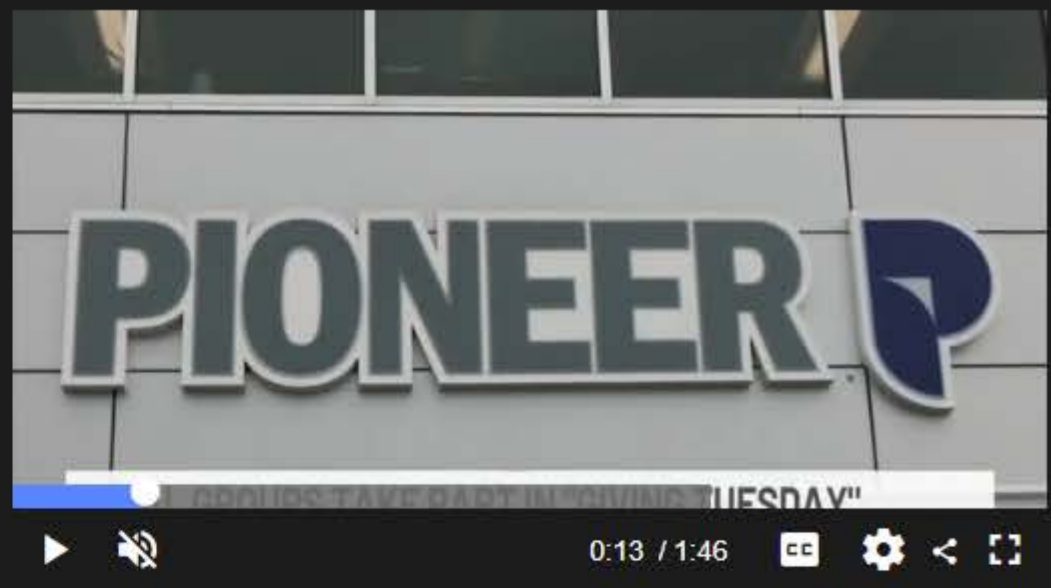


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Capital Region charities get a boost on Giving Tuesday

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ALBANY, N.Y. (NEWS10) — The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as “Giving Tuesday,” encouraging people all over the world to celebrate generosity. In total, Pioneer Bank donated a total of \$100,000 to 20 local nonprofit organizations that help children in need.

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Representatives from Connect Center for Youth in Albany County, Captain Community Human Services in Saratoga County, Schenectady Community Action Program, and the Brunswick Cares Community Food Pantry attended an event at the Pioneer headquarters in Albany on Tuesday in which the employees who selected these charities as recipients handed out the \$5,000 grants. These nonprofits received the funding from “Pioneers with Purpose” grants.

Melinda French Gates plans to match \$1M in GivingTuesday gifts to groups that support women ➤

With the holidays around the corner, Robert Clarke, board member and treasurer of the Brunswick pantry hopes people will consider adding a charity to their gift shopping.

“We need to get our eyes off of ourselves,” Clarke said, “and we need to look at the people and their situations around us and ask yourself, how can we help? How can we make your life better?”

Several other nonprofits received funds secured by Pioneer through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York’s Small Business Recovery Grants program. These included:

- Community Action of Greene County
- Crossroads Center for Children
- Focus Churches Community Food Kitchens
- Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region
- Hope 7
- Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
- Pride Center of the Capital Region
- South End Children’s Café
- Student First Project
- Things of my Very Own
- Albany Community Action Partnership
- Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
- Friends of Hudson Youth
- StreetSoldiers Rensselaer
- LifeWorks Community Action
- Schenectady County Food Council

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