

UFCW Local 75 Sponsors Immigration Rally in Cincinnati



UFCW Local 75 members and staff wearing gold and blue joined hundreds of immigrants and allies from the Cincinnati area last Saturday to demand immigration reform.

The rally was organized by a coalition of more than a dozen local faith and labor organizations, including UFCW and the Catholic Church.

Participants in this rally stood together for real immigration reform that would unite immigrant families, protect workers' rights, and improve the economy.

The Cincinnati gathering was part of hundreds of similar rallies that took place nationwide as part of the Reform Immigration for America Now Campaign, a united national effort that brings together individuals and grassroots organizations with the mission of building support for comprehensive immigration reform.

The group is seeking to pass legislation this year that would legalize millions of undocumented immigrants, and provide higher education opportunities for undocumented immigrants.

UFCW Local 75, along with the other members of the Cincinnati coalition, hope to garner support for immigration reform from Senators George Voinovich (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Representative Steve Driehaus (D-OH). **OP**

President Hansen Urges UFCW to Donate for Haiti Earthquake Relief



UFCW International President Joseph Hansen appealed last week to all UFCW local unions to donate to the William J. Clinton Foundation to aid relief in Haiti.

Haiti, a Caribbean nation, is facing devastation in the wake of last Tuesday's magnitude 7.0 earthquake that left thousands injured, survivors with no basic services like water and electricity, and the infrastructure of the capital city of Port-au-Prince totally obliterated. Some estimates put the death toll at over 100,000.

People from all over the nation have responded to this tragedy by making donations to organizations that are helping with the relief efforts.

"Like so many of you and others around the world, I am continuing to follow the devastation caused by the earthquake tragedy in Haiti which is on a scale so profound that it touches each one of us," President Hansen wrote.

"The victims are depending on us for their needs. We must respond, and we must respond immediately," he added.

If you have not donated and would like to, visit the Clinton Foundation Web site at <http://clintonfoundation.org>.

The direct link to donating online is <https://re.clintonfoundation.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=3742>. **OP**

UFCW Locals Celebrate Martin Luther King Holiday



UFCW Local 5 members Lynette Gailord, Catherine Johnson and James Walker performing community service at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Greensboro Sit-ins.

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, UFCW Locals across the country organized and participated in different events commemorating the life and legacy of the slain champion for economic justice and civil rights.

The celebration of Dr. King's birthday this year takes on a particular significance since 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the Greensboro sit-ins to end the racial segregation in lunch counters and other public facilities.

Several UFCW locals made the trip to Greensboro, North Carolina, to remember the significance of this episode for the civil rights movement in our country.

The UFCW locals present in Greensboro were joined by the board members of the UFCW Minority Coalition and together, they celebrated Dr. King's legacy with a day of community service. **OP**

New Report Finds US Chamber of Commerce Faces Crisis of Credibility

A report released last week by the Change to Win (CtW) Federation shows that in the past year alone, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has lost credibility and seen its

standing fall because of extreme positions that have resulted in a split within the organization.

Below are some key findings of CtW's 2009 U.S. Chamber Credibility Scorecard:

- Member businesses quit the Chamber and distanced themselves over policy and process. Such defections include high-profile players like Apple and Exelon.
- The Chamber was forced to revise its published membership numbers from 3 million to 300,000 after an investigation.
- The Chamber's base of funding has decreased: 19 supporters last year provided 1/3 of the 300,000 members group's total income.
- The Chamber was criticized for repeatedly running misleading and outright false ads: FactCheck.org has called some of the Chamber's claims in ads 'false' and 'malarkey.'

The full report is available at

<http://www.changetowin.org/chamber/2009-us-chamber-credibility-scorecard.html>. **OP**



The UFCW is about workers coming together to build better lives for ourselves. It is about creating opportunity.

Each year, the UFCW awards several scholarships of up to \$8,000 each to UFCW members or their dependents. The UFCW is pleased to announce that the 2010 UFCW scholarship is now available.

Visit <http://www.ufcw.org/scholarship/> to learn about the scholarship rules and the application process.

The direct link to the scholarship application page is http://www.ufcw.org/scholarship/app10/en_application.asp. **OP**