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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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### **EQT contributes \$5,000 to *Tioga County Foundation* via Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program**

On October 21, 2011 EQT Corporation made a contribution of \$5,000 to help support the educational needs of our students through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). The check was presented to the *Tioga County Foundation*, the charitable arm of the Tioga County Development Corporation by Pam Coates, Community Relations Manager at EQT.

EQT is one of the largest natural gas producers in the Appalachian Basin and in the country. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA and operating in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky, EQT is a technology-driven leader in the integration of air and horizontal drilling with 120 years of experience. The company is committed to meeting the country’s growing demand for clean energy, while promoting safety, providing a rewarding workplace and enriching the communities where its 1,800 employees live and work. For additional information about EQT, visit the company’s website at [www.EQT.com](http://www.EQT.com).

“EQT chose to make a donation to the *Tioga County Foundation* because we value the education of children and actively look for ways to improve their access to innovative learning opportunities” states Pam Coates, Community Relations Manager at EQT. “As EQT expands its business operations across the state, we are taking our outreach initiatives with us, and participation in Pennsylvania’s EITC program is just one of the ways we are reaching out to Tioga County. We look forward to helping the Tioga County Foundation bring new educational initiatives to this region’s future workforce” continued Coates.

For more information on how your company can participate in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) in Tioga County, please contact Christie Blackwell, Leadership Development Coordinator at the *Tioga County Development Corporation*, (570)723-8232, 114 Main Street Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

#### **PICTURE CAPTION**

**L to R:** Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/ CEO and Pam Coates, EQT Community Relations Manager



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