



Pioneers stuff heart pillows which are used at local hospitals.

Become the **SPARK** of Change

Membership Matters

Pioneers Partnering with Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, has partnered with Pioneers to provide these potentially life-saving health services to our members while generating monies back in support of the Pioneer mission.

Five screenings involving the use of ultrasound technology are offered to help identify risk of stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis. Pioneers, family members and friends have the opportunity to receive these convenient and easy-to-obtain health services at a price of \$135. These screenings, if done through a doctor's office or hospital, cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 on average. And it's convenient, you can choose to be screened in area churches, health clubs and other community spaces when it fits your schedule.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-690-7485 toll free or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/Pioneers to search and sign up for screenings in your local community.

If you are enrolled in other medical coverage, you may be eligible to obtain certain preventive screenings through your health care. Contact your insurance company for details if applicable.

Give a Gift That Keeps on Giving

The Pioneers Special Occasion Giving program enables you to make a financial contribution even more meaningful with commemorative and memorial gifts. Commemorative gifts are a great way to honor someone special or celebrate any occasion – an anniversary, birthday, wedding, veteran's holiday, graduation, or other special event. A memorial gift is a beautiful testimony to the meaningful life of a departed loved one, friend or colleague. Either can provide you with the perfect gift and support your commitment to Pioneering.

To make a gift in honor or in memory of someone special, simply provide Pioneers Headquarters with the name of the loved one you wish to honor when you make your gift. We'll send an acknowledgment of your thoughtful gift to the person you designate.

Special Occasion gifts are tax deductible and help ensure the legacy of Pioneering will continue for generations to come.



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A Brand New Look ... for a New Era of Pioneering

Building on our proud history of community service, and leveraging the strengths of our loyal membership base, we are looking to the future and our 100th anniversary in 2011 with great enthusiasm. To ensure we are well positioned for the next 100 years, we will be starting the new year with some new goals and an exciting new look.



Naturally we turned to our Life and Regular members, as well as non-Pioneer employees of sponsor companies to get valuable insights regarding the future of Pioneering. Your input served as the basis for thorough research, and ultimately led to the establishment of four organizational objectives. We hope all members will take an active role in embracing these new endeavors to:

1. Refine our project and program focus and structure to give more volunteers greater flexibility by offering more one-day and week-end opportunities.
2. Refine our membership recruitment strategies to encourage more people to participate, and to provide an outlet for families to volunteer.

3. Re-engage our sponsor companies; and
4. Update our image and brand.

The new Pioneer logo shown to the left, with the traditional Pioneer triangle in the center of the 'spark of change' will be rolled out over the next 24 months. It was created along with our enhanced mission statement, to clearly tell the world who the Pioneers are ... an energetic, volunteer network that is ready for action.

We're counting on you to be part of this exciting new era in Pioneering.

Our Mission

Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsors.



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Letter from the President

Dear Pioneer,

On behalf of the 620,000 Pioneers across the United States and Canada, it is a pleasure to welcome Dave Nichols as Chairman of the Board.

Dave brings a wealth of experience as an industry leader and an enthusiasm for Pioneering to his new role. The Board of Directors has already begun working with Dave and is looking ahead with confidence to advancing the Mission of Pioneers under his direction.

As we welcome Dave, we also thank John McCullough, our Immediate Past Chairman, for a job well done. During his two years in office, John served with a concern for the individual Pioneer and a commitment to strengthening the entire organization. We are grateful to John for his many contributions and are appreciative that he has pledged his ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Marty Lee, President, Pioneers

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Pioneer,

It is with great excitement that I begin serving as Chairman of the Pioneers organization. The Pioneers stand for what is good and positive within our communities and have shown their caring and determination repeatedly in community projects or disaster situations. I look forward to working with all of you to continue that tradition.

Like many of you, I have covered quite a bit of territory during my 28 years in the telecommunications industry. While each assignment carried a new challenge, there remained one constant: The volunteer work of Pioneers and their willingness to do what was needed.

As we move forward with a fresh approach supported by our new brand, we do so guided by the vision of my predecessor, John McCullough. Pioneers have made tremendous strides under John's leadership and now it is up to all of us, working together, to build upon that foundation for success.

