

Momentum Grows as April 4th Approaches

On April 4, 2011, the UFCW will join the rest of the labor movement and our allies in a mass mobilization to show support for union rights for all workers. UFCW members across the country will be wearing stickers to show their union pride and support for all workers. Visit http://www.ufcwaction.org/ReviveTheDream to vote on what actions you'd like to see UFCW promote, and to

see a new video on the coast-to-coast fight for workers' rights.

New ABC Flyers:
Our Members
Can Fight Back
Against Corporate
Influence

As UFCW members nation-wide join millions and millions of workers across the country on April 4, we need to remind our political leaders: it's workers who make America great. These uncertain times call for committed leadership from our elected officials. But in state after state, politicians are blaming working men and women—teachers and nurses, supermarket cashiers and clerks, police officers, snow-plow drivers, garbage collec-

tors, and firefighters—for the economic turmoil.

On April 4th--and everyday--we're sticking together to demand leadership that brings us together, and to oppose the kind of leadership that drives us apart. Locals can help fund the fight to win back America by asking members to contribute to the Active Ballot Club (ABC).

We've created special ABC flyers just for April 4th and for this battle against anti-worker forces. UFCW locals can use these flyers to help members understand the importance of contributing to our political action committee to help elect pro-worker candidates, not anti-worker politicians like the kind we're seeing wreak havoc on working families today.

Download and print these flyers and ask members to take a stand and push back against the influence of corporate

> greed by contributing \$1 per week. Our elected officials and laws should focus on the needs of working families, but with Big Business pushing their agenda and outspending working families on politics by more than 15 to 1, the UFCW has to fight back stronger and smarter than ever. Every dollar helps us fight back. To print out the flyers, go to

www.ufcwaction.org/ revivethedream **OP**



"The Labor Movement was the principle force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. Out of its bold struggles, economic and social reform gave birth to unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, government relief for the destitute and, above all, new wage levels that meant not mere survival but a tolerable life. The captains of industry did not lead this transformation; they resisted it until they were overcome."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Missouri Locals Continue Legislation Education

In Missouri, Locals

655, 88, and 2 have more than 15 people working across five Senate districts to raise awareness around Right to Work and paycheck deception legislation, and will soon be expanding their work to another five districts. During the current legislative break, the locals are also working with Jobs with Justice to set up in-district meetings with legislators to discuss these important legislative issues and their impact on working families. **OP**



Recall Efforts Move Forward in Wisconsin

Recall efforts continue in Wisconsin, where on Friday a Dane County Circuit Court Judge issued a temporary restraining order against Governor Walker's anti-collective bargaining law. The emergency order, blocking publication of the bill, was granted after a lawsuit was filed alleging that a joint legislative committee violated Wisconsin's open meetings law when it hastily scheduled a hearing on Walker's bill. The bill cannot take effect until it is published, and it cannot be published until the lawsuit is adjudicated.

Nearly half the signatures needed to force Republican legislative targets into a recall have been collected, with



many UFCW members turning out to help with volunteer efforts. To learn more about the recall efforts, go to www.recalltherepublican8.com OP

Ohio Workers to Lobby Against SB5

UFCW members in Ohio will be taking their message to their elected officials during a lobby day on Wednesday, March 23. Members are speaking out against SB5, Governor Kasich's anti-worker bill, which is currently being considered by the House, as well as Kasich's "no new jobs" budget. **OP**

School in Haiti Nears Completion

At the end of March, James Stine College in Haiti will begin registration for 7th-10th grade students. After the







devastating earthquake in Haiti, UFCW activists in Canada and the United States mobilized to raise nearly \$500,000 for the Haiti relief effort. Through the Mortel Family Charitable Foundation, UFCW funds were dedicated to building a computer lab and library for James Stine College, a high school in St. Marc, Haiti, where thousands of Haitians have relocated since the earthquake.

The school will provide quality secondary education to poor Haitian children who have completed

elementary education in the city and neighboring towns and parishes. When students complete the curriculum after 7 years, they will be ready to enter medical school, law school, and other graduate programs and technical schools.

The religious congregation in charge of the school will move in by June, and furnishings will be added to the classrooms in July when youth from mission trips arrive in Haiti. The volunteers will help put on the finishing touches in preparation for when the students arrive in September.

Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, founder of The Mortel Family Charitable Foundation, had a message for all those who helped aid the project: "You have helped make these students' dream of a brighter future a reality because of the completion of James Stine College. Thank you!" **OP**