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JOANNE BABCOCK AWARDED THE 2024 BILL AND SARAH RANSOM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) and the Waverly Rotary Club proudly honor JoAnne Babcock as the 2024 recipient of the Bill and Sarah Ransom Community Service Award. This prestigious award celebrates individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to community service, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the Valley community.

William H. Ransom was a prominent Valley businessman and an active member of numerous organizations. His leadership and vision were integral to groups such as the Sayre Presbyterian Church, Waverly Rotary Club, Tioga State Bank, Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, Sayre Historical Society, and Guthrie Healthcare System. Bill's tireless efforts helped strengthen the community, making it a better place to live, work, and thrive.

Sarah Ransom shared Bill's passion for civic engagement. She co-founded Bradford County Partners for Family and Community Development and served on the boards of the Bradford County United Way, Robert Packer Hospital, The Bridge, Troy's Glenwood Cemetery, Bradford County Library, and Valley Chorus. Sarah also served on the Sayre Borough Council, dedicating her life to enriching her community.

JoAnne Babcock continues this legacy of community leadership through her remarkable professional contributions and volunteer efforts. She is an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Lodge #1148 in Sayre, PA, where she participates in charitable initiatives and community service projects. JoAnne has also served on the board of the National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania, advocating for social work professionals and policies that promote positive change.

Nominated by Brittney Mink, JoAnne's passion for helping the most vulnerable—children who have experienced abuse—sets her apart as a true champion of compassion and advocacy. Her tireless dedication reflects the values of "Service Above Self," embodying the qualities that Bill and Sarah Ransom upheld integrity, compassion, and selflessness.

JoAnne's work ensures that every child has the opportunity to heal and thrive. Her efforts make a profound and lasting impact on the lives of those she serves, exemplifying the spirit of giving back to the community.

CFTT and the Waverly Rotary Club extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the fund, enabling the recognition of individuals like JoAnne Babcock, who inspire us with their selfless dedication to building a stronger, more compassionate community.

For more information about the Bill and Sarah Ransom Community Service Award and the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, please visit www.twintierscf.org or call (570) 888-4759.

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About the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers serves Bradford, Potter, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania and Tioga County, NY. It is a purely public charity, incorporated as a non-profit, that has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS.

The Community Foundation establishes permanent endowment funds from contributions of many individual citizens, corporations, other foundations, other charitable organizations, and government agencies for philanthropic purposes. As the endowment funds grow, the earnings from these funds are used to make grants to meet identified community needs or fulfill the desire of the donor. Donors can even make recommendations to the Community Foundation of charitable organizations to receive grants.

Founded in 2003, the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers serves 5 counties, Bradford, Potter, Sullivan and Tioga County, PA and Tioga County, New York. The Foundation is committed to building philanthropic resources that will sustain healthy and vital communities now and into the future. The Foundation currently manages over 160 funds valued at \$14.5 million dollars and has awarded over \$2.3 million in grants and scholarships since inception, positively impacting hundreds of lives in the region.

For more information on its work in the community contact Charity Field at 570.888.4759, by email at cfield@twintierscf.org and www.twintierscf.org.

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