

Valley United Way

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Valley United Way June 2008

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.

13th ANNUAL CVC WEEK OF CARING June 14 – 21, 2008

United Way National Day of Action, June 21 2008

Two Projects

Corporate Volunteer Council will hold its **Week of Caring** from **June 14 to 21, 2008** to coincide with United Way of America's National Day of Action on Saturday, June 21. This year, we will be completing two projects during the Week of Caring. We will be doing landscaping and building a children's play area on the grounds of the new Spooner House, recently opened in Shelton. We will also be painting the interior of the David Humphreys House in Ansonia, headquarters of the Derby Historical Society.



*The New Spooner House
at 30 Todd Road, Shelton*

The new **Spooner House** is a three-story, 15,000 square foot facility that provides a 36-bed emergency shelter for those in need of temporary housing. It also houses storage and distribution areas for the Valley Food Bank run by Area Congregations Together. The new facility opens in June. To welcome Spooner House and Area Congregations Together to their new location, CVC volunteers will make the outside grassy area behind the new building into an inviting space for Spooner House families to enjoy. Projects will include planting trees and shrubs; installing a picnic table, benches and a children's play area; and painting a mural on a retaining wall that surrounds the outdoor space.



*The David Humphreys House
at 37 Elm Street, Ansonia*

Volunteers will also be sprucing up the **Derby Historical Society's David Humphreys House** by painting its interior walls. The house is the birthplace of the Revolutionary War officer and friend of George Washington who later became our nation's first ambassador. It serves as the headquarters to the Derby Historical Society, as well as home of the *Day in 1762 Program*, an interactive, role-playing program that allows school children to experience life as David Humphreys would have when he was their age. Information about the David Humphreys House and the Derby Historical Society can be found on www.derbyhistorical.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 – 21: CVC Week of Caring Community Projects

CVC volunteers are needed to do landscaping, build a children's play area and paint a mural on the grounds of Spooner House in Shelton. We will also be doing interior painting at the Derby Historical Society's David Humphreys House. For more information and to register to volunteer, contact Pat Tarasovic at 926-9478 or patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.org.

June 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 Shelton. Companies holding drives this month:

- *Homewood Suites by Hilton*
- *Webster Bank*

Clothing Drives in June

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 in the month of June are:

- *Prudential Financial*
- *Naugatuck Savings Bank*
- *Hilton Garden Inn*
- *CAPS Business Recovery Services*
- *Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce*

Next Corporate Volunteer Council Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday, June 19, 2008 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, hosted by **Latex International** at 510 River Road, Shelton. All CVC representatives are invited to attend.

Many Ways to Help!

Would you like to be a part of the CVC's Week of Caring? Here's how you can help:

Volunteer We need volunteers to landscape, build and paint during the week of June 14 – 21. Those with artistic abilities are needed to help paint the mural. Bring your team, your family, or just yourself! To register and schedule volunteer hours, call 926-9478 or visit our website at www.valleyunitedway.org.

Donate We need building supplies, paint, and landscaping materials. We also will need beverages and snacks for volunteers. If you would like to donate supplies, please contact Patricia Tarasovic at 926-9478 or email her at patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.org.

Funding Week of Caring projects are funded by monetary contributions from Valley businesses and community members. **Can we count on your support?** Please make your tax deductible cash donation to Valley United Way, 3 Corporate Drive Suite 501, Shelton, CT 06484.

- 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
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- F.W. Serra, Inc.
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- Fred Ortol Photography
- GE International
- Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
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- Holiday Inn Express
- Homewood Suites
- Iroquois Gas
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- Latex International
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- Ned Miller Associates
- Newtown Savings Bank
- People's United Bank
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- Webster Bank
- William Raveis Real Estate



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COMPANY OF INTEREST:

A conversation with Tracy Hall , Project Leader



Tell us about CAPS Business Recovery Services.

CAPS provides comprehensive Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery solutions for alternate site services, business continuity planning, and web-based planning software. Serving domestic and international companies of all sizes, CAPS provides customized, flexible and scalable solutions for enterprise-wide recovery.

CAPS alternate sites are fully equipped for dedicated and shared work areas, communication and data center recovery. CAPS certified planners are experienced in all stages of the planning process for companies of all sizes and industries. CAPS web-based planning software is an integrated platform for plan development, business impact analysis (BIA), testing, distribution, recovery management, auditing and critical communications, including automatic notification.



Tracy Hall (2nd from right) and Monica Goldstein of CAPS at the CVC Back-To-School event. Tracy is a Master Business Continuity Professional. She has been a CVC rep since 1999 and served as CVC Co-Chair in 2004 and 2005. In addition to her CVC involvement, Tracy also volunteers her time to Junior Achievement.

At CAPS, our sole business is business continuity / disaster recovery - it's all we do - it's all we've ever done. We have 26 employees, 18 that are in Shelton.

How long has CAPS been involved with the CVC and why is membership important to your company?

CAPS has been a member since 1998. We believe it is important to give back to the community we are a part of.

Tell us about the CVC activities or programs that have been particularly meaningful to your employees.

We conduct a food drive and clothing drive annually. We also participate in the Thanksgiving food drive, the Back to School program, and the Week of Caring. The Thanksgiving food drive and Back to School projects seem to be the most successful for us. We have a number of people who are willing to take cash donations and do the shopping for those who don't have the time. By offering a variety of projects each year, we give employees a choice to contribute to those things that are most meaningful to them.

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

Upcoming CVC activities are showcased at our monthly staff meetings. Flyers hung in our lunch room and email support the effort of spreading the word. We also have information about our CVC participation on our company's website.

CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

<p>Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks <i>Team Lead:</i> Bonnie Sinclair 926-5407 Bsinclair@necinfrontia.com</p>	<p>Clothing Collection – Used clothes for the Umbrella Program & St. Vincent DePaul Helping Hands of the Valley <i>Team Leads:</i> Sue Millican 925-7255 Sue_Millican@iroquois.com Mandi Marcino 203-944-0777 ext. 241 mam@themcintyregroup.com</p>	<p>Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella <i>Team Leads:</i> Antonietta Hallet 402-1405 Antonietta.hallet@prudential.com Michelle Fabozzi 944-3385 michelle.fabozzi@corporate.ge.com</p>
<p>Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA <i>Team Lead:</i> Michelle Fabozzi 944-3385 michelle.fabozzi@corporate.ge.com</p>	<p>Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence <i>Team Lead:</i> Walter Binck 922-1199 ext. 250 Wbinck@hamworthy-peabody.com</p>	<p>Computer Collection –Refurbished equipment donated to charities <i>Team Lead:</i> Alan Tolmich 944-7300 ext. 149 Alan.tolmich@computershare.com</p>

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