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## Insurers in the Community

### Guard Insurance Supports United Ways Food Drive

The United Way of Wyoming Valley wrapped up its 22nd annual Christmas in July food drive on July 30 as 18 companies throughout Luzerne County donated thousands of pounds of non-perishable food. One of the companies donating food was Guard Insurance.

Guard Insurance employees have donated 165 tons of food since they started participating in the food drive in 1989. This year employees raised \$9,800, enough to provide 19,521 pounds of food. Money is raised through special contests as the company's departments compete against each other, spokesman Bob Thomas said.

"We are always humbled by these types of examples of the wonderful generosity of our employees. More than that it is a reflection on the culture we seek to create and support here at Guard," Chief Operating Officer Carl Witkowski said.

"When Guard makes a commitment, we make a long-term commitment. We're there every year and we plan to be there every year."

Guard Insurance was also recognized this year at the United Way of Wyoming Valley's annual meeting and awards reception. Employees of the Guard Insurance Group ranked number one in Leadership Giving for 2009-2010.