

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SERVICES SUPPORTS CAMPAIGN FOR FORT DE LA PRÉSENTATION INTERPRETIVE CENTER

OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, August 13, 2011 -- Community Investment Services Incorporated (CISI), a subsidiary of Community Bank, has provided a lead, financial institution gift for the first phase of the Campaign for Fort de la Présentation.

CISI's contribution of \$2,500 will help Fort la Présentation Association leaders to construct an Interpretive Center for the Lighthouse Point property in Ogdensburg which the group owns and is developing as a major heritage tourism site.

"CISI has watched this project grow from the dream of a few to gaining national recognition," said Eric Brunet, CISI Vice President/Financial Consultant. "We've provided a good deal of support through the years, and are pleased to now step forward with a capital contribution that will help Fort leaders build the first permanent structure on the project site."

Similar to the Service Group Challenge initiated by the Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club in May, CISI is inviting other financial institutions to join them in making a donation for this phase of the Fort development project.

"We encourage other financial institutions to join in, and to match or top what we are giving," said Brunet. "By working together, we can create a year-round venue for events at the Fort's beautiful waterfront property and a first-class museum to showcase the significant history that unfolded right here in our backyard."

"We're grateful that CISI has chosen to make a capital gift to our Interpretive Center project as an extension of their long-time support of the Fort Association," said Association President Barbara O'Keefe. "Financial institutions joining them in support can pick from one of many individual naming opportunities, or support a group business challenge underway to raise \$50,000 for the administrative suite that will provide offices for the Ogdensburg Chamber as well as the Fort Association." Campaign leaders will be contacting area financial institutions in the coming months to discuss the project and invite their support. Information on the Campaign and Interpretive Center can also be found on the Fort la Présentation Association website – www.fort1749.org.