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'Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone' ~ Stories from around the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions

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Charles Schulz (1922–2000), the legendary American cartoonist best known for his comic strip *Peanuts* and those iconic characters Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, Pig-Pen, Woodstock, Schroeder and all the rest, once said in his trademark simple and understated

way, "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

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Star-Gazette, "**A CHRISTMAS STORY: How a crying child spurred a century of giving**"

WETM-TV, "**Firefighters Volunteer Work With Arctic League Spans Decades**"

Star-Gazette, "**Meals on Wheels Christmas stockings an extra treat**"

The Evening Tribune, "**Unexpected giving strikes a chord**"

The Leader, "**Corning's C-VETS visit Bath VA**"

Star-Gazette, "**Big Flats girl collects more than 26,000 holiday cards**"

Chronicle-Express, "**The Spirit Lives Here**"

Tompkins Weekly, "**O, Christmas Tree: Local farms work year-round to make certain holiday traditions can continue**"

The Evening Tribune, "**Hornell man brightens holidays**"

WENY-TV, "**4th Annual 'Spirit of the Season'**"

The Evening Tribune, "**Frosty fundraiser fulfills Humane Society's wish list**"

The Odessa File, "**Christmas Light Tour makes season bright**"

My very best wishes to all of you for a safe, meaningful and memorable Holiday Season!