

Valley 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.

Another First Day of School Made Brighter – Thanks to CVC Companies

One hundred and ninety-four Seymour school children started the first day of school in style, thanks to the generosity of employees from more than 40 corporations in the Valley. The **13th Annual Back-to-School Clothes for Kids Program** was held at Anna LoPresti School in Seymour on August 21. For the first time since the program's inception, the CVC provided back to school clothes and supplies to disadvantaged children in an entire town's school district -- serving students from LoPresti, Chatfield and Bungay Elementary Schools. Festivities included refreshments provided by David M. Grant Caterers, face painting done by Shelton High and Youth Leadership students, and a deejay and visit from the ice cream truck, both compliments of Pitney Bowes. The Wal*Mart Derby and Shelton stores donated all the decorations and balloons. Each store also provided \$1,000 worth of socks, underwear, sweatshirts and sweatpants to the nurse's closets of each school to distribute as needed. Additional companies contributing toward nurse's closet supplies are CDW-G, Fletcher Thompson and Pitney Bowes.



Many thanks to the companies that participated in this year's program: Altair Global Relocation, Aqua Salon, Barnum Financial Group, Basement Systems, Bishop Wicke, Bright Horizons, CAPS Business Recovery Services, CDW-G, Commerce Bank, Computershare, Crosby Commons, CT Waste Transfer, David M. Grant Caterers, DeDonato Building Contractors, Emhart Teknologies, F.W. Serra, Inc., Fletcher Thompson, Fred Ortolí Photography, GE International, and Hamworthy Peabody, Homewood Suites by Hilton, HSBC Bank, Iroquois Gas Transmission, Latex International, Market Data Retrieval, Microsol, Inc., Naugatuck Savings Bank, NEC Infrontia & NEC Unified Solutions, Newtown Savings Bank, Perkin Elmer, Pitney Bowes, Professional Travel Planners, Prudential Financial, Sikorsky, Starbucks, The Hartford, The McIntyre Group, United Illuminating, Wal*Mart Derby, Wal*Mart Shelton, Warner Financial Group and William Raveis Real Estate.

Special thanks to Fred Ortolí for the photography.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 -- 2008 Valley United Way Community Campaign Kick-off

Hosted by BIC Consumer Products USA at their headquarters at 1 BIC Way, Shelton. Festivities will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All CVC companies are welcome to this free event. Please register at www.valleyunitedway.org.

September 27 – “Cruzín’ on the Housy”

A Valley United Way fundraising event, held from 2 – 6 p.m. at 36 Birchbank Road, Shelton. Boat rides on the Housatonic River, Antique Car Show, 50's- & 60's-themed music, food, beer/wine, soft drinks, coffee. \$50 per person. Visit www.valleyunitedway.org for more info.

September 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 are:

- *The McIntyre Group*
- *Newtown Savings Bank*

Clothing Drives in September

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 are:

- *NEC Infrontia Inc. & NEC Unified Solutions*
- *Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce*
- *Prudential Financial*
- *Webster Bank*

September CVC Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday, September 18, 2008 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, hosted by the Valley United Way at 3 Corporate Drive, Suite 501, Shelton. All CVC representatives are invited to attend.

CVC Member Companies
 A-Plus Staffing
 Arson Productions
 Altair Global Relocation
 Barnum Financial Group
 Basement Systems
 Better Packages
 BIC Corporation
 Bright Horizons
 CAPS Business Recovery
 Cara Therapeutics
 CDW-G
 Citi Bank
 Comcast
 Commerce Bank
 Computershare
 David M. Grant Caterers
 DeDonato Building
 Emhart Teknologies
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car
 F.W. Serra, Inc.
 Fletcher Thompson
 Fred Ortolí 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
 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
 The Greenwich Workshop
 The Hartford
 The McIntyre Group
 United Illuminating
 Wachovia
 WalMart
 Warner Insurance & Financial
 Webster Bank
 William Raveis Real Estate



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COMPANY OF INTEREST:

A Conversation with Maria DeMaio, Sr, Accounting/Finance Administrator



Tell us about your company.

Fletcher Thompson, Inc., with offices in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Florida, is one of the Northeast's leading full service planning, design and consulting firms offering comprehensive architectural, engineering, interior design, construction support and building-oriented services. The firm's full-service practice specializes in "Designing Value" in five market-focused areas: Education, College and University, Business and Industry, Government, and Healthcare. The firm has a staff of 60 employees located in the Shelton office at 3 Corporate Drive.

Tell us about Fletcher Thompson's commitment to the community.

Throughout the history of Fletcher Thompson, the firm has been a major supporter of our local community and many non profit humanitarian agencies that are prevalent in our society. The management of Fletcher Thompson has fully endorsed community involvement in its Strategic Planning and is developing an action plan to expand our involvement to all its offices. We participate in both internal and external heart felt events and situations. The satisfaction and pride that come from helping others are important to the management and employees of the firm. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off, too. Volunteerism is also a great way for employees to have fun and feel closer.

Fletcher Thompson has been involved with the CVC for 5 years.

What are some of the CVC programs that your employees support?

The Back-to-School Clothes for Kids is one of the programs we participate in. This year for the first time we decided to hang a clothesline in our coffee room which proved to be very effective. We made pictures of all the items that were needed and put the child's name and size on each; then hung all of them on the clothesline with clothespins. Our employees picked items from the line and purchased them. In the end any leftover items were purchased with company funds.

We also do another program called *Holiday Projects -- Helping Families in Need*. Every Christmas we adopt a few families and buy them what they have on their list.

I use our company email to communicate all CVC activities and we always have a great response from our employees.



Maria DeMaio (left) with co-worker Denise McMahon and a student their company sponsored for the Back-To-School program. Maria has been with Fletcher Thompson for 15 years and is an active volunteer for both the United Way and Junior Achievement.

CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks

Team Lead:
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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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Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella

Team Leads:
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Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA

Team Lead:
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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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