



Gowrie Group Provides BBQ Lunch for Shoreline Soup Kitchen Guests

July 1, 2011. Westbrook, Connecticut: The leadership team and employees at Gowrie Group, Connecticut's largest and most prestigious independent insurance agency, are committed to giving back to the shoreline community in a meaningful way. Every year for the past 7 years, Gowrie Group has focused its giving efforts on the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP). In Gowrie's 2010 Corporate Challenge, Gowrie raised over \$100,000 to benefit the SSKP.

To compliment Gowrie Group's financial support, Gowrie employees also donate their time as volunteers at the SSKP throughout the year. For the third year in a row, Gowrie employees hosted a summer lunch for the Soup Kitchen community at Grace Church in Old Saybrook. 40 Gowrie employees helped to provide, prepare, and serve a BBQ feast to over 50 Soup Kitchen guests.



Employees Grilling: (LF to RT) Scott Cleveland, John Owsianik, Dennis Schmelzer.

The luncheon was spearheaded by Lindas Dillon, a member of the SSKP Board of Trustees and long time Benefits employee at Gowrie Group and Rod Clingman, a Gowrie Group marine insurance expert. Lindas commented, *"Our volunteers on the Gowrie team are quite spirited. It was our pleasure and privilege to join forces with the volunteers at Grace Church and treat our SSKP neighbors to a great summer meal."*

The next Gowrie Group effort to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries is Gowrie's annual Corporate Challenge, which will launch in mid-November of this year. Gowrie Group hopes to again surpass the \$100,000 mark in raised funds which will provide almost half-a-million meals to those in need in our community.

Gowrie Group provides insurance, benefits, and financial services to individuals and businesses throughout the US, and specializes in customized marine, business, home, auto, and boat insurance products and services. Gowrie Group is endorsed by US SAILING, the national governing body for the sport of sailing. Gowrie's 100+ dedicated professionals are primarily located in the company's main offices in Westbrook CT, Darien CT, and Newport RI. For more information about Gowrie Group visit www.gowrie.com or call 800.262.8911.

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries. Since 1989, providing food and fellowship to those in need in the towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Lyme, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org