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**Thousand Islands Foundation to Become
Component of Northern New York Community Foundation**

The Thousand Islands Foundation (TIF) will now officially become a component foundation of the Northern New York Community Foundation. Established in 2002, TIF has awarded over \$250,000 for Thousand Islands area students and graduates of Alexandria, LaFargeville, Lyme and Thousand Islands Central schools.

Although formally dissolved as part of the partnership, their organization will continue to be led by a volunteer board of directors representing the communities of the Thousand Islands.

Scholarships under the transfer also include the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship, Grindstone Island Research and Heritage Center Scholarship, Keith Brabant Music Scholarship, Lechler Scholarship and Seaway Trail Scholarship. In addition to their general scholarship program, several other named scholarships are awarded each year.

“The Community Foundation is extremely honored and humbled to have the opportunity to work with the Thousand Islands Foundation Board to further their mission and expand upon options for donors who wish to support their important work,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director. “This partnership makes great sense for so many reasons, and we hope to have conversations with current TIF supporters and future TIF supporters regarding ways to structure and steward their gifts for enduring value,” Mr. Richardson said.

As TIF no longer exists as a nonprofit entity, it should be noted that all future contributions be made to the Northern New York Community Foundation, Attn: TIF. Gifts to the Community Foundation for TIF are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Any gifts to support specific scholarships should be so noted on the gift. Also, those considering legacy gifts through their wills should have any will language updated to reflect the change. The current process for selection of scholarship recipients will continue as before. Applications for this year are available at www.thousandislandsfoundation.org and must be submitted by May 16. Questions should be directed to the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.

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