



Mission

The Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County serves nonprofit organizations, employers and individuals by coordinating talents with resources and building the capacity of agencies to enhance life in our communities through volunteerism.

The Volunteer Center is a member of the Hands On Network and the Association of New England Volunteer Centers.

The Volunteer Center is a Partner Agency with the United Ways of Greenwich, and Western Connecticut, Stamford office.



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"Changing Lives Since 1973"

Serving Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford



ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors



Leo L. Kessel

As The Volunteer Center wraps up fiscal 2009, we are pleased with our accomplishments, particularly given the current challenging economic environment. We also want to offer a special thank you to Murray D. Martin, CEO and President, Pitney Bowes and the entire Pitney Bowes organization for their many contributions in helping make

our Heart of Gold event an unqualified success. We congratulate, thank and acknowledge Murray for his leadership by example for the many community activities and events he supports, which led to our recognizing him with our 2009 Heart of Gold Award. In addition to recognizing Murray, we presented our fourth annual \$5,000 Heart of Gold Youth scholarship to Caitlin McManus, a New Canaan High School senior who has an exemplary record of volunteerism.

The Volunteer Center has been providing valuable services to our communities, Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, and New Canaan, since 1973. While we are rightly proud of the many past achievements of our organization and staff, we are very much focused on our future. We are fortunate to have a board dedicated to improving operations and providing strategic direction while maintaining effective governance.

We want to thank the businesses that support our community programs and offer a special thank you to our Corporate Partners for 2009 - **Blue Ribbon:** Pitney Bowes, Thomson Reuters, and Xerox; **Red Ribbon:** Deloitte LLP, and UBS, and **White Ribbon:** Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, and Purdue Pharma. We would like to thank Purdue Pharma for hosting in July 2009 our two-day Grant Writing USA workshop including breakfast and lunch for 60 participants and the Harry Bennett Ferguson Library for hosting our 35th annual meeting.

I consider it a privilege to have this opportunity to serve as Chair of this fine organization and wish to extend a special thank you to our Board Members and Roberta and her team for their many contributions and strong dedication to helping The Volunteer Center achieve its mission.

Message from the Executive Director

The Volunteer Center's accomplishments over the last fiscal year:

- We made 3,726 referrals of volunteers to nonprofit agencies.
- Through our website, www.ucanhelp.org, 152 agencies received 1,282 referrals from 710 volunteers.
- There are 230 volunteer opportunities on the website, including 7 Board Connections.
- Our Workplace Volunteer Council made an impact with 5 projects, *Back To School Clothes For Kids*, *Business-to-Books Read-a-thon*, *PJs & Books*, *Summer Reading Partners* and *Suds to Go*.
- CVIA (Community Volunteers In Action) worked at 55 projects, providing over 1,500 hours to nonprofit agencies.
- 368 court clients provided 23,784 community service hours.
- We held volunteer recognition events in Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford, honoring over 100 volunteers.
- DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) provided 6 one-on-one consultations and 4 forums to volunteer supervisors.
- Our Nonprofit Resource Center Workshops provided leadership training to 361 professional staff, at 23 workshops. Workshops were made possible by the support of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; First County Bank; APT; and Deloitte.
- Our Nonprofit Resource Centers at the Ferguson Library, Greenwich Library and New Canaan Library provided material support and guidance to the hundreds of agencies in southwestern Fairfield County.
- We administered the distribution of \$65,100 in court-ordered contributions to 115 nonprofit agencies.
- Our Item Donation Program distributed goods valued at over \$42,000 to 40 nonprofit organizations.

We are especially grateful for the continuing support of our Corporate Partners and the United Ways of Greenwich and Western Connecticut.

Treasurer's Report

The Volunteer Center's financial condition remains stable. The continued support from the United Ways of Greenwich and Western Connecticut-Stamford, our 2009 Corporate Partners, and the annual Heart of Gold Award Dinner and Friends of The Volunteer Center appeal letter campaign, has enabled the Center to continue its community programs and services, consistent with our mission. Additionally, in 2009 the Center gave its fourth \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving high school student volunteer.

Revenues for the fiscal year totaled \$396,268. Expenses, including the scholarship, totaled \$456,779 for the same period. The Center's cash and investments balance at the end of the year was \$292,227. The Center's financial position will provide it with the necessary resources to continue its valuable community programs of promoting and expanding volunteerism for the next year.

Lizette Parise

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