

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 2006: A Year in Review

As we ring in 2007, let's look back on all the good things that CVC member companies have brought to the Naugatuck Valley community during 2006. Here are the highlights....

- **New Co-Chairs, Adrienne Cabral and Bill Bubbico** assumed the helm of the CVC in early 2006 and quickly began to organize the group's focus for the new year. 2006 objectives were established and sub-committee co-chairs assigned.
- Throughout the year, CVC member companies took turns conducting **Food Pantry Drives**, donating close to 14,000 food items in total to Area Congregations Together (ACT) – a 60% increase over last year's total. Noteworthy contributions were made by Pitney Bowes who collected 6,020 items in May, Homewood Suites by Hilton with 2,300 items in September, and Hasler with 3,299 items in October.
- **Clothing Drives** continued throughout the year at numerous corporate sites. In 2006, CVC companies have donated thousands of dollars worth of clothing to My Sister's Place thrift shop to benefit The Umbrella Domestic Violence Program.
- CVC volunteers like Eric Wilkins of Warner Financial and the "Granny Angels" at Spring Meadows Senior Living Community have been knitting up a storm for the **Caring Circle**. To date, the Caring Circle has produced 583 blankets and 32 scarves which have been donated to the battered women's shelter to comfort victims of domestic violence.
- In August, CVC companies purchased school clothes, supplies and warm winter coats for 180 children at the Mead School in Ansonia, Spooner House and Parent Child Resource Center during the 11th annual **Back-to-School Clothes for Kids Program**. Dozens of companies adopted one or more school children and outfitted them with everything they needed to start the school year right and improve their self-esteem. A noteworthy contributor was Pitney Bowes, who adopted 50 children. The kids were also treated to a Luau party with refreshments by David M. Grant Caterers, Big Y, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
- In September, the CVC came together for the 11th annual **Week of Caring**. Volunteers painted rooms and completed landscaping projects for Catholic Charities' facility in Ansonia. Companies, including OCI Chemical, Pitney Bowes, Computershare, Emhart Teknologies, Iroquois Gas, and Wachovia Bank used this major volunteer event as an opportunity to build teamwork and camaraderie among their employees while giving back to the community. Five refurbished PC computers were also provided by the CVC.
- In November, the CVC kicked off its **"Adopt-a-Family" Holiday Giving** program. More than 75 disadvantaged families enjoyed Thanksgiving meals, thanks to CVC generosity. Additional clients at Spooner House, the YMCA and Catholic Charities benefited through corporate cash donations. Noteworthy contributors were Prudential Financial, providing 30 families at St. Vincent de Paul Society and the YMCA with turkeys and food, and The Hartford, which collected 25 turkeys with all the fixin's, plus \$175 in grocery store gift cards for Spooner House clients. Also, GE International and BPA Worldwide ran food drives to benefit Spooner House and CAPS Business Recovery Services provided five Valley families with Thanksgiving meals and other groceries.
- There was plenty of "Santa Magic" in the air in December when CVC companies held toy collections, food drives and "Angel Tree" gift giving programs for underprivileged children, the homeless and needy seniors. Some companies, including Fletcher-Thompson, Perkin Elmer and Health Net hosted Christmas parties for area children – and Santa showed up at every one of them to hand out gifts. (See article on page two for more information on holiday efforts by CVC member companies.)

We thank everyone for their good work in 2006 and wish you goodwill and good cheer in 2007!

Visit www.valleyunitedway.com/volunteer for more photos and information on CVC efforts.



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American Skandia/Prudential employees lend Santa a hand.

CVC Plays Santa to the Valley

Any non-believers out there only need to look to the CVC to know there *really is* a Santa in the Naugatuck Valley. In the spirit of giving, the following CVC companies made many wishes come true this holiday season:

A-Plus Staffing provided food to Spooner House and held a holiday clothing drive to benefit My Sister's Place.

Altair Global Relocation employees provided a Valley family holiday gifts and \$150 grocery gift card. They also raised money for Spooner House.

American Skandia Prudential employees supported the Marines Toys-for-Tots drive and several departments adopted families from Catholic Charities and Parent Child Resource Center, providing them with holiday gifts and food.

