

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.

Valley Companies Show True Meaning of Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of Valley businesses and their employees, many Valley families had gifts under the tree for Christmas. This year the Valley United Way received more than 70 requests from families needing assistance this holiday season – the most we've ever received.

We are happy to say that through the CVC's **Holiday Family Adoption Program**, all of these requests were fulfilled by Christmas Eve. The response from Valley businesses was overwhelming and far exceeded our expectations. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, hundreds of gifts and holiday food were delivered to the Valley United Way office for distribution and we are so grateful to everyone who participated.

"Playing Santa" to their less fortunate neighbors include employees and community families:

- Andrea Adimando family
- Ansonia High School Interact Club
- Basement Systems
- Better Packages
- Electri Cable Assemblies
- Emhart Teknologies
- Freedom Disability
- Gexpro
- Hamworthy Peabody Combustion
- Health Net
- Homewood Suites by Hilton
- HSBC Bank
- Iroquois Gas Transmission
- Latex International
- Market Data Retrieval
- Mom's Club of Shelton
- People's United Bank
- PerkinElmer
- Pitney Bowes
- Prudential
- Prudential Relocation
- Riverview Funeral Home
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- Sikorsky Aircraft Teamsters
- Walmart/Derby
- Walmart/Shelton



Valley companies fulfill Christmas wish lists
Counter-clockwise from left: Gexpro employees display holiday gifts purchased for Valley families; Parent Child Resource Center receives gifts from Prudential; Sikorsky Finance presents Pat Tarasovic with a check for \$2,400 for holiday purchases; Bob Van Egghen of PerkinElmer collects winter coats for the Salvation Army. See page 2 for more photos.



Finally, the Finance Department of Sikorsky raised \$2,400 in cash donations that went a long way toward making the holidays brighter for many disadvantaged Valley residents.

Many thanks to everyone who came together in the **LIVE UNITED** spirit to make a difference this holiday season.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 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 for the Area Congregations Together Food Pantry. ACT also runs Spooner House, a homeless shelter in Shelton. Companies holding drives this month are:

- HSBC Bank
- Hamworthy Peabody Combustion

Clothing Drives in January

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:

- Minuteman Press

January CVC Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., hosted by GE at Two Corporate Drive, Shelton. All CVC members are invited to attend.

Donate Corporate Sponsorship Tickets to www.SoupBowlTickets.com

Does your company receive tickets to sporting or cultural events in exchange for corporate sponsorships? Or maybe your employees have unused tickets to amusement parks, ski resorts, or other attractions? Consider donating them to www.SoupBowlTickets.com to benefit Valley food banks. The website accepts ticket donations for resale, with 100% of the proceeds used for food purchases for Valley needy. Visit www.SoupBowlTickets.com for more information about how your employees can donate and purchase tickets to area shows and attractions – and feed the hungry at the same time!

- Arson Productions
- Altair Global Relocation
- Baldrige Seminars Int'l
- Barnum Financial Group
- Basement Systems
- Better Packages
- BIC Corporation
- CDW-G
- CG Automation Systems USA
- Calvert Safe & Lock
- Citi Bank
- Comcast
- Computershare
- DRS Consultants, Inc.
- David M. Grant Caterers
- DeDonato Building
- Emhart Teknologies
- Energizer
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- F.W. Serra, Inc.
- Fletcher Thompson
- Fred Ortoli Photography
- Freedom Disability
- GE International
- GVCC
- 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, LLC
- Minuteman Press Center
- NEC
- Naugatuck Savings Bank
- Ned Miller Associates
- Newtown Savings Bank
- People's United Bank
- PerkinElmer
- Pitney Bowes
- Professional Travel
- Prudential Financial, Inc.
- Regional Water Authority
- Riverview Funeral Home
- SSC, Inc.
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- T.D. Bank
- The Greenwich Workshop
- The Hartford
- The McIntyre Group
- United Illuminating
- Wachovia
- WalMart
- Webster Bank
- William Raveis Real Estate

More Holiday Cheer from CVC Members



Top right: Freedom Disability employees collect toys and gifts for *Toys for Tots*.
Second row: Employees from Wal Mart Shelton (left), Latex International (center), and Prudential Relocation drop off donated gifts to Valley United Way office.
Bottom row: Pitney Bowes (left) and Better Packages (center) display gifts from their employees; and Safe Home representatives receive gifts donated by **People's United Bank**.



CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence
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Clothing Collection – Used clothes for the Umbrella Program & St. Vincent DePaul Helping Hands of the Valley
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Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA
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Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella
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