Sincerely,

David Nichols, Chairman, Pioneers

Pioneer Leadership Insight



Dear Pioneer,

On behalf of the entire leadership team at FairPoint Communications and our more than 4,000 employees working in 33 markets across 18 states, we are truly pleased and honored to be able to continue the strong community partnership ties with the TelecomPioneers following our March 31, 2008, acquisition of the former Verizon operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

FairPoint has always been all about connecting communities and enriching lives through our technology, our people and our philanthropy. We have a long history of community involvement and are committed to our employees and nonprofit partners to be a force for positive change. Therefore, we are truly excited to now have the added strength of the TelecomPioneers' resources and reputation to help FairPoint improve the quality of life to the communities where we live, work and do business.

While FairPoint has grown, our company goal has remained consistent; to be the local telephone company founded on reliability and community.

Sincerely,

Pamela Joy
Vice President - Community Affairs,
FairPoint Communications

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

—Winston Churchill

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To change a mailing address, notify us of a deceased member, or if you have a question about Pioneer member benefits, please call the Pioneers Resource Center at 800-976-1914 or email us at info@telecompioneers.org



Pioneers give generously of their time to improve the community.

Smart Bears Promote Joys of Reading

The early introduction to books and development of literacy skills are known to be keys to the future success of children.

Recently, through the efforts of Pioneers in the Southern New Hampshire FairPoint Life Member Club, first-grade students in six Manchester, NH schools were presented with Smart Bears, along with a children's book with the goal of fostering more reading among youngsters who may not be exposed to reading in their homes.

Similar to the Hug-A-Bear, the Smart Bear program provides children with a book along with a new cuddly friend and reading companion. Smart Bears are effective in introducing children

and their families to the joy of reading.

The Life Member Club delivered over 350 Smart Bears to grateful recipients, bringing both smiles and greater opportunities for early literacy development.

The FairPoint TelecomPioneers membership is comprised of current employees and retirees of the telecommunications industry. If you are interested in joining, please contact Betty Hackett at Elizabeth.Hackett@fairpoint.com, for New Hampshire, Valerie Volkernick at valerie.volkernick@verizon.com for Maine and Lorie Cross at lorie.cross@fairpoint.com for Vermont.

Mark Your Calendar

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| Feb 26 -28 | Pioneers Annual Meeting |
| February 28 | Pioneers Scholarship Application Deadline |
| April 24 - 26 | Global Youth Service Days |

For upcoming chapter events please visit www.fairpointjaspernkellerpioneers.org or go to the international website at www.telecompioneers.org and click on Pioneer Links to find out about all the exciting Pioneering projects and activities going on in your local area and across the United States and Canada.

Fundraising Update

Answer the Call Campaign Launches Early Spring

In February, Pioneers will be asked to Answer the Call. This is your chance to help expand our reach for financial support beyond our membership to include the communities we serve — a goal critical to our continued success as a public charity.

Pioneers will be telephoned and asked to volunteer to distribute pre-printed letters to individuals within their community to ask for a financial contribution in support of the Pioneers. It's a great opportunity to educate friends, family and others in our hometowns about how Pioneers meet our community needs through our volunteer projects or engage those who have been impacted positively through Pioneering.

Pioneers Headquarters located in Denver, CO, employs the assistance of Infocision, a leading provider of inbound and outbound call center solutions that specializes in non-profit fundraising. Gifts made in support of this campaign are tax deductible with 70% of the net proceeds distributed back to Pioneers to support volunteer work and projects in their local communities.

Help us expand our base of support by volunteering for this important campaign. If you are not phoned to participate and wish to, please call or email Kristine Mazzullo at Pioneers Headquarters at 303-571-9266 or kristinem@telecompioneers.org for your campaign kit.

Verizon West Aids Montecito Fire Victims

During the recent Southern California brush fires, Verizon Pioneers assisted the evacuees with over 100 gift bags containing many of the daily care needs that were left behind in the rush for safety.

Over 1,940 acres and 230 homes were destroyed, changing what was a beautiful area into a pile of ash.

The victims feelings were expressed poignantly when one of them offered to help us carry the bags we had prepared for them.

When we told her what we had put together she was amazed that we were thoughtful enough to consider their immediate needs. She explained that it had been 3 days

since she had really been able to enjoy simple things like brushing her teeth!

The workers at the evacuation center advised that these were the kinds of donations that were REALLY needed since baked goods could not be distributed due to regulations.

As our bags joined the many cots and stacks of clothes in the living area, we knew that we had done the right thing. Once again Pioneers were able to make a difference in our community.

No matter the challenge ...
Pioneers deliver.
Thank you for your loyalty!



Please detach and return in the envelope provided

Gift Reply