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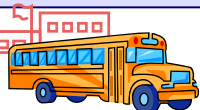


Valley United Way October, 2010

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.



156 Ansonia students start school with new clothes and motivation

The Corporate Volunteer Council of Valley United Way has run another successful Back to School Clothes for Kids project. This year, 156 students from Mead and Prendergast Schools in Ansonia received their very own box of new clothing to begin their school year. Children were greeted by members of the Council along with cookies and lemonade donated by Dave M. Grant Caterer's.

The Valley companies that participated in this year's Back to School Clothes for Kids Program were:



Altair Global Relocation, Ansonia Rotary Club, Basement Systems, BIC Corporation, Cablevision Systems Corporation, California Closets, CDW-G, CG Automation Systems USA, Inc., Computershare, Emhart Technologies, F.W. Serra, Inc., Fletcher Thompson, GE Corporate, GE International; Hamworthy Peabody Combustion, Health Net, Homewood Suites by Hilton, HSBC Bank, Iroquois Gas Transmission, ITT Water & Wastewater U.S.A., Market Data Retrieval, Minuteman

Press, Ned Miller Associates, Newtown Savings Bank, People's United Bank, PerkinElmer, Pitney Bowes, Professional Travel Planners, Prudential, SSC/Freedom Disability, Seeds to Leads/Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sikorsky Finance, TD Bank, Webster Bank, William Raveis Real Estate, and Women in Networking Group/Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Women's Shelter gets sprucing up during Week of Caring

The Umbrella Agency's battered women's shelter is newly painted and planted thanks to more than 100 volunteers who participated in the CVC's Week of Caring. From September 20 to 24, volunteers painted walls, washed windows and cleaned the facility from top to bottom, planted mums and trimmed shrubs, and organized the children's play room. In addition, residents from the Oxford Senior Center created 22 handmade quilts and seven crib blankets to adorn the beds of the shelter.

Participating in the Week of Caring project included volunteers from Health Net, Newtown Savings Bank, Panache Hair Design, SSC/Freedom Disability, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Pitney Bowes, People's United Bank, Iroquois Gas Transmission, ITT Water & Wastewater U.S.A., Altair Global Relocation, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Professional Travel, Perkin Elmer, and Ned Miller Associates.

Thank you to everyone who put their time and hearts into helping the women and children at the shelter.

Special thanks to Marquis Sponsor Pitney Bowes, and to sponsors Iroquois Gas, Health Net, Minuteman Press, Newtown Savings Bank and Panache Hair Design.

The CVC is also grateful to Dave of Pilgrim Barbeque who provided two large trays of ziti and his special fried chicken to feed the hungry workers!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Pantry Drives in October

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:

- People's United Bank
- Newtown Savings Bank
- TD Bank
- Altair Global Relocation

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:

- Pitney Bowes
- Webster Bank
- SSC/Freedom Disability
- Prudential
- Minuteman Press

October CVC Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday October 21, 2010 8:30 – 9:30 AM** at the Homewood Suites by Hilton, 6905 Main Street, Stratford. All CVC members are invited to attend.

- 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.
- David M. Grant Caterers
- DeDonato Building
- Emhart Technologies
- Energizer
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- F.W. Serra, Inc.
- Fletcher Thompson
- Fred Ortoli Photography
- Freedom Disability
- GE Corporate
- GE International
- GVCC
- HSBC Bank, USA
- Hamworthy Peabody
- Health Net
- Homewood Suites
- Iroquois Gas
- ITT Waste & Wastewater
- Kerite-Marmon Utility
- Latex International
- Market Data Retrieval
- Marks of Design, LLC
- Minuteman Press
- NEC
- Naugatuck Savings Bank
- Ned Miller Associates
- Newtown Savings Bank
- Panache Hair Design
- 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:



A conversation with Fred Ortoli

Owner, Fred Ortoli Photography

Give us a brief overview of Fred Ortoli Photography.

I have had my own studio as a full time business for 21 years now. Before that I was a corporate in-house photographer for Chesebrough-Pond's for 18 years.

My work covers a wide range of services including: product, architectural, aerial, portraiture/social and legal/scientific photography. The type of work is very diverse, which I enjoy because of the variety and challenges involved. I also get to meet and work with a lot of nice people.

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

I think I have been involved with the CVC pretty much from the beginning. I feel it is important for people and companies to be involved in the community and to help others whenever they can. My parents were strong role models for volunteerism and my Mom (88 years old this October) still is a very active volunteer.

Why did you choose to become a member of the CVC?

The CVC is a perfect vehicle for participating in community involvement. The strength in numbers of the combined membership enables us to take on projects well beyond the scope of many smaller companies. Together we can help a lot of people.

What CVC programs does your company support?

I participate in the food, clothing, cell phone and other collection programs through personal donations, spreading the word to others, and bringing in donations from other people who may not want to or be able to deliver to collection points. I try to help out where I can and I am always willing to help out where needed.



Fred has been a CVC member and its "official photographer" since the council's inception. He is a Valley United Way board member and served as Chairman of the 2009-2010 United Way Community Giving Campaign

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

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

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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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HELP WANTED

New Editor for CVC Newsletter

If you are interested in producing this monthly publication, please contact Pat Tarasovic. Thank you.