*. In this edition you will learn more about the Small Business First (SBF) Loan Program.

The Small Business First (SBF) Loan Program is a State financing tool that recognizes the importance of small businesses and helps them stimulate their growth and development. The SBF is administered by Area Loan Organizations (ALO) throughout Pennsylvania. The Program provides growing businesses with low-interest, fixed-rate loan financing for land and building acquisition and construction; machinery and equipment purchases and working capital. Eligible Businesses include: any for-profit small business (100 employees or less) which are: Manufacturing: Industrial; Agricultural enterprises; Research and development; Construction, advanced technology and computer-related services; hotels, motels, or restaurants; environmental compliance/pollution prevention; municipal or commercial recyclers; defense-related; child development

The *Tioga County Development Corporation*, a designated ALO for Tioga County since December 2009, administers SBF Loans through our office for Tioga County businesses. During these challenging times of our economy, *TCDC* is committed to helping our businesses continue to grow and expand. *TCDC* hopes businesses will continue to utilize the public financing programs.

For more information or eligibility requirements on the SBF Loan Program or other public funding programs, contact Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator, at tcdc3@ptd.net or 570-723-8232.



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EITC Program Receives Donation from First Citizens National Bank



(L to R) Christie Blackwell, TCDC Leadership Development Coordinator; David Cummings, TCDC Chairman; Randy Black, First Citizens National Bank President/CEO and Leo Parchesky, TCDC Board of Directors. (photo courtesy of First Citizens National Bank)

First Citizens National Bank presented a \$27,000 check to the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, on December 20, 2009 to help support the educational needs of our students through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)

“Our commitment to the advancement of the youth in our area is one we don’t take lightly,” stated Randall E. Black, CEO and President. “In addition to monetary contributions, we also provide hands on experience to high school and Mansfield University students with our School-to-Work program, and our employees visit local schools each year to discuss the importance of good credit and structured savings.”

The grant monies are used to support educational initiatives for the Northern Tioga, Southern Tioga and Wellsboro Area School Districts. The *Tioga County Foundation* allocates a portion of the funds received from area businesses to assist with School-to-Work and Career Development Programs for the school districts. Events such as the Vehicular Career Day and the Certified Nursing Assistant Program offered through Penn College/North Campus benefit from this foundation, as well as purchasing of equipment and software for school vocational programs.

Other 2010 Contributors include:
 Citizens & Northern Bank \$6,000
 Northwest Savings Bank \$10,000
 Ward Manufacturing LLC \$13,500



For more information on the EITC Program click Here:
<http://www.tcdc-pa.com/eiTaxCredit.php>

TCDC to Host 14th Annual Legislative Breakfast

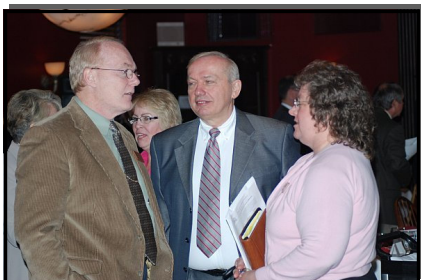
On Thursday, April 1, 2010, the *Tioga County Development Corporation* will hold our 14th Annual Legislative Breakfast on at the Historic Penn Wells Hotel, 62 Main Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. Keynote Guests invited include US Congressman Glenn Thompson (R, 5th Congressional District), Pennsylvania Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, III (R, 25th Senatorial District) and Representative Matthew E. Baker (R, 68th Legislative District). This year, we have invited the Governor's Administration to participate in our Program. The Legislators will address economic development and other current issues affecting Tioga County.

For the 9th year, the Legislative Breakfast will feature Corporate Sponsorships from our Members. Corporate Sponsors will be recognized and share tables with the Legislators. If you are interested in being a Corporate Sponsor, please contact the TCDC Office ASAP.

The famous Penn Wells hot breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 7:30AM. The cost of attendance is \$15.00 for TCDC Members and \$20.00 for Non-Members. Reservations are required in advance and must be received by March 25, 2010. To RSVP contact Carolyn Conte, Administrative Assistant, at tcdc2@ptd.net or (570) 723-8232.



