

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.

Harvest House Reaps an Abundance of Food for the Valley

It came by the truckload, vanload, carload and armload. It came from companies, church groups, school clubs, and individual community citizens who read about it in the papers or heard it on the radio and wanted to be a part of the effort. And at the end of the day, it amounted to tens of thousands of boxes and cans of cereal, pasta, soup, tomato sauce, baby food, rice, juice, fruits, vegetables – including what may be the largest quantity of canned corn ever assembled in one spot!

What was it? It was the most successful Harvest House ever hosted by the Corporate Volunteer Council. With thirty-three CVC companies holding food drives and more than 200 volunteers, the walls of Harvest House were filled with food in no time. And once the walls were filled, additional food was collected in the nearby Farmer's Market building.

"It was a great partnership between CVC companies and the community," said Bill Bubbico from Pitney Bowes, the event's Marquee Sponsor. "As the need for food grows, it's amazing to see the community respond." Seeing the walls of Harvest House being filled with food on Saturday, September 26 was an amazing sight, and watching the eight Valley agencies remove the food on Monday to take to their food banks was inspiring and heartwarming.



"Today is the day that makes the difference," commented Jack Walsh, during the Distribution Ceremony on Monday, September 28. "Because today, this food goes to the agencies and people in our community who need it."

The food donated will be distributed to Valley needy by eight different charitable agencies: Area Congregations Together/Spooner House, Father McKenna St. Vincent DePaul Society, Valley YMCA, The Umbrella Program of Birmingham Group Health Services, The Salvation Army, Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, The Parent-Child Resource Center, and The Safe Home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 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:

- Citibank
- People's United Bank

Clothing Drives in October

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:

- Citibank
- Pitney Bowes
- Prudential
- The McIntyre Group
- TD Bank
- NEC Infrontia & NEC Unified Solutions

October CVC Meeting – Hosted by Homewood Suites by Hilton at 6905 Main St. in Stratford on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All CVC members are invited to attend.

The Valley United Way and Corporate Volunteer Council would like to thank the following companies for providing food and volunteers for Harvest House: HealthNet, People's United Bank, Hamworthy-Peabody, Ned Miller Associates, Pitney Bowes, HSBC, PerkinElmer, Iroquois Gas Transmission, BIC Corporation, Latex International, Fletcher Thompson, SSC Freedom Disability, GE, Basement Systems, NewAlliance Bank, David M. Grant Caterers, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Prudential, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Newtown Savings Bank, Altair Global Relocation, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Fred Ortoli Photography, Riverview Funeral Home, F.W. Serra, United Illuminating, TD Bank, Microsol, Professional Travel Planners, and William Raveis Real Estate.

We'd also like to thank the following companies who provided corporate funding to underwrite the cost of producing Harvest House: Pitney Bowes Foundation (Marquee Sponsor), Newtown Savings Bank (Gold Sponsor), BIC Corporation, Iroquois Gas Transmission, and the Valley Community Foundation (Silver Sponsors), Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan, NewAlliance Bank, Freedom Disability, SSC Inc, Pioneer Gas, Latex International, Basement Systems, People's United Bank, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Town Line Self Storage, Oxford Paint & Hardware, and Minuteman Press Center. Also thank you to Echo Hose Ambulance Service, who provided assistance with advertising and other costs, and donated the proceeds from beverage sales during their picnic and concert to Harvest House.

A special thanks to the following businesses who donated refreshments to our volunteers, Harvest decorations, and other services: David M. Grant Caterers, Coffee Connection, Pilgrim BBQ, Dunkin Donuts- Howe Ave, Tratoria Roma, Captain's Pizza, Jones Family Farm, Fred Ortoli Photography, UI, and RD Scinto.

Finally, Harvest House could not have happened without the time and effort devoted to the project by a very dedicated planning committee: Alan Tolmich, Bill Bubbico, Carol and Dave Pendagast, Dan Fitzgerald, Ed Pollack, Fred Ortoli, Gary Duhaime, Karen Crane, Lynn Kieley, Ryan Kaisoglus, Scott McKay, Sean Pratt, Cheryl Biros, Joe Laucella, Danielle Paolozzi, Bob Van Egghen, and Pat Tarasovic. Great job, Team!

For photos and videos of Harvest House, go to the Valley United Way website at www.valleyunitedway.org.

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COMPANY OF INTEREST:

A conversation with Harry Burlakoff, Owner, Minuteman Press Center of Shelton



Tell us about your business.

Minuteman Press Full Service Printing & Graphic Center offers design, printing, copying, bindery and related services to Shelton and greater Fairfield County customers. We have state of the art print and graphics technology with a "local touch". We can match any ink color you might need, and accept electronic files through our website or email. I am proud to provide a level of service to my customers that is second to none.

Minuteman Press Center of Shelton is located at 524 Howe Avenue, and is a part of the 900+ independently owned and operated Minuteman Press Centers across the U.S., Australia, Canada, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

As one of the CVC's newest members, how did you learn about the CVC and why did you decide to join?

I attended the CVC Networking Social held at Basement Systems this past July, and was very impressed with everything I heard. I saw how passionate the members of the council were about helping others, and I decided that joining the CVC would be a great opportunity for me to contribute to the local community. I had always been involved in community fundraising events in my past jobs. Now, as the owner of my own business, participating on the CVC is a way to continue my community involvement.

What has been your experience with the CVC so far?

My first experience with the CVC was helping with Harvest House. I designed and printed all the corporate sponsor banners that lined the entrance to Harvest House on the Riverwalk. I was also on-site to help the day of the build. It was a great experience and I was happy to be a part of such a tremendous community effort.

Harry Burlakoff is pictured at Harvest House with some of the seventeen corporate sponsor banners he produced. He brings to his business more than 20 years of printing knowledge and expertise. For information on the services Harry provides, visit his website at www.shelton.minutemanpress.com.



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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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