

Tioga County Development Corporation

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Local Food Market Receives TCDC Loan



L to R: Robert Blair, TCDC President/CEO; James and Deborah Button, Owners; and Lillian Smith, TCDC Economic Development Coordinator.

The Button Whole Market closed on a \$15,000 *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund (TCRLF)* with the *Tioga County Development Corporation* on February 25, 2009. The \$15,000 loan will be used to help make building improvements. The Button Whole Market is located in Tioga, Pennsylvania. "The *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund* is a terrific program helping local area businesses with financial assistance. It is a great benefit to have in the county," stated Jim Button.

Purchased in 2007 by Jim and Debbie Button, The Button Whole Market (previously Preston's) has served the people in the Borough of Tioga and surrounding areas for over 100 years. Along with financing from *TCRLF*, The Button Whole Market will receive a grant from The Fresh Food Initiative Finance Program managed through The Reinvestment Fund, a program designed to increase the number of supermarkets in underserved communities throughout Pennsylvania.

For more information and application on the *Tioga County Revolving Loan Fund* Program and other financial assistance, contact Lillian Smith, *TCDC* Economic Development Coordinator, at (570) 723-8232 or eMail to tcdc3@ptd.net.

2009 Board Meetings

Second Friday, 9:00 AM

- June 12, 2009
Board Work Session
- July 10, 2009
- No August Meeting
- September 11, 2009
Board Work Session
- October 9, 2009
- November 13, 2009
Board Work Session
- December 11, 2009

PLAN AHEAD.....

TCDC 16th Annual Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2009
Williamson High School
Northern Tioga School
District
33 JCT Cross Road
Tioga, PA 16946

TCDC's 2nd Annual

Meet Our Member Mixer

September 16, 2009
Seabrook House West
Church Street
Westfield, PA 16950

TCDC's 14th Annual Legislative Breakfast

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

13th Annual Legislative Breakfast



The TCDC Legislative Breakfast has been a very successful event for TCDC and Tioga County thanks to our members!

On Thursday, April 9, 2009 the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)* Board of Directors hosted our 13th Annual TCDC Legislative Breakfast at the Historic Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. Nearly 200 TCDC Members and Supporters attended the informative breakfast. TCDC hosts the annual event because legislative activities occurring in Washington and Harrisburg immensely impact our businesses and communities throughout Tioga County.



Master of Ceremony: Bill Williams, HR Manager, Ward Manufacturing & HMAc and TCDC Director

Pennsylvania State Representative Matthew E. Baker was present at the event. U.S. Congressman Glenn Thompson was represented by Mike Glzaer, Field Representative and Chuck Dillon represented Pennsylvania State Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, III. Legislators and Legislative Aids had the opportunity to offer their perspectives on federal and state issues dealing with our current economic situation as well as engage in table conversations with the Members and Supporters seated with them. Bill Williams, Human Resource Manager for Ward Manufacturing LLC & Hitachi Metals Automotive Components USA, LLC (HMAc), served as Master of Ceremony for the Legislative Breakfast. Williams also serves on the TCDC Board of Directors.

Corporate sponsors for the 13th Annual TCDC Legislative included Blue Ridge Communications; Citizens & Northern Bank; Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Electri-Cord Manufacturing Company; First Heritage Federal Credit Union; Fortuna Energy, Inc., Larson Design Group; PenTeleData; Seabrook House West; Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Ward Manufacturing, LLC.



13th Annual Legislative Breakfast



TCDC's 13th Annual Legislative Breakfast

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Thank You for Your Investment in Tioga County!



16th Annual Membership Drive



Jim Baker, Project Manager, Larson Design Group and TCDC Director kicked off the Membership Drive at the Legislative Breakfast

The *Tioga County Development Corporation's 16th Annual Membership Campaign* is underway! Our goal this year is 275 Members generating \$80,000 in contributions. The funding received from Memberships is the local share match we need to secure state and federal funding in order to accomplish our mission of assisting businesses and industries in Tioga County. Our Members are one of our most important assets. These are extreme economic times with cutbacks being experienced by everyone, even *TCDC*. Even with these financial restrictions, we will continue to provide services in our effort to foster and promote economic development in Tioga County.

