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**Clayton Community Band Named Foundation's
2012 Spirit of Philanthropy Award Honoree**

In 2010, the Northern New York Community Foundation established a Spirit of Philanthropy Award. The honor will be given periodically to recognize and pay tribute to individuals or organizations whose achievements exemplify a commitment toward helping and inspiring others through the spirit of giving. "By honoring and celebrating the accomplishments of those who embody a tradition of giving, we enhance the understanding of philanthropy and the important role it serves in strengthening the North Country," said Rande S. Richardson, Foundation executive director.

This year's award will be presented to the Clayton Community Band and its conductor, Gloria Hvizdos Musser at the Foundation's annual meeting in May.

The Clayton Community Band performs concerts throughout the year at the Clayton Opera House, as its resident ensemble. Formed in 2004 it is comprised of approximately 60 musicians from 18 communities in the North Country. Nearly all performances are benefit concerts with proceeds going to area charities. "The dedication and generosity shown by the Band and its leadership embodies the essence of this award," said Mr. Richardson.

This is the third year the award has been given. Previous recipients were Alex C. Velto and Sherman Elementary School. Recipients are selected by a committee comprised of Mr. Richardson, T. Urling and Mabel Walker, and Robert and Jean Sturtz. **Honorees can be from Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence counties.**

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