

## Valley United Way

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# 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.*



### *Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus... Thanks to the CVC!*

Difficult economic times have not diminished the generosity of our business community. Thanks to the employees at many Valley businesses, more than 300 disadvantaged Valley residents received food and gifts this holiday season through the **Corporate Volunteer Council's Holiday Adoption Program**. Each year, the CVC solicits area charitable agencies to identify families and individuals in need of assistance. While the "wish lists" were long this year, we are happy to say Santa fulfilled all of them – thanks to employees at these companies:

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 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:

- *People's United Bank*

#### Clothing Drives in January

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:

- *Webster Bank*
- *Prudential Financial*

#### January CVC Meeting

The next CVC committee meeting will be held **Thursday, January 15, 2009 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, hosted by Perkin Elmer at 710 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton. All CVC members are invited to attend.



Prudential Financial employees adopted 15 families through Parent Child Resource Center (PCRC) and provided them with holiday gifts. Additional PCRC families received toys and presents from employees at **Hamworthy Peabody, Pereira Engineering, NEC, Webster Bank, Holiday Inn Express Suites** and **Health Net**. Health Net also provided holiday meals to two senior citizens through the Agency on Aging. **Fletcher Thompson** hosted their adopted family at a party on their premises. They also ran a food drive for Spooner House.



*Employees from Prudential Financial (above) and Health Net (below) played Santa Claus.*

Employees from **Lincoln Tech, Electri-Cable Assemblies** and **TD Bank** provided holiday gifts for families identified through the American Red Cross – Valley Chapter. **PerkinElmer** employees bought presents for 4 families identified through St. Vincent De Paul Society. **Pitney Bowes** adopted 2 families through the American Red Cross and 2 through Catholic Charities, Ansonia. Their employees also fulfilled an "Angel Tree" for children at the Valley YMCA and made toy donations to TEAM's Toys for Tots Program.



*Hamworthy Peabody (above) and Fletcher Thompson employees (below) brought cartloads of gifts.*



TEAM's Toys for Tots program also received toy donations from **Citibank, People's United Bank, HSBC, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Basement Systems**. In addition, 35 **Sikorsky Aircraft** employees volunteered their time to help TEAM set up their toy store. Members of Sikorsky's Finance Division also donated more than \$2,400 to the Valley United Way to provide food, gift cards and other assistance to numerous Valley residents.

**Iroquois Gas Transmission** provided \$25 gift cards to the men living at the Valley YMCA. They also sent holiday flowers to 88 seniors enrolled in TEAM's Meals on Wheels program. In addition, the company gave \$500 in gift cards to PCRC families and donated \$400 each to Spooner House and St. Vincent De Paul Society to purchase food for their food banks.

**Greenwich Workshop** also provided assistance to St. Vincent De Paul's food bank through a \$2,000 cash donation. **Professional Travel** provided turkeys to Spooner House and food drives were conducted by **Ned Miller Associates** and **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**. Enterprise also teamed up with **Warner Financial** on a winter coat drive for My Sister's Place in Ansonia. Finally, **David M. Grant Caterers**, in the true tradition of caring will provide holiday meals to people in need.

We wish to thank everyone who came together in the LIVE UNITED spirit this holiday season. *Yes, Virginia, the Valley is a very special place.*

**Did you know?**

Valley United Way is on **Facebook** and hosts a community **blog** on [valleyunitedway.blogspot.com](http://valleyunitedway.blogspot.com) where you can comment on stories, watch videos, leave feedback and access several other multimedia web applications. For more information on how Valley United Way can reach you, visit [www.valleyunitedway.org](http://www.valleyunitedway.org).

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- Arson Productions
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**COMPANY OF INTEREST:**



*Experience the Difference*

A conversation with Seleste Lucas,  
Branch Manager

Give us a brief overview of Naugatuck Savings Bank.

Naugatuck Savings Bank is an independent community-based bank that began in 1870. We are committed to providing a full line of consumer and business products and services our customers need in order to achieve their financial goals. With over \$744 million in assets, we have a long tradition of providing financial resources and sound banking advice.

Naugatuck Savings Bank has 12 branch offices located in Naugatuck, Ansonia, Cheshire, Middlebury, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Watertown, Waterbury and Woodbury.

**How long has Naugatuck Savings Bank been a member of the CVC and why is it important to your company?**

We joined the CVC in 1998. Being a community bank means that "community" comes first. At Naugatuck Savings Bank, we understand the importance of helping our community. We're proud to support the local people and places that enrich all our lives.



*Seleste Lucas has served as Branch Manager and CVC representative for the Naugatuck Savings Bank's Oxford branch since 2007.*



*Seleste and her husband build picnic benches for Spooner House at this year's Day of Action/Week of Caring.*

**What are some of the CVC programs that your employees support?**

We participated in the Day of Action/Week of Caring project at Spooner House last June. I was a member of the planning committee and our bank donated funds to purchase picnic benches for the homeless shelter's backyard. Some of us also volunteered with the landscaping and mural painting. In addition, our branch office has held clothing collections for My Sister's Place, we participated in TEAM Inc's Toys for Tots program and in the Back to School Clothes for Kids program.

**As a CVC representative, how do you encourage volunteerism among your employees?**

As members of a community banking team, our employees are actively encouraged to become involved with the community. Naugatuck Savings Bank recognizes its responsibilities as a corporate citizen and takes great pride in helping to make our community a great place to live and work.

**CVC COLLECTION COMMITTEES:**

<p><b>Food Pantry – Corporate food drives to benefit area food banks</b></p>	<p><b>Clothing Collection – Used clothes for the Umbrella Program &amp; St. Vincent DePaul Helping Hands of the Valley</b></p>	<p><b>Caring Circle – Knitted blankets and apparel for clients at Umbrella</b></p>
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<p><b>Notions Collection – Toiletries for the men living at the Valley YMCA</b></p>	<p><b>Cell Phone Collection – Used phones for victims of domestic violence</b></p>	<p><b>Computer Collection –Refurbished equipment donated to charities</b></p>
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