

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.



It's Back To School Time!

CVC members are already shopping for the 2010 Back-To-School Clothes for Kids program. This year the Corporate Volunteer Council will purchase new school clothes and supplies for students in Ansonia's Mead and Prendergast schools.

Now in its 15th year, the Back-To-School Clothes for Kids program provides new clothes at the start of the school year to underprivileged Valley school children. The CVC started the program as a way to boost self esteem, reduce truancy from peer pressure with respect to clothing, and to show needy families that the corporate community cares. Since the program's inception, employees in Valley corporations have donated more than \$342,000 in new clothes and school supplies to more than 1,900 children in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Shelton and Seymour.

BTS Committee members with Ansonia school administration. From left: Terri Goldson, Mead School Principal; Lynn Kieley, Newtown Savings Bank; Carol Merlone, Ansonia School Superintendent; Jennifer Martin, Newtown Savings Bank; Cathy Brennan, California Closets; Rob Sanford, Altair Global; Linda Hvizdo, Homewood Suites by Hilton; and Larry DiPalma, Prendergast School Principal.

CVC members can obtain profile sheets and shopping lists by contacting Carol Anzidei at 926-9478 or emailing her at carol.anzidei@valleyunitedway.org. All purchases must be dropped off at Mead School at 75 Ford Street in Ansonia on August 25th at noon. A Distribution Party for the children and parents will be held on August 26 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. CVC companies are encouraged to attend.

CVC Annual Meeting at Center Stage Theatre

Valley charitable agencies were on stage during the CVC's second Annual Meeting on June 17 to salute the positive impact that Valley businesses make in the lives of the needy in our community. Directors from the Red Cross, ACT/Spooner House, Birmingham Health Services, Valley YMCA, St. Vincent De Paul Helping Hands, and the Parent Child Resource Center shared client stories and thanked CVC members for their kind generosity.

"It is an honor to be a part of the CVC and listen to what the agencies have to say about how much we have helped individuals and families during such trying times," said Lynn Kieley, Branch Manager from Newtown Savings Bank and CVC Co-Chair. "Thank you to all of the businesses that help support our efforts throughout the year."

Fran Scarpa, owner of Center Stage Theatre in Shelton donated the use of the theater for the CVC event, and entertained attendees with a musical number. In addition, a video of the complete Harvest House III build was presented by Basement Systems of Seymour. The evening culminated with the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to more than fifty Valley companies that support the Corporate Volunteer Council.



CVC Co-chairs Lynn Kieley and Rose Gurn present Dan Fitzgerald of Basement Systems with a Certificate of Appreciation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Back-to-School Clothes For Kids

August 25: Clothing Drop-Off Day

Please bring Back-to-School purchases to Mead School, 75 Ford Street Ansonia at noon.

August 26: Back-to-School Distribution Party

CVC Members are invited to attend the Back-to-School Clothes for Kids Distribution Party at Mead School. Come meet the students you shopped for!

Food Pantry Drives in August

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:

- *Newtown Savings Bank*
- *Minuteman Press*

Clothing Drives in August

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:

- *SSC/Freedom Disability*
- *Prudential*

August CVC Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday August 19, 2010 8:30 – 9:30 AM** at the Valley United Way office at 3 Corporate Dr., Shelton. The meeting is hosted by F.W. Serra and William Raveis Real Estate.

Coming Soon: Week of Caring 2010

The CVC will paint and landscape the Birmingham Women's Shelter from September 20 -24th. To register a team of volunteers, contact Pat Tarasovic at 926-9478 or email her at patricia.tarasovic@valleyunitedway.org.

Did you know?

The need for food at local food banks rises when school is out of session and needy students do not receive subsidized breakfast or lunch. At the same time, donations dwindle as people go on vacation. The CVC is looking for 100% of our CVC companies to hold food drives in 2010. If your company has not yet held a food drive, now is the time to do it! Even one bag of food can make a difference to a hungry family. Please contact Kristin Bures at kristin.j.bures@us.hsbc.com or Carol Pendagast at carolp@fwserra.com.

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
 California Closets
 Calvert Safe & Lock
 Citi Bank
 Comcast
 Computershare
 DRS Consultants, Inc.
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 DeDonato Building
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 Energizer
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car
 F.W. Serra, Inc.
 Fletcher Thompson
 Fred Ortol Photography
 Freedom Disability
 GE International
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Company Spotlight:

A conversation with Danielle Paolozzi,
 Financial Services Manager



Give us a brief overview of People's United Bank.

People's United Bank is the largest regional banking organization headquartered in New England. A diversified financial services company founded in 1842, People's United Bank provides consumer, commercial, insurance, retail investment and wealth management and trust services to personal and business customers. People's United Bank has grown to more than \$20 billion in assets and approximately 300 branches in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. Convenient, seven-day banking is offered at approximately 80 of our branches in Connecticut and Maine Stop & Shop supermarket locations.

Why is PUB a member of the CVC?

People's United Bank, its subsidiaries and divisions, provide financial support to many non-profit organizations throughout New England. The CVC provides a local platform in the Valley area to continue our heritage of working alongside neighborhood residents, businesses and governments to initiate projects and programs that improve communities. Our mission today and our plans for the 21st century are to continue what our founders set out to do -- invest in the communities we serve. We are justly proud of our legacy of community investment and our ability to anticipate and to address the individual, financial and development needs of our customers and their communities.

What CVC programs does your company support?

As a member of the CVC, People's United Bank has supported many programs through the years. We have held food drives for local valley organizations as well as a company-wide food drive which benefits other communities. Throughout the year our local offices including our office located at 1 Corporate Drive in Shelton has contributed to other collections such as notions and cell phones, and has participated in the Harvest House and Back to School programs.



Danielle Paolozzi is all smiles as she delivers new school clothes purchased by People's United Bank employees for the 2009 Back-To-School Clothes for Kids program.

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

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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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