

## 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.*

## CVC Annual Meeting Set For April 2nd

Mark your calendars for the Corporate Volunteer Council's **First Annual Meeting** to be held Thursday evening, April 2, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Center Stage Theatre on Center Street in Shelton. The event will showcase to corporate members, partner agencies, and other community members the positive impact that the CVC makes in the community. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of **Community Impact Awards** in appreciation to CVC members for their caring support to our community.



Meeting attendees will enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres provided by David M. Grant Caterers and be treated to a theatre production by Francesca and Gary Scarpa, owners of Center Stage Theatre. All CVC representatives are invited to attend and encouraged to bring as guests key people from their companies who have been involved in and supportive of CVC efforts. There is no charge to attend, however, since space is limited at Center Stage Theater, *please confirm your intended number of guests with Pat Tarasovic before extending invitations.*

## New CVC Co-Chairs Elected for 2009

Members attending the February CVC meeting unanimously elected **Antonietta Hallet** and re-elected **Dotty Cacchillo** to lead the council as Co-Chairs for the 2009 year.

Antonietta manages the licensing department at Prudential Financial, where she has worked for 12 years. She is a founding member of the CVC, having joined the council at its inception. For the last six years, Antonietta has been Team Lead for The Caring Circle, which provides hand-knitted blankets to clients of The Umbrella's domestic violence program. Antonietta also volunteers with the Valley Chamber of Commerce and is on the planning committee for the Chamber's Valley Leadership program. Plus, she lends her time to the March of Dimes, Shubert Stars, Spooner House homeless shelter, and The Umbrella women's shelter. "I began volunteering with Griffin Hospital at the age of 13. I love to volunteer and to help others, and it gives me personal satisfaction to give back to the community."



*Antonietta Hallet*

Dotty begins her second year serving as CVC Co-Chair. She is Personnel Manager for Walmart in Derby, where she has worked for six years. Since that time, Dotty has been an active member of the CVC and instrumental in directing a number of Walmart community grants to support CVC activities. "Being involved in our community is a critical piece of Walmart's culture", she says. "Walmart believes in operating globally and giving back locally." Dotty is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to serve as CVC Co-Chair.



*Dotty Cacchillo*

## Upcoming Events

### March 21, 2009: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men Who Cook Fundraiser

More than 50 Valley men will volunteer their culinary skills to benefit TEAM, Inc. Dinner, dancing, silent auction, wine & beer. Warsaw Park, Pulaski Highway, Ansonia, 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Ticket Donation: \$50.00. Call 736-5420 for ticket information.

### March Food Pantry Drives

The CVC has established a year-round collection schedule to ensure a steady supply of food to the needy. Each month, local businesses conduct food drives on their premises to benefit **Area Congregations Together Food Pantry** and **Father McKenna St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Companies holding drives this month are:

- *Ned Miller Associates*
- *Holiday Inn Express*
- *F.W. Serra, Inc.*
- *Webster Bank*

### Clothing Drives in March

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. Clothes are also donated to **Helping Hands** thrift shop that supports Father McKenna St. Vincent De Paul Society. Conducting drives this month:

- *Pitney Bowes*
- *Prudential Financial*
- *Hilton Garden Inn*
- *NEC*

### March CVC Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday, March 19, 2009 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, hosted by **Griffin Hospital** in Derby. All CVC members are invited to attend.

## Volunteer Opportunity Corner

*Here are some of the many volunteer opportunities in our community:*

- Volunteer Tax Preparers needed to help persons with low to limited income, persons with disabilities, non-English speaking filers and senior citizens. Call Diane Stroman of TEAM, Inc. at 736-5420.
- Team leaders, walkers and event day volunteers (for set-up, clean-up, registration, etc.) needed for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Strides Walk-A-Thon, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 1:30 PM at Osbornedale State Park, Derby. Contact Cassandra Davis at 800-841-2828.
- Web Master for environmental and energy art association. Must know all the latest programs for maintaining a web site and have the ability to create an online art gallery. Contact Jack Lardis, 729-0800.

*To search for other community volunteer opportunities, visit Volunteer Solutions at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwvalley/volunteer>.*

- 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
- Computershare
- David M. Grant Caterers
- DeDonato Building
- Emhart Technologies
- 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 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.
- Regional Water Authority
- 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



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**COMPANY OF INTEREST:**

**A conversation with Bill Bubbico, VP Business Transformation**

**Tell us about Pitney Bowes.**

Pitney Bowes, the mailstream technology company, is a global provider of hardware, software and services that help our customers manage the flow of information, mail, documents and packages. For the calendar year 2008, Pitney Bowes generated \$6.3 billion in revenue. We have 35,000 employees in 130 countries, with approximately 2,000 located in our two Shelton buildings on Waterview Drive.

**How long has Pitney Bowes been involved with the CVC and why is it important?**

We are a long-time supporter of the United Way and have been involved with the CVC for more than ten years.

Pitney Bowes is dedicated to giving back to the communities where we do business. Each year, we donate close to \$5 billion to worthy causes through grants and matching gifts. We encourage employee involvement, and our employees donate thousands of hours in support of literacy programs as well as other community efforts. Giving at the local level is managed by employee committees that work together to determine the best community uses for our charitable funds. In Shelton, we have a group of employee volunteers who drive community outreach efforts, including CVC programs and activities.

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

Each spring, we conduct a month-long "cash-for-food" food drive for ACT/Spooner House food bank. Utilizing our company match program to enhance employee donations and taking advantage of "buy one, get one free" and other discount savings programs, we are able to donate much more food than a traditional food drive would generate. Last year, we provided more than \$17,000 worth of food to the ACT food bank. Our employees are also very involved in the Back-to-School Clothes for Kids program. In 2008, Pitney Bowes provided clothes and school supplies to 42 Seymour School children – the largest contribution from any CVC company. We also provided funding for Nurse's Closet supplies to the other Valley school districts.

Over the holidays, our employees provided gifts and food to four needy families, fulfilled wish lists for the Ansonia YMCA's Angel Tree and contributed toys to TEAM Inc's Toys For Tots program. Pitney Bowes has also made grants to fund a number of VUW initiatives including CVC's Annual Week of Caring projects and the Youth Leadership Council retreat at Camp Jewell, an annual event designed to help develop today's teens into tomorrow's business and community leaders.



*Bill Bubbico helps build Harvest House II. Bill provides strong leadership to the CVC and served as its Co-Chair from 2006 to 2008. He is also an advisor to the VUW's Youth Leadership Council, and active with the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament sponsored annually by Pitney Bowes. Bill has been with Pitney Bowes for 32 years.*

**CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:**

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

*Team Lead:*  
Bonnie Sinclair 926-5407  
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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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Antonieta.hallet@prudential.com

**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**

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