

## Workers From “814 Americas” Plant Join Local 464A

Workers at the 814 Americas, Inc. meat processing plant in Elizabeth, N.J., overwhelmingly voted September 9th to join Local 464A. The unit of 27 joins more than a quarter million meatpacking and food processing workers across North America who already have a voice at work with the UFCW.

Patrick Cudahy, a subsidiary of U.S. meat processor Smithfield Foods, acquired 814 Americas, Inc. from Spanish food company Campofrio Alimentacion, in 2005. The UFCW continues to build strength and solidarity across the industry as an increasing number of Smithfield Foods workers across the country join with their brothers and sisters for better jobs and a voice at work. **OP**

## New Contract for Local 1102\* Members

Eight hundred call center customer service workers represented by Local 1102\* ratified a new contract with Medco Health Solutions on September 16th.

The new contract guarantees across the board wage increases and retention bonuses, an expansion to the paid bereavement clause, a percentage cap to medical costs, and guaranteed prompt management response regarding requests for time off.

Shortly after the contract was completed, Medco workers in two new job classifications voted to become members of Local 1102\* at an election conducted by the NLRB, giving more workers a voice through the Local 1102\*. **OP**

## Support the DREAM Act



On September 14th, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced that he intends to bring the DREAM act up for a vote soon in the Senate.

Take action now to support the Dream Act! Go to [www.ufcwaction.org/dream](http://www.ufcwaction.org/dream).

## Bangladeshi Labor Leaders Thank UFCW Activists

Just days after Wake Up Walmart activists across the country put pressure on Walmart and other purchasers of products from Bangladesh, the government of that country freed labor leaders who were imprisoned there.

Kalpona Akhter, Babul Akhter, and Aminul Islam had been accused of inciting protests. Nassa Global Wear



was believed to be using their influence to pressure the government into hunting and jailing these leaders. Walmart is Nassa's major purchaser and thousands of Wake Up Walmart supporters sent emails to Rajan Kamalanathan, Walmart's Vice Presi-



dent of Ethical Sourcing, asking for Walmart to insist Nassa put an end to this persecution.

In addition to sending emails, actions were held in eight different cities across the country. Participating locals included Local 881 (Chicago), Local 1473 (Milwaukee), Local 1564 (Albuquerque), Local 919 (Farmington, CT), Local 1 (Oriskany/Syracuse, NY), Local 1996 (Atlanta), Local 711 (Las Vegas) and Local 23 (Pittsburgh).

Bangladeshi garment workers protested last month when the government refused to raise the minimum wage for these workers a sufficient amount.

“We still have a long way to go though we know our struggles are all connected,” stated the International Labor Rights Forum and the Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity in a letter of thanks to UFCW members. “It’s amazing to know that others around the world like UFCW are there to support our struggle. We know that justice will prevail and with your solidarity we can continue to fight for justice.” **OP**

## United Latinos 2010 Convention

UFCW leaders discussed the changing demographics of our country and what it means for the future of working America during the United Latinos 2010 Convention in



*President Hansen calls for ending divisive, hateful rhetoric and focusing instead on honest discussion about immigration reform that restores the rule of law; respects the constitutional rights of workers; and takes pride in our nation's diversity.*

Las Vegas from September 16-20.

The country is undergoing a seismic demographic shift with Latinos expected to make up a quarter of our population within the next few decades. The UFCW must be in forefront of understanding these shifts and what they mean for working people.

The conference focused on three major areas: organizing Latino workers, building political power in the Latino community, and strengthening support for immigrant workers.

For more photos from the convention, search for “UFCW United Latinos” on Facebook or go to <http://tiny.cc/a5klr> **OP**

## October 2nd: One Nation, Marching Together for America.

Hundreds of thousands of people of all backgrounds, faiths, heritage, identities and hues from across America are coming together to march for jobs, justice and education this October 2nd in Washington, D.C. Committed to putting America back to work and pulling America back together, One Nation Working Together supporters will march on Washington, on Saturday, October 2, at noon at the Lincoln Memorial, to refocus national priorities on investments in America's people.

Representing the true majority in America, the One Nation Working Together movement aims to recommit every person in the United States to the principles that this nation was founded upon: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This means that every person who wants to work should have a secure job with a living wage, equal protection under the law, and access to a quality public education for all children, from pre-school through college or technical school.

As UFCW members across the country know, we are stronger when we speak together. Join One Nation on October 2nd--go to [www.onenationworkingtogether.org](http://www.onenationworkingtogether.org). **OP**