

## Valley United Way

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# 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.

## Week of Caring: Harvest House III

Harvest House III will be built at Shelton's Downtown Riverwalk on Saturday, September 26. Like previous Harvest Houses, it will be a 400 square foot house built with donated food to raise awareness of the large amount of hungry in our Valley and support the Valley agencies that strive to feed them. For more information, please visit the VUW website at [www.valleyunitedway.org/VAC/weekofcaring/2009/news.htm](http://www.valleyunitedway.org/VAC/weekofcaring/2009/news.htm)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest House III – Shelton Riverwalk  
September 24 & 25: Tent and walls built.  
September 26: Food donations received between 9 am – 6 pm. Volunteers will build Harvest House. Echo Hose Ambulance Community Picnic and Concert by Highland Rovers from 2 pm – 6 pm.  
September 27: Community viewing  
September 28: Food distributed to agencies.

### 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:

- Prudential
- Ned Miller Associates
- Webster Bank
- Microsol, Inc.
- The McIntyre Group
- NEC Infrontia & NEC Unified Solutions

**September CVC Meeting** – Hosted by the Valley United Way on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Three Corporate Dr., Suite 501. All CVC members are invited to attend.

### Our Goal:

We want 100% of our CVC companies to participate in Harvest House. There are 3 ways your company can help:

- 1. Run a Food Drive** -- Some companies collect food directly from employees. Others solicit cash donations or raise funds by selling paper Harvest House soup cans, then organize shopping committees to purchase food in bulk. If your business sees a lot of customer traffic (for instance, banks or hotels), you might solicit your customers or guests for donations. A tool kit of resources is available on the VUW website to help you plan a food drive at [www.valleyunitedway.org/VAC/weekofcaring/2009/news.htm](http://www.valleyunitedway.org/VAC/weekofcaring/2009/news.htm).
- 2. Buy A Corporate Sponsor Banner** -- A full color 3' x 18" vinyl "Corporate Sponsor" banner with your company's name and logo will be displayed along Harvest House's "Path of Promise" in exchange for a corporate donation of \$200 or more. Donations will help cover the cost of producing Harvest House, including tent rental, t-shirts, and other expenses. In order to ensure that your banner is printed timely, please email a high resolution .pdf or .eps file of your company name and logo to [karen.crane2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karen.crane2@sbcglobal.net) no later than Friday, September 11.
- 3. Provide Volunteers** -- Volunteers are needed to help unload, sort, and stack food on the walls of Harvest House on Saturday, September 26. Volunteers are also needed to serve food and beer at Echo Hose Ambulance Community Picnic and Concert by the Highland Rovers, which will take place from 2 - 6 PM on the same day as Harvest House. Proceeds raised from beer sales will be used to purchase additional food for Harvest House. In addition, a small number of volunteers will be needed on Sunday, September 27 to monitor public viewing and accept "walk-in" food donations from the community. Please solicit volunteers and submit their names on the Volunteer sign-up sheet (in the HH3 tool kit) to Lynn Kieley at [lkieley@nsbonline.com](mailto:lkieley@nsbonline.com).

It's no secret that times are tough, and many people in our community are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. Please help us help them by supporting Harvest House III with your generous donations of food, sponsorship, and time. Together, we **LIVE UNITED**.

The following companies have already pledged corporate donations and will have Corporate Sponsor Banners displayed at Harvest House:

## Pitney Bowes Foundation

Marquis Supporter



**CVC Member Companies**  
 Arson Productions  
 Altair Global Relocation  
 Barnum Financial Group  
 Basement Systems  
 Better Packages  
 BIC Corporation  
 CDW-G  
 Calvert Safe & Lock  
 Citi Bank  
 Comcast  
 Computershare  
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 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 Infrontia & NEC  
 Unified Solutions  
 Naugatuck Savings Bank  
 Ned Miller Associates  
 NewAlliance Bank  
 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



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## Derby School Children Go Back to School in Style!



212 Derby school children received Back-to-School clothes and supplies from 42 CVC companies and their employees. The clothes were distributed at a Back-to-School party held at Irving School on August 27. Guests included Derby Mayor Anthony Staffieri, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Tracy, Principals Fran Gallo and Linda Coppola as well as VUW representatives Mike Marcinek, Jack Walsh and Pat Tarasovic.

Everyone enjoyed cookies and lemonade from Dave Grant Caterers and ice cream by Pitney Bowes. Fran Scarpa and students from Center Stage in Shelton entertained the audience with Broadway show tunes. To see a video and photographs from the party, go to [www.valleyunitedway.org](http://www.valleyunitedway.org).

*Ready to go! CVC representatives await the arrival of students for this year's Back-To-School party.*

**A heartfelt thanks to all the employees who contributed from the following companies:** Altair Global Relocation, Barnum Financial Group, Basement Systems, BIC Corporation, Calvert Safe & Lock, CDW-G, Computershare, Crosby Commons, David M. Grant Caterers, DeDonato Building Contractors, DHD Windows and Doors, Emhart Teknologies, F.W. Serra, Fletcher Thompson, GE, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Griffin Hospital, Hamworthy Peabody Combustion, Health Net, Homewood Suites by Hilton, HSBC Bank, Iroquois Gas Transmission, Joy Baldrige, Latex International, Market Data Retrieval, Marks of Design, Microsol, Inc., Naugatuck Savings Bank, Ned Miller Associates, Newtown Savings Bank, People's United Bank, PerkinElmer, Pitney Bowes, Professional Travel, Prudential, Riverview Funeral Home, Sikorsky, TD Bank, The McIntyre Group, United Illuminating, WalMart Derby, and William Raveis Real Estate.



### CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

**Cell Phone Collection** – Used phones for victims of domestic violence  
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**Notions Collection** – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA  
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**Food Pantry** – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks  
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**Computer Collection** – Refurbished equipment donated to charities  
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