

CVC Member Companies
 Arson Productions
 Altair Global Relocation
 Barnum Financial Group
 Basement Systems
 Better Packages
 BIC Corporation
 CDW-G
 Citi Bank
 Comcast
 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
 Health Net
 Hilton Garden Inn
 Holiday Inn Express
 Homewood Suites
 Iroquois Gas
 Kerite Company
 Latex International
 Market Data Retrieval
 Marks of Design
 Microsol, Inc.
 NEC Infrontia & NEC Unified Solutions
 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
 Starbucks
 T.D. Bank
 The Greenwich Workshop
 The Hartford
 The McIntyre Group
 United Illuminating
 Wachovia
 WalMart
 Warner Insurance & Financial
 Webster Bank
 William Raveis Real Estate



A program of the Valley United Way and the Volunteer Action Center



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.

Corporate Volunteer Council Fact Sheet



- Who** We are a coalition of more than 50 Valley businesses – large and small – who are giving back to the communities where we live and work.
- What** In partnership with the Valley United Way, we coordinate food and clothing drives, plan and provide resources for large scale community projects and share best practices on how to drive the spirit of volunteerism among our employees.
- Where** Our programs benefit charitable agencies and needy families and individuals in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton.
- When** Representatives from participating companies meet monthly to share information about community concerns and explore ways to meet community needs.
- Why** We believe in the value of giving back to the communities where we do business. We also believe that promoting volunteerism among our employees makes good business sense:
- It improves the health of the community by building a better business climate and increasing the well-being of the company's employees and customers.
 - It increases the company's visibility in the community, building shareholder trust and customer loyalty.
 - It places employees in leadership roles in the community and provides them with the opportunity to gain business skills and career development experiences that they might not otherwise gain in their regular jobs.
 - It improves employee morale and sense of pride in the community.
 - It is a great way to encourage team-building among employees.
- How** The CVC sponsors a number of projects and programs throughout the year that are supported by CVC member employees. Through volunteerism, our employees make a difference.
- Refer to the reverse side for a listing of annual and continuing programs sponsored by the Valley United Way's Corporate Volunteer Council.

For information on the Corporate Volunteer Council, please visit our website at www.valleyunitedway.org/vac. To join the CVC, please contact one of the members of our Membership Committee listed below.

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CVC Annual Programs

Back to School Clothes for Kids

Each August, the CVC adopts one or more Valley schools based on the number of students from families at or below poverty level at each school. CVC company employees purchase two complete outfits, sneakers, a winter coat and backpack full of school supplies for each child identified by the school for the program. The program aims to boost self-esteem and reduce truancy resulting from peer pressure with respect to clothes. To date, member companies have collectively provided school clothes and supplies to 1700 school children from Valley schools to make the start of school a positive experience. CVC donations have totaled approximately \$315,000 in new clothes and school supplies.

Week of Caring

Week of Caring is an annual United Way event coordinated by the CVC. Using combined resources from Valley businesses, hundreds of volunteers spend a week completing major renovations to the facility of a chosen area charitable agency. Since its inception, Week of Caring volunteers have renovated the Umbrella's battered women's shelter in Ansonia, the Spooner House homeless shelter, the Parent Child Resource Center, The Recreation Camp in Derby, Ansonia Nature Center, Tinney Community Center, the Valley YMCA, the Derby Day Care Center, the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Ansonia, and Catholic Charities in Ansonia. In 2005, CVC commemorated our 10 year anniversary by constructing "Harvest House", a 400 sq. ft. structure assembled on Shelton's Riverwalk from an estimated 100,000 canned goods and nonperishable food items. "Harvest House" was constructed to raise awareness of the large number of hungry in our community and to encourage food donations to organizations that strive to feed them, including Spooner House, The Umbrella Agency, the Valley YMCA, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, St. Vincent DePaul and the Parent Child Resource Center. This effort was repeated in 2007 with Harvest House III.