Our flexible Membership Fee Structure allows you to make the ultimate decision of the level of support you chose to contribute. We are calling on our existing Members to at least maintain your current level of Membership in 2009-2010, but hope you will consider increasing your commitment in the *Tioga County Development Corporation*. Your *TCDC* Membership is based on the value you place on our services, our Corporation and *Your Investment in Tioga County*. As we look to the future pursuing new opportunities for economic development in our region, we need your support even more.

During an economic downturn is the very time we all must step forward and continue to expand and support your county economic development service provider, *TCDC*. These funds allow us to continue to assist our businesses and industries which will retain, as well as create jobs, and generate wealth in our local economy. You have supported these very efforts in the past and we hope you continue to do so again this year.

If you are looking to renew your Membership or become a new Member, contact Carolyn Conte, Administrative Assistant at 723-8232 or tcdc2@ptd.net.

See page 6 for the Membership Application.



Planning Underway for 16th Annual Meeting

Planning is underway for the *Tioga County Development Corporation's (TCDC) 16th Annual Meeting* on Monday, July 27, 2009. The evening will begin with a Social Reception from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM at the Williamson Jr/Sr High School, 33 JCT Cross Road, Tioga, Pennsylvania. The evenings program, awards and entertainment will follow the reception from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

The Annual Meeting will provide attendees with an opportunity to browse vendors' booths set up by Tioga County businesses and organizations. With the struggling economy, *TCDC* feels it is important that local businesses and organizations showcase their products and services. The Meeting will celebrate 18 years of dedicated service to economic development in Tioga County and will serve as an opportunity to recognize our Members and Major Contributors, elect Directors and enjoy Door Prizes contributed by Members.

The event will be catered by Culinary Arts students from the Northern Tioga School District. The attire for the event is corporate casual.



TCDC Members brows vendor booths and enjoy casual conversation at TCDC's 15th Annual Meeting in July 2008.

Anyone interested in attending or setting up a vendor booth should contact Carolyn E. Conte Administrative Assistant, at the *TCDC* Office 570.723.8232 or eMail at tcdc2@ptd.net. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for nonmembers.



CLP Recruitment & Reunion Mixer Draws Crowd

On Tuesday March 26, 2009 the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC) Leadership Tioga County Community Leadership Program Class of 2009* celebrated the 6th Annual Recruitment & Reunion Mixer at the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center in Wellsboro. Dozens of alumni and several new prospects attended the event. The mixer was organized by members of the *CLP* Class of 2009.

Currently *TCDC* is accepting Applications from adults for the *CLP* Class of 2010. The Program targets residents of Tioga County who have the desire to enhance their leadership skills and become more involved in their community. Since the program began in 2002, ninety-three adults from throughout Tioga County have graduated from the Program.

This training and educational endeavor will continue to supply Tioga County with a core group of positive, productive and contributing individuals. These competent leaders will benefit Tioga County's employers, organizations and communities.



For more information on the Community Leadership Program visit the TCDC website at

<http://www.tcdc-pa.com/communityLeadership.php>

Individuals interested are asked to fill out an application through their employer or the *TCDC* office. Contact Christie Blackwell at (570)723-8232 or tcdc6@ptd.net with any questions.



Tax Credit Contribution Deadline Draws Near

June 30, 2008 is an important day for businesses and students in Tioga County! As you face your Pennsylvania state tax obligations in the upcoming year, the *Tioga County Foundation* is pleased to offer your business the opportunity to have your state tax payments benefit the public school districts here in our county. As an approved Educational Improvement Organization for the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, the *Tioga County Foundation* provides your business with an opportunity that offers business tax credits, through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, for Pennsylvania state taxes that you are already paying. In return, the tax payment equivalent is donated to the *Tioga County Foundation* to support educational initiatives within our local public school districts, Northern Tioga School District, Southern Tioga School District, and Wellsboro Area School District.