(L TO R): Mike Glazer, Field Representative for Congressman Glenn Thompson; Chuck Dillon, Field Representative for Senator Joseph B Scarnati III and Representative Mathew E. Baker prepare to comment at the 13th Annual Legislative Breakfast held on April 9, 2009.



Vehicles Sought for Vehicular Career Day



3rd and 4th Grade students listen to the Mansfield Fire Crew talk about their Tanker Truck

On Wednesday, May 13, 2010 nearly 1,000 elementary school students from Tioga County will swarm Mansfield University for Vehicular Career Day.

Designed to promote an early awareness of various occupations and career choices through a display of vehicles, the students from Northern Tioga, Southern Tioga and Wellsboro Area School Districts and New Covenant Academy will visit displays and demonstrations and talk with experts from a wide variety of occupations.

Vehicular Career Day is sponsored by the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)*, Mansfield University and the Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium (NTIEC). The event is funded in part through the Public Education Improvement Tax Credit Program by the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of TCDC.

Show off your Vehicle to our future workforce by participating in Vehicular Career Day. Contact the TCDC Office at 723-8232 or email tcdc6@ptd.net TODAY!

Community Leadership Program Seeking Class of 2011



Thursday, March 25, 2010
6:00 pm – 7:30 PM

Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center

134 Main Street
Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
(Behind the Green Free Library)

Please join us for an informative and fun evening where you will learn about the *Tioga County Development Corporation's Leadership Tioga County Community Leadership Program*. Our 7th Annual Recruitment & Reunion Mixer will bring together businesses & community leaders to discover the benefits to your business or organization by having your employees involved in *Leadership Tioga County*. You will have the opportunity to mix with past and present *CLP* members as well as listen to speakers enlighten you with goals & expectations of the program, share some first hand experiences and have the opportunity to win door prizes donated by area businesses & organizations.

If you have an employee you feel should be in *CLP*, or has asked you to join, bring them along. Please **RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010** to Carolyn at (570) 723-8232 or tcdc2@ptd.net.

Leadership Tioga County Community Leadership Program is designed to cultivate leaders in our community. The *Community Leadership Program* is an applied learning experience with a strong commitment in teaching Leadership skills, while experiencing various elements of our local economy, environment, and community.

The *Community Leadership Program* runs 9 months from October through May. All leadership participants attend a day-long session each month. *Leadership Tioga County* is dedicated to growing leaders within your business with you or your employee's participation. The Program will assist participants in:

- Developing Awareness of Community Needs
- Practice Decision-Making & Problem-Solving Skills
- Developing Leadership Potential
- Becoming Acquainted with & Interact with Community Leaders
- Enhancing Leadership Ability, Personal Skills, Forge New Friendships & Contacts



Refreshments will be provided.



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We ended 2009 with a loan closing for Twin Tiers Cremation Services . . . a new service business in Lawrence Township. As we begin a new decade, we open up the new year with renewed interest in economic development in Tioga County. During January 2010, we received several inquires for public financing from area industries and businesses.

With the approval of the *Tioga County Development Corporation* being designated as an Area Loan Organization (ALO), we have access to additional state loan programs. In this issue of *eNews Insider* we are highlighting the Small Business First (SBF) Program. In future *eNews Insiders* we will feature the First Industries/Agricultural and First industries/Tourism Programs. We continue to be certified to serve as the local agent for the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF) Programs.

Along with the ***Tioga County Enterprise Zone*** Revolving Loan Fund Loan Program and the USDA Revolving Loan Fund, *TCDC* has low interest loan funds available to businesses and industries in Tioga County or those looking to locate here. Working with our private lenders and the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission we can package the right funds for your project. Contact us TODAY if you are looking for low interest fixed rate financing for your business!

The *Tioga County Foundation* has received EITC funds from Citizens & Northern Bank, First Citizens National Bank, Northwest Bank and Ward Manufacturing LLC to provide \$36,000 to our public school districts for career development and school to work activities. We thank all of them for their contributions towards public education in Tioga County.

Mark Your Calenders! Our 14th Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the historic Penn Wells Hotel. Our state and federal legislators have been invited, along with the Rendell Administration (new feature in 2010). Please join us as we are informed of economic development issues facing our state and federal government.

Robert J. Blair
President/Chief Executive Officer

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