

Charity begins with Local 655 Leukemia and Sickle Cell fundraisers help find cures

By **DAVID COOK**
President

By the time you read this, we will have completed our annual Joe Pretti Memorial Golf Tournament which raises money every year to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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Over the past two decades of this event, we've raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight these terrible illnesses. We drew a remarkable crowd this year of Union partners, members of Local 655 and community leaders.

Later this month, Local 655 will join UFCW Local 88 at their annual event, "Light the Night," in Forest Park. On Saturday, Sept. 24, Local 655 will join thousands of people from around the area to carry lamps and literally "Light the Night" to benefit the LLS.

Local 88 has participated in this event for years and Local 655 is participating for the first time ever in 2016. Local 88 will provide food to anyone who wants to join, and Local 655 has registered a walking team that anyone can donate to. Some Local 655 members are also forming their own walking teams, in the hopes of attracting even more people to this remarkable event.

The LLS is the official charity of UFCW International, and I am proud to report that Local 655 has vigorously supported this organization both prior to my time as President and now. The partnership has directly contributed to astonishing breakthroughs in Leukemia & Lymphoma research and cures. Over our 30-year partnership, UFCW has

raised a total of nearly \$80 million dollars to fight these deadly diseases.

Anyone interested in joining Local 655's walking team, or simply looking to donate to this fantastic cause, can find a link to sign up or donate online on the front page of our website, ufcw655.org.

Help "Faces of our Children"

Later this month, we're also hosting an event to raise money to fight sickle cell anemia, a newer partnership of Local 655 and the non-profit, "Faces of our Children." These partnerships are just a few examples of the work we do to benefit our community.

We don't engage in these events to make ourselves feel better or grab headlines. We do it because part of the fundamental goal of Labor in this state and this country is to improve the lives of working people. Any action we take to benefit the community through charitable giving moves us closer toward that goal.

Labor Unions are and should continue to be a powerful force for good, and our participation in charity helps to remind the community that our organization is one dedicated to lifting all boats by rising the tide, not seeking to benefit a select few.

It's my hope that more and more of you will contribute in some way to our charitable giving, as a simple act of kindness that is so deeply valued by those who benefit from it. The collective success, health and happiness of our fellow human beings should always be on our minds.

Even when we must sometimes turn our attention to our own needs, we can always work to serve the needs of others.

Showing Labor Day Pride



UFCW LOCAL 655 marched in this year's Labor Day Parade along with Labor Unions from around the state. This year's theme, "We Are Union and We Vote," reflects the critical importance of the 2016 election cycle, where Union support will be critical to elect candidates that value the middle class over billionaire donors. Following the parade Local 655 joined local Gas Workers and UFCW Local 88 after for a BBQ and picnic with lawn games.

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Support Karen Settlemoir-Berg for State Rep, 113

Candidate for State Representative and Local 655 Union Representative Karen Settlemoir-Berg is holding a fundraiser in her district in Jefferson County for her race for the 113th House seat.

Settlemoir-Berg, a Democrat, is challenging one-term incumbent Dan Shaul, who voted to support Right-to-Work after promising his own Union member constituents that he would defend them against such attacks.

Shaul has since voted consistently to punish middle-class families by supporting Right-to-Work and Paycheck Deception.

Shaul is expected to receive large contributions from millionaire donor David Humphreys, who has poured millions of dollars in this election cycle into candidates and committees that support Right-to-Work.

Settlemoir-Berg will need a robust fundraising effort to continue to be competitive in the race.

Anyone wishing to attend this fundraiser can get more information or RSVP by contacting Rosetta at 314-225-6658 or rokohsonreb@gmail.com. You can also mail donation checks if you cannot attend.

Please join
*Michael Kelley, Jake Hummel, Phil Amato,
Vern Sullivan and Dan Kroupa*

for a reception to support

Karen Settlemoir-Berg
Candidate for Missouri House District 113



KAREN SETTLEMOIR-BERG

Thursday, September 29, 2016
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at
15 Fox Valley Center
Arnold, MO

Suggested Contribution Levels

Sponsor \$1000 / Host \$500 / Supporter \$250 / Friend \$100
Or Contribute at: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/berg>

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