

KU Employees Give Back to the Community

The holiday season brings out the best in most people, whether it's Scrooge or your batty Aunt Dottie. Sadly, it also highlights how many members of our community may not be as fortunate as we are. KVVH and its employees have a tradition of giving back to the community, helping our friends and neighbors get through the winter with a warm meal and access to services and support that can make all the difference. 2007 is no different as KU's employees are taking an active role in supporting two of Rhode Island's most visible and valuable charitable organizations: the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and United Way of Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank

For 25 years, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank has worked to ensure that every Rhode Islander has access to the healthy, nutritious food they need. The Food Bank distributes approximately 9,000,000 pounds of food to Rhode Islanders in need through a network of nearly 400 member agencies. These agencies are able to feed an average of 51,000 people each month thanks to the food and resources gathered by the Food Bank.



A donation to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank furthers the mission of providing quality food to people facing hunger. The Food Bank relies on public support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and special events to carry out our mission and our programs.

A little goes a long way: \$1 donated to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank equals enough food for three healthy meals. Nowhere can your dollar go further to help feed hungry men, women and children in our community.

Our annual Thanksgiving food drive began November 8th and runs through November 20th. Drop off non-perishable food items in the donation box in the main lobby. Also, monetary donations in the form of a check made payable to The R.I. Community Food Bank are also welcome and may be given to the receptionist.

To learn more about how you can help, visit the [R.I. Community Food Bank's website](#).

United Way of Rhode Island

KVVH has been a proud supporter of the United Way of Rhode Island and its employee giving campaign for years. On November 19 at 3:00 PM in the Training Room, we'll be kicking off this year's campaign. United Way of Rhode Island directs its efforts on the Community Impact Fund, which is focused on developing solutions to four priority issues in Rhode Island:



- Supporting children's success in school as their pathway out of poverty.
- Increasing job skills of low-income workers and spearheading an Earned Income Tax Credit education initiative that has resulted in more than \$26 million in tax refunds for low-income families in the last 3 years.
- Reducing homelessness by increasing the amount of affordable housing and implementing solutions to reduce the number of chronically homeless individuals.

- Creating and funding the 211 telephone information system for Rhode Island, which has already connected more than 25,000 Rhode Islanders to critical social services, including aid for victims of domestic violence, legal advocacy, homeless support, health care, etc., since it was launched just a few months ago.

Our 2007 United Way Campaign kicks off on Monday, November 19th and will run through Friday, November 30th. Last year, 18 KVH employees participated in the Campaign (only 8% of us) and donated more than \$5,000. Our goal this year is to increase the number of participants to 40! Please help us reach that target.

It's easy – simply fill out a contribution form to arrange for weekly payroll deductions of whatever amount you choose. Give whatever you can – \$1 a week, \$5 a week, or more – every bit helps! Participation is entirely voluntary, contributions are tax-deductible, and your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of your neighbors around Rhode Island.

By the way, thanks to United Way of Rhode Island's endowment, which covers all administrative and fund-raising expenses, 100% of your contributions go to support the Community Impact Fund's programs.

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