

## Valley United Way

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# United Way



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### Mission Statement

*The Corporate Volunteer Council strives to enhance the quality of life in the Valley by promoting and fostering corporate volunteerism through the sharing of ideas and information on corporate volunteer management and actions that can be driven to address issues of community concern.*

*All efforts performed by the CVC will be conducted to collectively embrace change and leverage diversity.*

## CVC Launches Summer Internship Program for Youth Volunteers

As part of its continuing effort to have a greater impact in the Valley community, the CVC is launching a new summer internship program. The program, conceived by Bill Bubbico of Pitney Bowes, encourages CVC companies to provide summer intern opportunities for students who participate on the Valley United Way's Youth Leadership Council. Bill sees this as a way for the CVC to nurture our young people and help them become solid citizens – and potential future business leaders who will carry on the work of the CVC in enriching our communities. "This group of promising young people are among the finest and most community-minded students from the Valley high schools," says Bill. "They dedicate their time and energies working with the United Way and the non-profit agencies who support our community. They are modeled like us, in focus and commitment." The program seeks to identify paid summer internships in CVC companies for high school and college students aged 18 and older, who participate on Youth Leadership Council this year or have been a part of the council in a previous year.

The primary objective of the Youth Leadership Council is to develop teens into future community leaders by teaching them about the needs of the community and non-profit agencies and the role that volunteerism plays in addressing those needs. Students are selected annually to join the council and receive leadership training by corporate community members that include workshops on diversity awareness, problem solving, decision-making, interviewing and public speaking. They also spend a good portion of the year supporting community efforts and raising funds for local teen programs. Each fall, members conduct a needs assessment survey to determine community needs for programs and services aimed at high school students. Results of the survey are used in a Request for Proposal process with area non-profit agencies for funding of programs and services that focus on the identified needs. The council then evaluates all proposals and allocates grants to fund needed teen programs and services. Since 1990, the Youth Leadership Council has allocated more than \$50,000 in grants to benefit Valley teens. For more information on the Valley United Way's Youth Leadership Council, please visit [www.valleyunitedway.org/youth](http://www.valleyunitedway.org/youth).

If your company is interested in employing a Youth Leadership Council member as an intern this summer, please contact Bill Bubbico at 203-922-4096 or [bill.bubbico@pb.com](mailto:bill.bubbico@pb.com).

### **FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR HIRE:**

*Members of  
the 2008 Youth  
Leadership  
Council are  
looking for  
summer intern  
opportunities.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### May 22, 2008 – Spring Luau on Il Palio Patio

In the spirit of community R.D Scinto and Il Palio Restaurant present a Spring Luau to benefit the Valley United Way on Thursday, May 22 from 5 – 7 pm on the patio at Il Palio Restaurant. Tropical attire encouraged. Register on-line at <http://www.valleyunitedway.org/2008/luau.htm>. Tickets are \$35 when registering on-line and \$40 at the door.

### May Corporate Food Pantry Drives

The CVC has established a year-round collection schedule to ensure a steady supply of food to local food banks. Each month, local businesses conduct food drives on their premises to benefit **Area Congregations Together** who distribute the food to the needy through their food bank. ACT also runs Spooner House, a homeless shelter in Derby.

Companies holding drives this month:

- Pitney Bowes
- The McIntyre Group
- Naugatuck Savings Bank

### Clothing Drives in May

CVC companies conduct monthly clothing drives throughout the year. Clothes are donated to **My Sister's Place** thrift shop which sells the clothing to benefit The Umbrella Domestic Violence Program and the **Helping Hands** thrift shop run by Father McKenna St. Vincent De Paul Society. Conducting drives this month:

- Iroquois Gas Transmission
- Hamworthy Peabody Combustion
- Prudential Financial
- GE International, Inc.
- Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce

### Next Corporate Volunteer Council Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 15, 2008 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., hosted by Prudential Financial at One Corporate Drive, Shelton. All CVC representatives are invited to attend.

