

Shop Union For The Holidays!

The holiday season is a time for giving. But each purchase you make can generate twice the gift when you shop at stores employing our Local 400 brothers and sisters.

First, of course, the gift will go to a loved one or friend. Second, the gift will support our fellow members and strengthen our union. Because the more members who buy union, the more our employers grow and the more likely they are to hire more workers, expand hours, and agree to contracts improving your wages and benefits.

"Shopping union is simply the right thing to do, during the holidays and throughout the year," said Local 400 Secretary-Treasurer Mark P. Federici. "It's good for your bottom line, because it enables you to buy quality products at affordable prices while receiving the best service anywhere in the world. But it's also good for our collective bottom lines. After all, the more business union retailers receive, the stronger our union will be and the better collective bargaining agreements we'll be able to negotiate."

"Equally important, the more union employers expand, the more the middle class will start growing again and the more our economic standing will rise," Federici said. "It's the ultimate win-win solution."

Local 400 members work at many stores capable of fulfilling your holiday needs with outstanding service at affordable prices, giving you the full range of gift options. Our retail employers include:

For holiday gifts of every kind:

- **Macy's** Department Stores in Washington, D.C., and Bethesda (Montgomery Mall), Bowie (Bowie Town Center), Gaithersburg (Lakeforest Mall), Hyattsville (Prince George's Plaza), Marlow Heights, Waldorf (Charles Towne Center) and Wheaton, Md.

- **Bloomingdale's** Department Store in Chevy Chase, Md.

For high-quality, name-brand clothing and other gift items:

- **Brooks Brothers** in Washington, D.C.

For holiday food—whether it's catered parties, pre-prepared dishes or ingredients for home-cooked feasts:

- **Giant** in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.
- **Kroger** in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.
- **Safeway** in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.
- **Shoppers Food & Pharmacy** in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.
- **Fresh & Green's** in Washington, D.C.
- **Magruders** in Maryland and Virginia.
- **Farmers Market** in Washington, D.C.
- **Bestway** in Silver Spring, Md.
- **Bethesda Co-op** in Bethesda, Md.

When at the supermarket, look for **Tyson's Chicken** and **Boar's Head** meat products. Local 400 represents workers at these companies' facilities.

In addition, you can order your groceries online at **Peapod.com** and have them delivered right to your home.

Where you spend your money matters. By shopping at any of these stores, you'll be getting great value for your dollar while also lifting up your fellow Local 400 members.



Greg Nash, a sales associate at Bloomingdale's in Chevy Chase, Md., recommends cashmere sweaters, wallets, cufflinks and his store's tremendous selection of ties as ideal gifts for members to buy. He strongly encourages his brothers and sisters to buy union, noting, "If union members don't support each other in the work that we do, we only have ourselves to blame if those places don't make it." Greg is also grateful to be a Local 400 member. "There's always comfort in brotherhood and sisterhood," he said. "Knowing that we have each other's backs makes the job that much easier."



Stacy Chieduko, an eight year Macy's associate, works in women's fragrances at the Prince George's Plaza store in Hyattsville. For members looking to buy gifts for their wives or girlfriends, she notes that their top seller is Calvin Klein's euphoria, and that Dolce & Gabbana, Prada Candy, and Chanel are also very popular. Members should consider patronizing her store because, "Everyone here works very hard, we definitely put the extra mile in for our customer service," she said. "We're like the little store that could." Stacy appreciates what being a union member does for her and her co-workers. "We always have somebody in our corner to fight for us," she said, "along with better health care and benefits."



Kelly Boddie has worked at the Metro Center Macy's in Washington, D.C., for seven years. She suggests gift cards, perfume, scented candles, bedroom slippers, gloves and scarves as ideal holiday presents for friends and loved ones. Local 400 members should shop at union stores to "help support one another," she said. "You're united with our union. You have a good support system and your co-workers are with you when there are issues that arise." Kelly has served as a shop steward for more than three years and enjoys it, "because I like being able to help people," she said.