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Civil War monument restoration continues on Derby Green

By *Ralph Villers*

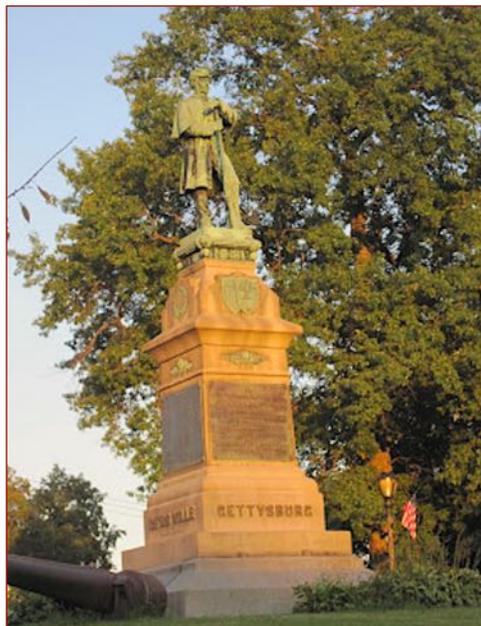
DERBY - Those who traverse Elizabeth Street routinely may have noticed construction on the Derby Green.

The fencing and scaffolding are surrounding the restoration of the impressive Civil War Monument.

Perhaps you would like to learn a little more about this important monument that honors the soldiers of Derby and Huntington who died during the war.



Undergoing restoration



Unrestored, July 2013

In 1875, The Grand Army of the Republic appointed a monument committee to solicit funding to construct a monument.

The granite base of the monument was dedicated July 4, 1877

Several years later, the base was remodeled to allow the placement of a bronze statue of a Union infantryman. The dedication of the revised monument was held on July 4, 1883.

Plaques on two sides list those local soldiers who had fallen in four Civil War battles: Atlanta, Chancellorsville (VA), New Bern (NC) and Gettysburg.

One plaque explains the reason for this monument as it is inscribed:

**ERECTED BY THE
PEOPLE OF DERBY AND HUNTINGTON
A.D. 1883
IN HONOR OF ALL WHO FOUGHT
IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY
"THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,
BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE,
SHOULD NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH"**

The *Parrott* cannons at the base of the monument were manufactured in 1861 by the West Point Foundry in New York. Each could fire up to a 30 lb. projectile.

In 2016, a fund was established by the Valley Community Foundation for the restoration of the Civil War Monument on the Derby Green. To make a donation, visit the VCF link [here](#)

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Valley United Way exceeds fundraising goal

SHELTON - Valley United Way has announced they have exceeded their fundraising goal set. The organization has raised over \$1,050,000 for the 2016-2017 year.

“Thanks in part to all those who contributed to the Valley United Way, we have reached our \$1 million Campaign goal this year. I am grateful to all those who supported our efforts, and our community will be better - and stronger - because of it,” said Jimmy Tickey, Valley United Way Campaign Chair.



“The Valley United Way makes a difference in the lives of hard working people who struggle to make ends meet,” said Tickey. “They think strategically about their work so there are more innovative in creating long-term solutions.”

Valley United Way has been in the community for 49 years and has invested over \$35 million into helping youth, providing basic needs and working to prevent crisis. “The Valley is a caring and generous community,” said Sharon Gibson-Ellis, President & COO of Valley United Way.

Valley United Way offers a variety of programs that are successful due to the community’s generosity. One of these is the Back to School Program that provides clothing and school supplies that are needed for the initial start of the school year and and the Grow Your Own program that allows low income families to have a support system to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables.

If an individual or company would like to find out more information on how to participate in either donating funds, volunteering time or donating in kind donations, please contact Valley United Way at 203-926-9478 or email to sharon.gibson@valleyunitedway.org

For more information on Valley United Way, their funded partners and the programs and services they provide please visit

www.valleyunitedway.org, [@Valleyuw](https://www.facebook.com/ValleyUW/), <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyUW/>

Valley nonprofits raised nearly \$300,000 during *The Great Give*® 2017



DERBY – The Valley Community Foundation (VCF) announced that with the help of Valley residents, employees and VCF donor advised fund holders during The Great Give® 2017.

Nearly \$300,000 was raised for nonprofit organizations located in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour or Shelton. The total amount includes \$25,000 in matching funds and prizes provided by VCF and others.

“Of the nearly \$1.3 million raised in The Great Give® 2017, approximately twenty-five percent will be specifically distributed for the benefit of Valley residents,” said Sharon Closius, VCF President and CEO. “It is truly inspiring to see this level of sustained support for local nonprofits, especially those here in the Valley.”

For the fifth consecutive year, VCF has been the a sponsor of the event, incentivizing giving by matching funds and offering prizes to participating organizations.

A total of \$25,000 in prizes were awarded by VCF during The Great Give® 2017 to organizations located in the Valley, including The Valley Independent Sentinel, St. Mary-St. Michael School, Center Stage Theatre, BHCare, Derby Day Care, Shelton High School Robotics Team, and Shelton Historical Society.

The Great Give® is the annual online giving event on giveGreater.org®, a local resource for learning and giving created in 2010 by VCF’s partner in philanthropy, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to increase philanthropy in the Greater New Haven region of South Central Connecticut. There were more than 8,000 donors who gave more than 11,000 gifts.



About the Valley Community Foundation

Established in 2004, the Valley Community Foundation distributes hundreds of thousands of grant dollars each year to support the local nonprofit sector . In addition to grantmaking, VCF works in strong partnership with The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (TCF), to promote philanthropy in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton and receives funding from The Gates Fund and other preference funds at TCF. To learn more, more, please visit the website at www.valleyfoundation.org or contact VCF President, Sharon Closius, at sclosius@valleyfoundation.org or 203-751-9162.