In 2008, CVC volunteers landscaped, built picnic benches and painted a mural in the backyard of the new Spooner House and completed interior painting in the Derby Historical Society's David Humphreys House. For 2009, the CVC has decided to repeat the success of Harvest House I and II with Harvest House III, which will again be built on the grounds of Shelton's Downtown Riverwalk on September 26, 2009.

Holiday Appeal

During the holidays, CVC companies participate in toy drives, gift giving trees and provide complete holiday meals to the underprivileged in the community. Needy families and individuals are identified by Valley United Way agencies and matched up with corporate volunteers who adopt them for the holidays, providing gifts, food and monetary donations to make their holidays brighter.

For more information on any of the above programs, contact Pat Tarasovic at 203-926-9478 (patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.com).

CVC Continuing Programs

The Food Pantry

In an effort to ensure a steady supply of food to area food banks, CVC member companies hold monthly food drives on their premises. The food collected benefits the Area Congregations Together (ACT) food bank and Father McKenna St. Vincent de Paul Society. For information on how to sponsor a successful food drive in your company, contact Bonnie Sinclair at 203-926-5407 (bsinclair@necinfrontia.com).

Clothing Drive

Each month, CVC companies conduct clothing drives to benefit The Umbrella domestic violence program. Donated items are sold by My Sister's Place, a thrift shop in Ansonia that gives 100% of its proceeds to The Umbrella to provide emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, and other services to women and children affected by domestic violence. In 2007, the CVC was responsible for approximately 70% of donations to My Sister's Place, netting an estimated \$100 thousand in profits to the Umbrella group. Clothing is also donated to Helping Hands, a thrift shop run by Father McKenna St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition to needing men's, women's and children's clothing in saleable condition, other welcomed items include shoes, boots and sneakers; jewelry and other accessories such as belts, scarves, purses; house wares including matching dishes, cookware, knick-knacks and decorations in saleable condition; and domestics such as linens, curtains, blankets and bedspreads. Collection bins are dropped off at participating companies at the beginning of the month and retrieved on a weekly basis. If you are interested in hold a clothing drive at your company facility, contact Sue Millican at 203-925-7255 (sue_millican@iroquois.com) or Mandi Marcino at 203-944-0777 ext. 241 (mam@themcintyregroup.com).

Caring Circle

Caring Circle is a group of volunteers who knit blankets and warm winter apparel for the clients of The Umbrella battered women's shelter. With corporate donations from valley companies for yarn, volunteer knitters – many of whom are local senior citizens – create beautiful warm hand-made items distributed by local police to the women and children they assist in domestic violence cases. For information to on how to donate yarn or become a volunteer knitter, contact Antonietta Hallet at 203-402-1405 (antonietta.hallet@prudential.com).

Notions Collection

Do some of your employees travel for business? If so, you might consider setting up a notions collections in your company. Shampoos, toothpaste, creams and other complementary notions provided by hotels to their guests are welcomed items at the Valley YMCA men's shelter in Ansonia. Many CVC companies set up Notions collection boxes in a central area in their facility and encourage their business travelers to bring these items back for donation. Toothpaste and cream samples from dentist and doctors offices are also welcomed items. For more information, contact Antonietta Hallet at 203-402-1405 (antonietta.hallet@prudential.com).

Cell Phone Collection

Did you recently upgrade your cell phone and now don't know what to do with your old one? Why not donate it someone in need. The CVC collects old cell phones for the Umbrella's victims of domestic violence. Even without a calling plan, the cell phone can be used to reach 911 in the event of an emergency – providing a valuable tool for someone in crisis. Contact Walter Binck at 203-922-1199 ext. 250 (wbinck@hamworthy-peadbody.com) or Carol Pendagast at 203-926-0001 (carolp@fwserra.com).

Computer Refurbishing

Companies that find themselves with unneeded computers and peripherals in good working condition are encouraged to donate them to the CVC. Equipment is refurbished and donated to Valley United Way agencies. For more information on CVC's computer refurbishment program or to donate equipment, contact Alan Tolmich at 203-929-9746 or (atolmich@sbcglobal.net).