

What is the Corporate Volunteer Council?

The Corporate Volunteer Council (CVC) is a group of businesses that work together to help the community.

What are some ways that CVC helps the community?

The CVC supports a variety of projects to help meet community needs. Projects vary from year to year depending on the interests and skills of our members. Some of the most successful projects have included hosting a tea for nursing home residents, collecting personal care items for local pantries and shelters, making goody bags for homebound seniors, and taking children from Big Brothers Big Sisters to the zoo.

What kinds of businesses are part of the CVC?

Businesses of all types and sizes are welcome to participate. Currently, our members include single-person businesses to some of the larger employers in the area.

What does it mean to join CVC?

Basically, we ask that you select a volunteer (or team of volunteers) from your agency to attend one-hour monthly planning meetings. These representatives then report back to co-workers and encourage them to participate in CVC projects. We do ask that all member organizations participate in at least one project per year.

What are the benefits to my company and employees if we join the CVC?

Our members site many benefits. It's an effective way for companies to share ideas and to pool resources to improve the quality of life in the community. Participation also increases a company's visibility in the community, helps employees network with other community leaders, serves as a great team-building tool for employees, and fortifies employees' sense of self-worth and personal satisfaction.

Does it cost to join CVC?

There are no membership fees. However, businesses are asked to make minimal contributions toward the costs of supplies and materials for projects as they are able.

Do other cities have Corporate Volunteer Councils?

More than 80 cities throughout the country report having CVC's. As a relatively small city, we are very fortunate to have an active and successful CVC. In fact, our CVC was the recipient of the Governor's Service Award in 2004.