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SUMMER SOLSTICE  
LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR  
SHINE A LIGHT.  
INSPIRE ACTION.  
TAKE A STAND.  
CREATE IMPACT.  
UNITED WAY  
NATIONAL  
DAY OF ACTION  
LIVE UNITED

The CVC's Week of Caring will coincide with the United Way's National Day of Action on the longest day of the year ~ the Summer Solstice ~ Saturday June 21, 2008. Volunteers are needed to help landscape and build a children's swing set in the backyard of the new Spooner House homeless shelter. More information will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have questions regarding Week of Caring/Day of Action activities, please contact Pat Tarasovic at 203-926-9748 or email her at [patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.com](mailto:patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.com).

- A-Plus Staffing
- Arson Productions
- Altair Global Relocation
- Barnum Financial Group
- Basement Systems
- Better Packages
- Bright Horizons
- CAPS Business Recovery
- Cara Therapeutics
- CDW-G
- Citi Bank
- Comcast
- Commerce Bank
- Computershare
- David M. Grant Caterers
- DeDonato Building
- Emhart Technologies
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- F.W. Serra, Inc.
- Fletcher Thompson
- Fred Ortolini Photography
- GE International
- Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
- HSBC Bank, USA
- Hamworthy Peabody
- Hasler, Inc.
- Health Net
- Holiday Inn Express
- Homewood Suites
- Iroquois Gas
- Kerite Company
- Latex International
- Life Touch Studios
- Market Data Retrieval
- Marks of Design
- Microsol, Inc.
- NEC
- Naugatuck Savings Bank
- Ned Miller Associates
- Newtown Savings Bank
- People's United Bank
- PerkinElmer
- Pitney Bowes
- Professional Travel
- Prudential Financial, Inc.
- SSC, Inc.
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- The Greenwich Workshop
- The Hartford
- The McIntyre Group
- United Illuminating
- Wachovia
- WalMart
- Warner Insurance & Financial
- Webster Bank



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**COMPANY OF INTEREST:**

*A conversation with Alan Tolmich, Software Engineer and Leigh Webb, Human Resources Generalist*



**Tell us about your company.**

Computershare is a leading financial market services and technology provider for the global securities industry. Our people, operating on five continents, provide services and solutions to listed companies, investors, employees, exchanges and other financial institutions. We manage more than 100 million shareholder accounts for 14,000 corporations.

The Shelton office's focus is on Equity Plans Administration and Financial Reporting Solutions. We employ about 140 people at our location at Two Enterprise Drive.

**How did Computershare become involved with the CVC and why is membership important to your company?**

Computershare (formerly Transcentive) have been involved with the CVC since 2001. We believe it is important to provide employees an opportunity to give back to their community while promoting team work within the company.

**Tell us how Computershare supports CVC activities and the impact you have had.**

Our employees seem to enjoy the "hands-on" Day of Caring events the most. We have participated in them since 2001, enjoying projects such as renovating the Derby Daycare and the Ansonia Salvation Army. Employees like seeing a direct impact to the lives of those they are helping. We also support the back to school program each year and have contributed more than 20 computer systems to various non-profit agencies through the CVC's Computer Refurbishment program this past year.



*Alan Tolmich (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Leigh Webb (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), along with some of their coworkers at Computershare. Alan has been with the company for 3 years and a CVC representative for 2½ years. He serves as Team Lead for the Computer Refurbishment Program.*

**As a CVC representative, how do you communicate CVC efforts to your employees and drive volunteerism?**

We post CVC activities in our lunch rooms and kitchens. We also send our e-mail reminders to keep our employees informed and involved in volunteer opportunities.

**CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:**

**Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks**

*Team Leads:*  
Bonnie Sinclair 926-5407  
Bsinclair@necinfrontia.com  
  
Jasmine McIntyre 944-1762  
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**Clothing Collection – Used clothes for the Umbrella Program & St. Vincent DePaul Helping Hands of the Valley**

*Team Leads:*  
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Sue\_Millican@iroquois.com  
  
Mandi Marcino 203-944-0777 ext. 241  
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**Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella**

*Team Leads:*  
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Antonieta.hallet@prudential.com

**Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA**

*Team Lead:*  
Michelle Fabozzi 944-3385  
michelle.fabozzi@corporate.ge.com

**Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence**

*Team Lead:*  
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**Computer Collection – Refurbished equipment donated to charities**

*Team Lead:*  
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