

TAKE ACTION WITH FOOD WORKERS!

Building Communities Across Counters

Building Community Across Counters is a project of UNITE HERE and Stir It Up aimed to lay the groundwork for worker justice in the campus dining industry by breaking down the artificial barriers between students and the workers who feed them. UNITE HERE is the primary union for campus dining workers and other food and hospitality workers across the United States and Canada. Stir It Up is the union's campus dining program, and you can learn more and get involved at <http://www.stiritupcampaign.org/www.stiritupcampaign.org>. There is a lot happening – in just the last three months, cafeteria workers at Loyola University of Chicago, Dominican University and St. Peter's College have won the union – and we'd love to connect with you!

National Supermarket Campaign in Support of Farmworkers

The next time you go shopping at the Publix, Giant, Kroger, Stop & Shop, Trader Joes, or Martin's, drop a Campaign for Fair Food letter off to the store manager! Give the store the message that you support fair wages and working conditions for farmworkers. For a copy of the letter, go to <http://ciw-online.org/action.html>. If none of these stores are in your area, you can send an email through the same website.

Healthy Families Act – Paid Sick Days for Workers

The Restaurant Opportunities Centers United recently published a report based on over 4,000 surveys of restaurant workers nationally that found that 87% of restaurant workers do not receive paid sick days and 63% of restaurant workers go to work sick. You and/or your organization can help by calling your Member of Congress and asking them to support the Healthy Families Act. The Healthy Families Act would provide all private sector workers with a total of 7 paid sick days per year. www.rocunited.org

Food Processing Workers Fired for Organizing

Brandworkers and the Industrial Workers of the World's Focus on the Food Chain Campaign is assisting workers in a large-scale campaign at kosher food processor, distributor, and wholesaler Flaum Appetizing over its abuse of immigrant workers mostly from Ecuador and Mexico. Flaum Appetizing, Inc., a producer of kosher salads, pickles, and smoked fish based in New York City, has been embroiled in the dispute since it fired 17 immigrant workers in May 2008. The terminated workers had complained about working conditions and demanded to be paid overtime after working 60 to 80 hours a week. The National Labor Relations Board ruled that Flaum had violated the workers' rights and ordered their reinstatement with back pay. Flaum has not complied. Please send an email to Yoram Behiri, President & CEO of Tnuva USA, which uses Flaum Appetizing Corp. to distribute its dairy products in the New York area. Send an email to moked@tnuva.co.il. Please bcc actions@brandworkers.org. A sample email is available at http://foodchainworkers.org/?page_id=584.

Add your own actions here!

