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**Community Foundation Awards \$25,000  
in Support of North Country Honors the Mountain Project**

The Northern New York Community Foundation's Board of Directors agreed to support the efforts for the North Country Honors the Mountain monument project on Tuesday. The board approved a \$20,000 matching grant to assist in public community fundraising for the campaign. Also, the board agreed to a \$5,000 grant to help establish a fund to support ongoing maintenance of the monument site, in perpetuity. The fund will be stewarded by the Community Foundation. "As this meaningful project moves into the public phase of fundraising, this provides us with an opportunity to help multiply additional gifts from the citizens of the area, in recognition of the important role Fort Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division has and continues to play in our communities, our nation, and our world," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

Other grants approved by the board were:

- **Village of Sackets Harbor - \$5,000**  
For the initial phases of renovations at the Pickering-Beach Museum cottage.
- **Thousand Islands Arts Center - \$4,800**  
To complete flooring renovations within the center's first floor exhibit area. *This is made possible, in part, through the River Fund, a permanent, charitable endowment to support the quality of life for the River communities.*

The Northern New York Community Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. This work is made possible by donors who have make annual gifts as well as those who have established permanent, charitable funds with the Foundation during their lifetimes or through their wills and have a general, broad and enduring interest in supporting the quality of life in the North Country.

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