

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.

Prudential's 'Can'struction Food Drive Achieves 'Can'tastic Results!

Prudential's Annuities Law, Risk and Compliance departments combined a team-building exercise with a charitable effort to build some pretty 'can'tastic structures – and collected an impressive amount of food for local charities at the same time. Designed as a team building exercise in conjunction with the group's annual meeting, seven teams competed against one another to see who could build the most creative structures from donated cans and boxes of food.

It was an all-Shelton Annuities efforts to bring Shelton associates together to make a difference in the community.



The results? Some spectacular works of art that decorated Prudential's hallways for a short period of time, plus more than 3,000 food items collected for Connecticut Safe Homes and ACT/Spooner House Food Pantry. We call that a real "can do" effort!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20: Volunteer Center's Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Dinner

5:00 p.m. at John J. Sullivan's in Ansonia. To nominate a volunteer for recognition, please go to the VUW website www.valleyunitedway.org. Deadline: April 9.

April 27: Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

5:15 p.m. at The Inn at Villa Bianca in Seymour CT. RSVP to the Valley United Way at 203-926-9478.

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:

- *Altair Global Relocation*
- *Computershare*
- *Naugatuck Savings Bank*
- *Sikorsky Aircraft*
- *Freedom Disability*
- *Minuteman Press*
- *Market Data Retrieval*

Clothing Drives in April

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:

- *Ned Miller Associates*
- *Prudential*
- *SSC/Freedom Disability*
- *Newtown Savings Bank*
- *F. W. Serra*

Next CVC Meeting – April 15, 2010

PerkinElmer will host the next CVC meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. They are located at 710 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton. All CVC members are invited to attend.

“Volunteerism is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds.”

~ Former President Bill Clinton

CVC Member Companies
 Arson Productions
 Altair Global Relocation
 Baldrige Seminars Int'l
 Barnum Financial Group
 Basement Systems
 Better Packages
 BIC Corporation
 CDW-G
 CG Automation Systems USA
 Cablevision
 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 Ortolí Photography
 Freedom Disability
 GE International
 GVCC
 HSBC Bank, USA
 Hamworthy Peabody
 Health Net
 Hilton Garden Inn
 Holiday Inn Express
 Homewood Suites
 Iroquois Gas
 Kerite-Marmon Utility
 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
 Thule
 United Illuminating
 Wachovia
 WalMart
 Webster Bank
 William Raveis Real Estate



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Company Spotlight: PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL PLANNERS BUREAU

A conversation with Charlotte Madar, Owner

Give us a brief overview of your company.

I originally opened Professional Travel Planners Bureau in 1982 in the White Hills Shopping Center. Since then, I have moved within Shelton a few times to accommodate business needs and my office is currently located at 182 Beardsley Road in Shelton.

Professional Travel Planners Bureau handles all aspects of travel arrangements including: domestic and international air, cruise, hotel, car and tours. Individuals as well as groups can benefit from my many years of experience in travel.

Why is Professional Travel a member of the CVC?

I joined the CVC in its early stages. As a small business owner I felt it was a good way to donate and volunteer in the Valley community on a greater scale than I was able to do individually. Being a part of the CVC has provided me with a platform to work with other organizations that had the same love for the Valley community as I do, and to be part of a group that has a shared focus to give back.

What CVC Programs have you supported?

Over the years, I have participated in many wonderful CVC projects including Weeks of Caring at Derby Recreation Camp, ACT/Spooner House, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, the YMCA and Derby Day Care Center. I am a regular participant of the CVC's Back to School Clothes for Kids program, and the Holiday Gift Giving Program. Plus, I volunteered at all three Harvest House Food Drives.



Charlotte Madar at a recent Back-to-School Clothes for Kids distribution party. Charlotte is a familiar face on the CVC and has been an active member since the committee's inception. For help with both business and personal travel planning, call Charlotte at 203-929-9661.

CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:

Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence

Team Leads:
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Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks

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

Team Leads:
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Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA

Team Lead:
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Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella

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Computer Collection – Refurbished equipment donated to charities

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