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Pioneer donates over 4,000 school supplies

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Over 750 backpacks went to students in need in the tri-county area thanks in part to the School Supply Drive, as well as over 75 volunteers.
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GLENS FALLS – [Editor’s note: The fourth paragraph of this article was changed to note that Pioneer was one of several companies that helped with Tri-County United Way’s Kids with Packs program.]

Pioneer, an Albany-based financial institution, has donated more than 4,000 school supplies to help students start the year prepared and ready to learn. Supplies collected from customers and employees were distributed to Tri-County United Way in Glens Falls, as well as schools in Troy and Hudson.

According to a press release, Pioneer’s School Supply Drive has provided more than 18,000 supplies to local students in the five years since its inception.

“No child should have to start the school year without the supplies they need,” said Thomas Amell, president and CEO of Pioneer. “Through the Pioneer Charitable Foundation and our annual School Supply Drive, we are proud to help families turn back-to-school season from a difficult time into an exciting start for every child, providing the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed.”

Pioneer was one of several local companies that helped support Tri-County United Way’s “Kids With Packs” initiative, which recently worked with several local partners to **pack more than 700 backpacks**, that were then distributed to students from Warren, Washington, and northern Saratoga counties.

This effort reflects the mission of the Pioneer Charitable Foundation, “Helping Kids be Kids,” which supports the health, welfare, and education of children across the Capital Region. Throughout the year, Pioneer hosts various drives to support local organizations and provide essential supplies to children and families within the community. Since 2018, the press release states, the Foundation has provided more than \$1.9 million to local nonprofits supporting children and families.

To learn more about the Pioneer Charitable Foundation, and/or make a secure online donation, visit pioneerny.com/community.