

# NEWS AND NOTES

From the desk of President David A. Cook

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

April, 2016



Help us fight breast cancer as we take part in the annual **Komen Walk** in downtown St. Louis on **June 11!**

Contact **Karen Settlemaier-Berg** at **636.736.2745**. Don't forget, every **pink UFCW button** you buy donates **\$1** to the Komen Foundation! Contact your Union Rep if you'd like to donate!



We know you're busy, you work hard and can't always read every flyer or attend every meeting.



Give us a Like on Facebook/UFCW655. Follow us on Twitter @UFCW655 and check out our website [ufcw655.org](http://ufcw655.org).



Or: text 'Join' to 738674 for regular updates on contracts and much more. *Msg&Data rates may apply.*

## PARTNERS IN NEED

Jessica Johnson, a mother, was short on money and her electric bill was due. It's a problem far too common for many hard-working Missourians. UFCW staff directed her to the United Way, which has a 24-hour hotline dedicated solely to union members in need. After assisting Johnson with her bills, they called back a few weeks later with stunning news.

United Way adopted Johnson and her children for Christmas, assuring that they would all have a better holiday amidst a financially straining time. At a time when Jessica Johnson was worried about paying her bills, United Way stepped in to provide her kids with something priceless: a Christmas to remember.



"It was such a big benefit for us," Johnson said. "To know we would be able to have Christmas when I was really worried about making ends meet, it was just so wonderful to be blessed with that."

If you are in need of assistance from the United Way, dial 2-1-1 on your cell phone or landline.

## 2016 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT!

WHAT: Our annual softball tournament



WHEN: **August 1-4**, and **August 8-9**

WHERE: Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

Team applications will be mailed in **May!**

## SCHOLARSHIPS!

The UFCW International Charity Foundation awards scholarships of up to \$8K each to UFCW partners or their dependents under the age of 20? YOU CAN APPLY, just visit:

[ufcwcharityfoundation.org/scholarship](http://ufcwcharityfoundation.org/scholarship)

And don't forget: UFCW Local 655 also will draw 20 winners of our **\$150 education grants** at our June monthly meeting! To apply, **just visit our website and click 'Forms'**

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THIS LOGO! IT'S TIME TO GET HEALTHY!



# NOW HIRING

UFCW Local 655 is seeking energetic and passionate individuals interested in careers in labor organizing. Organizers are responsible for building relationships with workers and sustaining motivation of organizing committee members and activists.

## Qualifications include:

-Ability to work long and irregular hours, including nights and weekends

Excellent oral and written communication skills

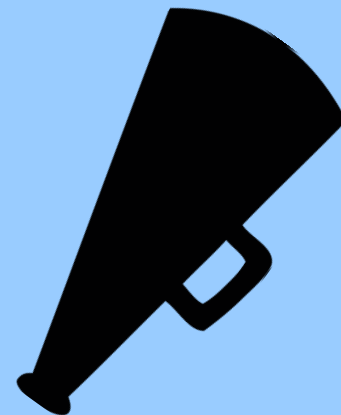
-In possession of an insured vehicle and valid driver's license

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE. TO APPLY, SUBMIT RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO Julia Polson: [jpolson@ufcw655.org](mailto:jpolson@ufcw655.org)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GET YOUR WEEKENDS SCHEDULED OFF IF YOU ENROLL IN OUR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZING PROGRAM?

- STAND WITH US AS WE PICKET NON-UNION FOOD RETAILERS AND HANDBILL THEIR WORKERS!
- IT'S CRITICAL TO PUSH BACK AGAINST NON-UNION COMPETITION!
- INTERESTED? CONTACT MICHAEL FRAME- 636.736.2765



Thanks to all the UFCW partners who participated in this year's annual legislative conference in Jefferson City! Local 655 joined Local 88 and Local 2, representing more than 22,000 hard-working men and women across Missouri.

Lawmakers have come to recognize the signature bright yellow shirts, jackets, and scarves that UFCW partners wear in Jefferson City. It's important for our leaders to know that UFCW partners are engaged and will only vote for candidates who support middle-class families.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact your shop steward or Union Rep.

### UFCW LOCAL 655 UNION MEETINGS

Monthly Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

New Member Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Union Hall: 300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011

