

UFCW Local 23 Partners with Shop ‘n’ Save to Bring Fresh Foods and Good Jobs to Underserved Neighborhood



Local 23 members at the press conference today in the Hill District of Pittsburgh.

Thanks to a strategic partnership between UFCW Local 23 and Shop ‘n’ Save, residents of the Hill District in Pittsburgh are one step closer to having access to fresh foods and good jobs in their neighborhood.

Jeff Ross, who operates several Shop ‘n’ Save stores in Pennsylvania, announced today that a Shop ‘n’ Save store will become available to Hill District residents by Thanksgiving 2011.

UFCW Local 23 was instrumental in bringing the operator to the Hill District through a Community Benefits Agreement signed last year.

“We saw this as an opportunity to bring an operator to the table that we knew is committed to the workers, and would be committed to the Hill District,” said Tony Helfer, President of UFCW Local 23. “UFCW Local 23 is proud to have helped bring a responsible, quality grocer to the Hill District. For too long Hill District residents have not had access to fresh food or good jobs. Jeff Ross will bring both.”

UFCW International has been working in Washington to build support around the need to address food deserts. The outstanding work by Local 23 and its members is a concrete example of how our Locals are leading the charge to ensure that all communities have access to good, quality food and good middle class jobs. **OP**

UFCW Locals 227, 1473 and 1546 Members Warn of Walmart’s Power at Dairy Consolidation Workshop



UFCW members with Secretary Vilsack at the workshop on consolidation in the dairy industry in Madison, Wisc., on June 25.

Members of UFCW Locals 227, 1473 and 1546 attended the joint Department of Justice/Department of Agriculture workshop on consolidation in the dairy industry in Madison, Wisc., on June 25. The workers warned of the impact that consolidation in the retail sector can have on the dairy industry, in particular the power of America’s largest retailer, Walmart.

Irv Connelly from Local 227 told the story of a member in the dairy industry who had seen firsthand the impact that Walmart can have on dairy workers. Walmart had been his dairy’s largest customer until they dropped them to seek lower prices. Now the dairy is already asking their workers to work harder and faster in an attempt to cut costs to win Walmart back.

Connelly said, “I ask this panel consider to him and his family and his coworkers and their families and look into the pressure that retail consolidation and Walmart have put on the dairy industry that many of us here today depend on.”

UFCW members then met with Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack who applauded their involvement and encouraged them to continue participating in the agriculture consolidation hearings as they go forward. **OP**

More UFCW Locals Join Consumer Awareness Actions in Support of Striking Mott's Workers



UFCW members passing out handbills to raise consumer awareness about the Mott's workers' plight.

UFCW locals across the country are stepping up their efforts in support of the 300 RWDSU-UFCW Local 220* members at Mott's in Williamson, N.Y., who have been unfairly forced to go on strike over the company's unacceptable proposal to slash wages, reduce 401K contributions, and undermine retirement security.

UFCW members are handing out informational leaflets and talking to customers in front of stores in order to raise consumer awareness about the unfair treatment a profitable Dr Pepper Snapple, Mott's parent company, is subjecting its Williamson workforce to.

UFCW locals who have participated in Mott's actions include: 227, 653, 1000, 1995, 2008, 540, 1442, 1059, 400, 655, 648, 789, 881, 700, 271, 770, and 1459.

International President Joe Hansen and Stuart Appelbaum, President of the RWDSU District Council of the UFCW, walked the picket line in Williamson today and shared with workers that the entire UFCW International Union is standing with them.

Visit www.nobadapples.com to show support online. You can send a letter to Mott's management. You can also call Mott's at 1-800-426-4891 and tell them you support the workers in Williamson. **OP**

Tesco Executives Feel the Heat for Excessive Pay

On June 29, more than half of Tesco's shareholders, led by the CtW Investment Group, voted down the company's executive pay policy in part due to the dismal performance of the U.S. Fresh & Easy business.

Investor outrage was focused at the excessive pay awarded to Tim Mason, Tesco's second highest paid executive, who oversees the U.S. operations. In addition to growing frustration over executive compensation and the poor performance of Fresh & Easy in the U.S., investors also pressed for answers on issues ranging from the working conditions in factories of Tesco's suppliers overseas to Tesco's refusal to meet with the UFCW in the United States.

The shareholder revolt comes at a time of transition for the global giant. Sir Terry Leahy, Tesco's outgoing chief executive, will be leaving Tesco next March after leading the company for 14 years. **OP**



On June 24, Food Network's celebrity chef Jeff Henderson shared his inspirational story with the audience at a UFCW Local 23-sponsored event at the Salvation Army in Homestead, Penn. Chef Jeff spoke about spending a decade in federal prison for drug trafficking then finding a path to success through his passion for cooking. Members of the audience included Pittsburgh area ex-offenders and young people at-risk for being incarcerated. Area employers who partner with workforce training groups to provide employment to ex-offenders also participated in the event. **OP**