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Celebrating A Dozen Years of Service to Our Community 1995 – 2007

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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 to Construct Harvest House II for 2007 Week of Caring

The Corporate Volunteer Council has selected **HARVEST HOUSE II** for the 2007 Week of Caring Project, scheduled to take place September 17–22. This year's project is an encore to Harvest House I, a 400 square foot structure built along Shelton's Riverwalk during the CVC's 2005 Week of Caring. It was constructed by more than one hundred volunteers from an estimated 100,000 canned goods and non-perishable food items as a way to raise awareness of the large number of hungry in our community and to encourage food donations to the Valley United Way agencies that strive to feed them.

Harvest House II will be built outside of the Valley United Way's office in Tower Three on Corporate Drive in Shelton – a special thanks to Bob Scinto for hosting the structure within his office complex. The original walls of Harvest House I, designed and built by the architectural staff of Fletcher Thompson, will be reused for Harvest House II, which will provide the structural support for what is hoped to be a bountiful collection of cans and boxes of food from CVC companies and others in the Valley community. Food collection and the construction on Harvest House II will continue throughout the entire Week of Caring, culminating on Saturday, September 22, when the food is presented to the following Valley agencies: Area Congregations Together and Spooner House, Father McKenna St. Vincent DePaul Society, The YMCA, The Umbrella, The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Valley Chapter, and the Parent-Child Resource Center.



Some of the many builders of Harvest House I from the 2005 Week of Caring.

John Trovarelli, Area Congregations Together Case Worker was thrilled to learn about Harvest House II. "This is exciting," he said. "Around the end of the summer, the food pantry becomes empty. Harvest House is a tremendous extra source. This is great. We are very happy about it."

Sandi Baillie, Director of Father McKenna St. Vincent DePaul Society agrees. "I am very happy to hear this news. The need continues to increase each year. When we received food from Harvest House I, we were able to service people we would not have been able to. Our food bank was so low; we were turning many people away. This is wonderful."

The CVC is once again looking to the Valley community to donate food and help build Harvest House II during the 2007 Week of Caring. Please contact Valley United Way Volunteer Action Center Director Patricia Tarasovic at (203) 926-9478 or email patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.org to learn how you and your company, organization, civic group or family can become part of the Harvest House II "Building Crew" and make a difference for those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 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, businesses conduct food drives to benefit **Area Congregations Together** who distribute the food to the needy. Conducting food drives in July are:

- CAPS Business Recovery Services
- OCI Chemical Corp.
- ComputerShare

Clothing Drives in the Month of July

CVC companies conduct clothing drives throughout the year. Clothes are donated to **My Sister's Place** thrift shop which sells them to benefit **The Umbrella** Domestic Violence Program. Conducting drives in July are:

- Intuit Eclipse
- NEC Infrontia, Inc.
- Prudential Financial

NEXT CVC MEETING

Thursday July 19, 2007 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. hosted by Computershare located at 2 Enterprise Drive, Shelton.

All CVC Representatives are invited to participate.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

August 22, 2007: Clothing boxes delivered to Lafayette School at noon.

August 23, 2007: Distribution Party at Lafayette School 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Student Profile sheets listing items, sizes and color preferences are now available to anyone interested in "adopting" one or more disadvantaged children for the Back to School Clothes for Kids Program. For more information about the program or to adopt one or more children, contact Carol Anzidei at 203-926-9478 or carol.anzidei@valleyunitedway.org.

You're Invited...

To a Wine and Cheese Reception on Wednesday, July 11th at 4:30 p.m. to commemorate the Valley United Way's 1st Anniversary in its new offices at 3 Corporate Drive, Shelton. Please R.S.V.P. to 926-9478 or laurel.vicidomino@valleyunitedway.org.

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COMPANY OF INTEREST: *Emhart Teknologies*

A conversation with Jasmine McIntyre, Human Resource Specialist



What does Emhart Teknologies do and how many people do you employ in the Valley?

Headquartered in New Haven CT, Emhart Teknologies is a global leader in the design and creation of unique assembly technologies, from concept through installation. Emhart's technology-based assembly products and systems are designed to deliver innovative, integrated system solutions to virtually any manufacturing challenge anywhere in the world. From automotive to construction, computers to appliances, Emhart products and systems are distributed and sold in more than 100 countries.

A Black & Decker Company, Emhart has 3,000 employees in 24 facilities worldwide. We employ 115 employees in Shelton, seven of which serve as our Employee Volunteer Council.

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

Emhart Teknologies has been involved in the CVC since its inception. Being part of the CVC is very important to our company because we have been operating in the Valley for over 50 years and we know how great the need in this area is. The employees enjoy the volunteer activities and the company supports them 100%.

Tell us about a recent community event or program conducted by Emhart.

Every year the Employee Volunteer Council makes 250 Easter baskets which are delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients. Some of these elderly and homebound people have no visitors besides their Meals on Wheels representative; when they receive the Easter Basket from the Emhart employees they are delighted to know that someone is thinking of them. The thank you letters received from the Easter basket recipients tell us how valuable the program is.

The Employee Volunteer Council raised the money to make the baskets by having an Easter Raffle. Employees bought tickets for a chance to win one of 7 Easter baskets, including one that contained a Portable Navigation System. This year we raised over \$1,000 during the raffle.

As a CVC representative, how do you communicate CVC activities and drive volunteerism in your company?

When special CVC activities come up, an email is sent to all Shelton employees from the Employee Volunteer Council. We also have bulletin boards where we can post advertisements for the different CVC drives and activities.



Jasmine McIntyre of Emhart Teknologies during last year's Week of Caring. Jasmine has been a CVC representative for a year and a half, and currently serves as Co-Chair for the Food Pantry sub-committee.

CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES

The following CVC sub-committees manage ongoing collections throughout the year. For information on how you can support these efforts, contact the individual sub-committee Team Leads listed below.

Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks

Team Leads:

Bonnie Sinclair 926-5407
 Bsinclair@necinfrontia.com

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 Jasmine.mcintyre@bdk.com

Cell Phone Collection – For victims of domestic violence

Team Lead:

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Clothing Collection – Used clothes to benefit the Umbrella Program

Team Leads:

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 Sue_Millican@iroquois.com

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Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA

Team Lead:

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 mferrara@ocichemical.com

Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella

Team Leads:

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Computer Collection – Refurbished equipment donated to charities

Team Lead:

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