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Celebrating *A Dozen Years of Service to Our Community 1995 – 2007* Valley United Way December 2007

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.

Prudential & CAPS Recovery Provide Thanksgiving Meals



Prudential Financial employees donate food (above) and display the boxes of holiday meals (below) that they gave to needy families.



When thirty-two Valley families said grace this year during their Thanksgiving dinners, it was to Prudential Financial that they gave thanks. That's because it was Prudential employees who provided the turkeys and all the fixings on their holiday tables. Each year Prudential employees run a company-wide food drive for Thanksgiving, soliciting food and cash donations to help the needy. In addition to 32 boxes of food and 26 turkeys, employees donated 5 boxes of baby items, \$150 in grocery gift cards and \$75 in checks. Donations were distributed to families and individuals through the Spooner House Homeless Shelter, St. Vincent De Paul Helping Hands, and the YMCA.

CAPS Recovery employees also conducted a holiday food drive that provided Thanksgiving turkeys and food to five area families identified through the Parent Child Resource Center.

The CVC is grateful to the employees of Prudential Financial and CAPS Recovery for their generosity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 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, 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 Derby. Companies holding drives this month:

- *GE International*

Clothing Drives in December

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:

- *Iroquois Gas Transmission*
- *Wachovia Bank*
- *Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce*
- *Warner Financial*
- *NEC Infrontia, Inc.*
- *Prudential Financial*

Next Corporate Volunteer Council Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday, December 20, 2007 8:30 – 9:30 AM**, hosted by Pitney Bowes at 27 Waterview Drive, Shelton. All CVC representatives are invited to attend.

TEAM Inc. Toys For Tots Needs Donations & Volunteers

Team Inc. is appealing to Valley businesses and residents to donate new, unwrapped toys for its **2007 Valley Toys for Tots Program**. With toy and cash donations from the community, Team Inc has provided toys to needy children in the Valley for the last 20 years. Last year, the program provided 7,764 new toys to 1,294 children – thanks in part to many CVC companies and their employees.

From Thanksgiving week through December 14th, Team Inc. will collect new, unwrapped toys at numerous Drop Collection Sites throughout the Valley, including those set up at the following CVC organizations: Webster Bank and Naugatuck Savings Bank branches, Bright Horizons Day Care Center, F.W. Serra, and the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce. Special pick-ups can also be arranged by companies who wish to run toy drives at their facilities. The toys are then transported to 497 E. Main Street in Ansonia, where volunteers sort and classify toys by price, age and gender, and set up a toy store. The toy store is open from December 18th to December 20th to parents who register with Team Inc. and meet the program's income guidelines. Parents are given "Toy Bucks" that they can use to purchase up to 5 holiday toys for each of their children.

Toy Donations Requested

If your company is interested in running a toy drive at your facility or making a cash donation toward the purchase of new toys for the program, please contact Diane Stroman at Team Inc. at 203-736-5420. Toys are needed for boys and girls ages 0 to 12 and should be newly purchased, unopened and unwrapped. Particularly needed are gifts for older children (ages 10- 12) including hand-held electronic games, pocketbooks, watches, skateboards, blow dryers and curling irons, snow boards and snow tubes, sporting equipment, and portable CD players. Gift cards to local malls, retail chains, video stores and movie theatres are also great for kids of all ages.

Volunteers Needed: A Great Team-Building Opportunity!

Team Inc. is also seeking volunteers to help take program applications, transport and sort toys, set up the toy store and help out during store operation dates. Volunteer opportunities begin mid-November and extend through December 20th. This might be a great way to get your department or work group into the holiday spirits! If you or your team is interested in volunteering, contact Sheila Peterson of Team, Inc. at 203-736-5420 ext. 1202 or e-mail her at speterson@teaminc.org.



CVC member Hasler, Inc. donated 115 bicycles and helmets to Team Inc.'s Toys for Tots program last year and expects to exceed that number in donations this year. Helmets Off to Hasler!!

- A-Plus Staffing
- Arson Productions
- Altair Global Relocation
- Barnum Financial Group
- Basement Systems
- Bright Horizons
- CAPS Business Recovery
- Cara Therapeutics
- CDW-G
- Comcast
- Computershare
- David M. Grant Caterers
- DeDonato Building
- Emhart Teknologies
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- F.W. Serra, Inc.
- Fletcher Thompson
- Fred Ortolini Photography
- GE International
- Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
- HSBC Bank, USA
- Hamworthy Peabody
- Hasler, Inc.
- Health Net
- Holiday Inn Express
- Homewood Suites
- Iroquois Gas
- Kerite Company
- Latex Foam
- Life Touch Studios
- Market Data Retrieval
- Marks of Design
- Microsol, Inc.
- NEC
- Naugatuck Savings Bank
- Ned Miller Associates
- People's United Bank
- PerkinElmer
- Pitney Bowes
- Professional Travel
- Prudential Financial, Inc.
- SSC, Inc.
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- The Greenwich Workshop
- The Hartford
- The McIntyre Group
- United Illuminating
- Wachovia
- WalMart
- Warner Insurance & Financial
- Webster Bank



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COMPANY OF INTEREST: The McIntyre Group

A conversation with Mandi Marcino, Staffing Manager

What does The McIntyre Group do and how many employees do you have?

The McIntyre Group is a staffing and recruiting firm with offices in Shelton and Norwalk, CT. We have been located in Fairfield County for over 21 years and offer permanent, temporary and temp-to-hire placement services. McIntyre employs approximately 250 temporary associates each week at various area corporations, as well as partnering on numerous permanent placements on a weekly basis. Our company's internal staff is made up of 50 - 55 very energetic, caring employees in our two offices. Our focus is to build strong, long-term relationships with our clients and candidates and to assist them in organizational and personal growth.

Why is The McIntyre Group a part of the Corporate Volunteer Council?

Reaching out to assist the community is an important part of what we do at McIntyre. Our organization is uniquely suited to consider volunteerism as an extension of our business. Assisting people in finding jobs and fulfilling their career goals is very rewarding. Everyone at McIntyre enjoys building on that feeling through volunteer programs that enable us to contribute in other positive ways, to make a difference in people's lives, and to show others how much we care about the people in our area. I always receive wonderful support and full participation from our employees regarding CVC-related activities.

Tell us about a CVC-related activity that has been successful at your company.

McIntyre's President decided to hold a team-building competition for employees at this year's summer company picnic that would also involve a charity. Everyone was divided into teams and competed against the clock to put together new children's bikes. The bikes were then donated to the HEADSTART program in Ansonia. It was a very successful and fun event! Not only was everyone motivated to work together at the picnic (the winning team members were awarded extra vacation days) but the cause was fantastic and everyone was so happy to know that needy children were going to receive beautiful new bicycles.



McIntyre employees build new bikes for needy kids during company picnic

As a CVC representative, how do you promote volunteerism for community efforts amongst your employees?

With offices in both Shelton and Norwalk, we find it is easiest to communicate electronically. We use flyers that we can send along to co-workers and others electronically. It is such an easy means to get something in front of someone when there may be some time constraints. The flyers that we are using have details about the events and allow for people to really understand what it is the CVC is doing and why. The CVC newsletter is another great way to showcase what the CVC is up to each month!

Mandi has worked for The McIntyre Group for six years and has represented them on the Corporate Volunteer Council for the last two years. She currently serves as a co-team lead for the Clothing Collection subcommittee.

CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks

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Clothing Collection – Used clothes for the Umbrella Program & St. Vincent DePaul Helping Hands of the Valley

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Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella

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

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Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence

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Computer Collection –Refurbished equipment donated to charities

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