

Tioga County Development Corporation

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Annual Report

Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

The **Tioga County Foundation**, the charitable arm of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, is an approved Educational Improvement Organization for the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. This exciting program allows the business community to be directly involved with education 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 be allocating a portion of the EITC funds for assistance with School-to-Work and Career Development programs in public school districts of Tioga County. This is the first year for the Tax Credit program and we believe it has been an overwhelming success, thus far. Currently six (6) scholarships, totaling \$8,137.72 for educational programs in Tioga County, have been awarded.

These grants have been made possible through contributions from [Citizens & Northern Bank](#), [Northwest Savings Bank](#) & [Ward Manufacturing, LLC](#).



3rd & 4th Grade students from Tioga County's three public school districts attend vehicular career day at Mansfield University, helping them gain an early awareness of career choices in Tioga County.

15th Annual Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008
Wellsboro Area School
District Center
227 Nichols Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901
6:00 PM - 7:30PM
Social Reception
7:30 PM - 9:00PM
Program, Awards &
Entertainment

2008 Board Meetings

Second Friday, 9:00 AM

- June 13
- July 11
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

2008-2009 JOIN NOW!!!!

Membership Campaign

For more information:

www.tcdc-pa.com/membership

13th Annual

TCDC Legislative Breakfast

Thursday, April 9, 2009
Historic Penn Wells Hotel
Wellsboro, PA 16901
7:30 AM Buffet Opens

EITC Events Held at Area Schools

STSD 5th Grade Ag Day

On Friday, April 18, 2008 the Blossburg and Liberty Elementary School 5th Grade classes set out to discover the world of Agriculture.

Students had the opportunity to learn the various functions of a greenhouse and how to make maple syrup. Anne Bishop also introduced students to farm safety and explained why safety on the farm is so important. The students also participated in a mock farming accident and were asked how they would react in that situation.

Some of the other day's events included a trip to Brion Crest Elk Farm and Heyd's Chicken Farm.



5th Grade Students explore greenhouses, farm safety and the process of making Maple Syrup.



Southern Tioga School District Career Fair

On Thursday, April 23, 2008 North Penn High School's gymnasium was busy with an unfamiliar activity. The gym was the site of Southern Tioga School District's second annual Career Fair.

The event is held for sophomores in the district's three high schools and, this year, was funded by a grant from the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*.

STSD students study careers in a required course titled "Career through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. Almost two dozen local presenters, from careers such as food service, the trucking industry, and photography, brought examples of their work and/or tools of their trades to share with the students. Over 150 tenth grade students had the opportunity to spend 15 minutes with five career presenters that they choose ahead of time. Presenters readily shared their career experiences and advice for young people anticipating entry into those career fields. STSD students study careers in a required course titled "Career through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. Almost two dozen local presenters, from careers such as food service, the trucking industry, and photography,

10th Grade Students at the Southern Tioga School District Career Fair explore different professions through hands-on activities and demonstrations.



EITC Events Held at Area Schools

Northern Tioga School District Career Fair

Cowanesque Valley High School was busy with adult volunteers helping students prepare for their futures on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Representatives from career paths such as: Construction, Agriculture, Engineering, Health Technologies, Criminal Justice, Surveyors and Education were among the Professionals who turned out for the Northern Tioga School Districts Career Fair.

Students got to chose two career-interest areas to explore and also had the chance to watch a three-screen multi-media show presentation on motivation and recognizing their possibilities in life.

The goal of the Northern Tioga School District Career Fair was to "plant the seeds" for career development. NTSD Guidance Counselors organized the event.



Northern Tioga School District Students learn about a variety of different vocations and careers during their Career Fair.



For more information or to apply for funding:

www.tcdc-pa.com/foundation

3rd & 4th Grade Vehicular Career Day

More than 900 elementary school students from Tioga County swarmed Mansfield University on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 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 visited displays, saw demonstrations and talked with experts from a wide variety of occupations.

Vehicular Career Day was sponsored by the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)*, Mansfield University and the Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium (NTIEC).

Vehicular Career Day was funded in part through a Public Education Improvement Tax Credit Grant by the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of *TCDC*.



3rd and 4th Grade students listen to the Guthrie Air Crew talk about their Critical Care Helicopter

EITC Event Snapshots



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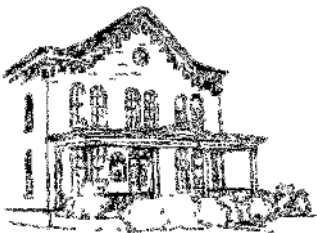
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Businesses Interested in contributing to the EITC Scholarship Program can contact TCDC at 570.723.8232





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If Your Business Would Like to Contribute.... June 30, 2008 is the Application Deadline!!

Objectives & General Information

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) is designed to award tax credits to businesses who donate money, equipment and/or services to our public school districts through local Educational Improvement Organizations.

As an Educational Improvement Organization, the **Tioga County Foundation** is pleased to help businesses learn more about this opportunity in assisting our local public school districts build and expand their School-to-Work and Career Development programs. The **Tioga County Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation for the **Tioga County Development Corporation**.

Business Eligibility Guidelines

Eligible businesses include those authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following state taxes: Corporate Net Income Tax; Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax; Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax; Insurance Premiums Tax; or Mutual Thrift Institution Tax. You can keep your taxes locally to support programs in our public schools.

The tax credit contributions for Tioga County can be used for:

- School-to-Work Programs
- Career Development Programs

Why we need you:

- With the help of our businesses we can further assist our local public school districts with funding, equipment and resources that would otherwise be unavailable.

What's in it for you:

- Tax credits for your business. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.
- As long as you are already paying state taxes, why not let your business make a direct impact on the development of our local students and future workforce?

How to get involved:

- Contact the *Tioga County Development Corporation* office at 114 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901 or call us at (570) 723-8232.
- Visit DCED's website at www.newpa.com and search for EITC for more about the program.