Basement Systems conducted a holiday toy drive and gave generously to help certain individuals in their dealer and customer networks who had experienced tragedies this holiday season.

Bright Horizons Day Care Center participated in Toys-for-Tots and held a Hat & Mittens Tree for Spooner House residents.

Emhart Teknologies employees provided gifts and holiday food to 15 families within the Birmingham Group. They also came to the "last minute" rescue for three additional families who contacted the Valley United Way for help two days before Christmas.

The 45 branches of **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** also conducted food and toy drives. But they took it one step further: they solicited the car dealers and body shops with which they do business to support their efforts as well.

Fletcher Thompson hosted an old fashioned Christmas party for the children of Parent Child Resource Center.

Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce held holiday giving campaigns for Toys-for-Tots and the Boys & Girls Club.

Hasler, Inc. collected gifts, including 107 bicycles and helmets to Valley children.

Homewood Suites conducted both food and toy drives for the holidays.

Hartford Insurance donated toys and gifts to 20 children from the Valley YMCA.

Iroquois Gas employees provided a needy family with toys and gift cards to Walmart and Stop & Shop. They also gave Big Y gift cards to 29 YMCA residents and made cash donations to various agencies including Birmingham Group, St. Vincent de Paul and TEAM.

Kerite Company sponsored a food drive to benefit the Spooner House and collected toys for Toys-for-Tots.

Lifetouch School Studios donated toys, clothing and a cash donation to the children of the Shelton Safe Home.

Microsol, Inc. held a food drive for Spooner House and provided holiday gifts to nine single men at the Birmingham Group.

NEC Infrontia and **NEC Unified Solutions** held a "Wishing Tree" in their offices to collect gifts for two families they adopted. They supplied approximately 30 gift wishes and two full holiday meals for both families.

OCI Chemical adopted two families through Catholic Charities and showered them with food and gifts.

Perkin Elmer employees collected 50 Angel Tree gifts for the Salvation Army and donated 17 holiday dinners for needy families. They also ran a winter coat drive and hosted 20 children from the Shelton Safe House for a holiday party.

Pitney Bowes fulfilled the wishes of 50 children through the YMCA's "Angel Tree". They also donated 237 toys and presented a \$50 check to TEAM's Toys-For-Tots program.

Professional Travel donated turkeys and food to Spooner House and made a cash donation to Salvation Army.



Pitney Bowes "elves" deliver toys.

Transcitive Corporation employees supported the Marines Toys-for-Tots program, donating 70 toys to needy children.

The **Wachovia Bank** branches in the Naugatuck and New Haven regions conducted a coat drive through the month of December. All coats and warm clothing collected will be donated to United Way agencies.

Walmart in Shelton provided a check in the amount of \$500 to Griffin Hospital's Diva Sana program to benefit underprivileged Latino women and children. They also made monetary grants to Spooner House and the Boys and Girls Club, and participated in TEAM and the U.S. Marines toys drives.

Webster Bank held a holiday food drive for Spooner House and also collected toys for Toys-for-Tots.

Many thanks to these and all other companies who may not be listed but were just as generous this holiday season!

UPCOMING EVENTS



January Food Drives

Each month, CVC companies conduct food drives on their premises to benefit **Area Congregations Together** who distribute to food pantries throughout the Valley. Conducting food drives in January is:

- *Enterprise Rent-A-Car*

January Clothing Drives

CVC Member companies conduct 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. Conducting clothing drives in January are:

- *Wachovia Bank*
- *Prudential Financial*
- *NEC Infrontia Inc*
- *NEC Unified Solutions*

Got Yarn?

The CVC Caring Circle is always looking for yarn donations and cash to purchase yarn. Contact Antonietta Hallett at 203-402-1405.

CVC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Celebrate more than a decade of service to the community at the **CVC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on Thursday evening, Feb. 15, 2007 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Valley United Way Headquarters at 3 Corporate Drive.

Present and past CVC members are invited to attend this special social event, which will reflect on the CVC's contributions to the Valley community since inception.

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