

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.



The Corporate Volunteer Council will host its second **CVC Annual Meeting and Reception** on Thursday evening, **June 17** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at **Center Stage Theatre** in Shelton. The event recognizes the many Valley businesses who actively participate in volunteer efforts organized by the CVC to support local charitable agencies. All CVC members are invited to attend – and to bring along with them key leaders in their companies.

"It's important for company CEOs and executives to see the impact that their employees are making in the community through their membership in the CVC," said Pat Tarasovic, Director of the Valley United Way's Volunteer Center. "This evening is all about recognizing and thanking Valley businesses and their employees for their volunteer efforts. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate the good things we've accomplished together."

Representatives from a number of Valley non-profit organizations will be in attendance to thank CVC members and share personal stories about those who have been helped by CVC programs. A highlight of the evening will be a musical performance by Fran Scarpa, who along with her husband Gary, owns Center Stage Theatre.

Donations of food and beverages for the cocktail reception would be appreciated. If your company would like to help with refreshments, please contact Carol Anzidei at 926-9478 or email her at Carol.Anzidei@valleyunitedway.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17: CVC Annual Meeting & Reception

5:00 p.m. at Center Stage Theatre in Shelton . 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:

- Peoples United Bank
- GE International
- GE Corporate

Clothing Drives in June

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:

- Minuteman Press
- Prudential

CVC Companies Compete in Community Corporate Cup

The Community Corporate Cup is an opportunity for Valley businesses to demonstrate their commitment to health, fitness and wellness. A Valley tradition since 1991, the Community Corporate Cup challenges company teams to embrace healthier lifestyles through their participation in competitive sporting events and health & wellness programs. Since February, fourteen local companies have taken up the challenge – including CVC members BIC Corporation, PerkinElmer, CDW-G, United Illuminating, Fletcher Thompson, Calvert Safe & Lock, and Enterprise Rent-a-Car. See how they're doing by visiting <http://www.valleyunitedway.org/Cup/2010>.



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.
 David M. Grant Caterers
 DeDonato Building
 Emhart Teknologies
 Energizer
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car
 F.W. Serra, Inc.
 Fletcher Thompson
 Fred Ortoli 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
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 United Illuminating
 Wachovia
 WalMart
 Webster Bank
 William Raveis Real Estate



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Company Spotlight:

CALIFORNIA CLOSETS®

A conversation with Cathy Brennan, Owner

Give us a brief overview of California Closets.

My husband Steve and I started our business, California Closets, in CT in 1984. We design, sell and install closet, garage, home office, utility and media/entertainment systems for our customers. Our client base covers a large area including Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and New London counties and our beautiful showroom and production facility is located in Shelton.

Why is California Closets a member of the CVC?

We are a local company in the Valley area and liked the fact that the CVC is a proactive group of local business owners/employees who want to make an immediate difference in their community.

What are some of the CVC programs that your company supports?

We joined the CVC in late 2009. Since then, California Closets has started partnering with My Sister's Place & My Sister's Attic Thrift Store to bridge the connection between our clients who have things to give away and those in need in the Valley area. The process is for our installers to pick up any items on the day of their California Closets installation and then, in turn, these items would be available for resale at the thrift store; we feel that this is a win-win service that we can provide to our customers, while at the same time provide a way to help the families in need in the Valley.



Cathy Brennan, owner of California Closets is a new CVC member.

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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