The *Tioga County Foundation* will annually allocate a portion of the EITC funds, equipment, and/or resources, received from area businesses, for assistance with School-to-Work and Career Development programs in our public school districts.

Your donation will be directly assisting with the continued support of existing career development programs as well as the development of new innovative programs.

To learn more about this program please contact the *Tioga County Development Corporation* at (570) 723-8232 or www.tcdc-pa.com.

EITC

Applications are
due to DCED on
June 30, 2009

16th Annual Membership Application

Tioga County Development Corporation
TCDC's 16th Annual Membership Campaign 2009 - 2010

The *Tioga County Development Corporation* Board of Directors invites you to participate in the future of Tioga County through our newly created Membership Fee Structure. We are now expanding the opportunity of our Members to contribute based on how you value TCDC and our Services to Tioga County's Economic Development by becoming a **PARTNER, ASSOCIATE** or **FRIEND**.

PARTNER

Diamond	\$5,000+	\$ _____
Platinum	\$4,000	\$ _____
Gold	\$3,000	\$ _____
Silver	\$2,000	\$ _____
Bronze	\$1,000	\$ _____

ASSOCIATE

Diamond	\$750	\$ _____
Platinum	\$500	\$ _____
Gold	\$250	\$ _____
Silver	\$100	\$ _____
Bronze	\$50	\$ _____

FRIEND

Individuals Only	\$25	\$ _____
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Membership will give you a voice in the countywide economic development of our County. One significant benefit to Membership in the Corporation will be to give you the chance to discuss development issues with others who share like concerns. If you are interested in joining the *Tioga County Development Corporation* and assisting in the future development of our County, please contact the TCDC Office at (570) 723-8232 or complete and eMail in the Application below. Working together, we can continue to make *Tioga County ... a place to call home.*

TCDC's 16th Annual Membership Campaign 2009 - 2010

Name _____ Contact _____
(Individual, Government, Non-Profit, Company, Corporation, etc.)

Address _____ Telephone ()
 _____ Fax ()

eMail _____ www: _____
(Please check to be linked to TCDC HomePage _____)

Please make check payable to TCDC and return to: TCDC, 114 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

**THANK YOU for YOUR MEMBERSHIP, INVESTMENT and SUPPORT of the
 Tioga County Development Corporation**





From The Chairman

member: noun 1. One part of an organization or family, one person belonging to a partnership.

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Spring is the time of the year we contact you for our annual Membership Drive. This year marks our sixteenth membership drive and **we thank all our members** for your continued support. Our members are our greatest asset. Membership dollars are used to match state and federal funding programs, necessary to assist local business and industry and train our future leaders, which is our mission.

Its during these times of economic downturn that we rely on local support more than ever to continue the programs and services to businesses. We anticipate further cuts in state funding of economic development programs, but in times of economic struggles, cutting economic development programs makes little sense. We ALL need to step up and invest in Tioga County. Our Board and Staff have pledged 100% while several others have already increased their commitment. If you cannot increase your support, which we know is difficult, please consider maintaining your current level of support of *TCDC*. If your neighbor is not a member, invite them to join you in membership to support of the future of Tioga County.

We face many challenges, but we continue to assist our businesses as they continue to be competitive in the global economy. All our efforts must begin here . . . locally. Your support is vital to *TCDC* and the services we offer. **You** can make a difference in improving the economy of our County. Thank you for your support of *TCDC*. Your Membership is indicative of your dedication to the *Tioga County Development Corporation* and your alignment with our mission of fostering and promoting our economy, as we continue to make *Tioga County . . . a place to call home.*

David E. Cummings
Chairman of the Board

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