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# UFCW LOCAL 1000

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## Welcome DBU Workers!

In May, more than fifty Sodexo workers at Dallas Baptist University chose to form a union with UFCW Local 1000. We are so excited to bring these workers into the UFCW family and give them a chance to secure a better future. These workers were tired of Sodexo's unilateral decisions to cut hours and benefits. Local 1000 will begin contract negotiations this summer. Workers all across Oklahoma and Texas are realizing the strength in union with UFCW. In June, 150 workers from Mother Parkers Tea and Coffee in Fort Worth filed for a union election to be represented by Local 1000. I'll update you in the coming months!

- Ricky Burris, President UFCW Local 1000

### Upcoming Membership Meetings (7pm)

#### Dallas Ft. Worth

July 20th, 2015  
October 19th, 2015

Double Tree  
4441 W. John Carpenter  
Freeway  
Irving, TX 75063  
9729298181

#### Oklahoma City

July 21st, 2015  
October 20th, 2015

Embassy Suites  
1815 S. Meridian  
Oklahoma City, OK  
73108  
4056826000

#### Tulsa

July 22nd, 2015  
October 21st, 2015

Country Inn and Suites  
3209 S. 79<sup>th</sup> E. Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
9186631000

## News and Notes

### UFCW Members Raise \$1100 for Leukemia

Congrats to United Supermarket members at #367 for selling the most snowflakes last year and raising money to help sick kids. Workers were recently rewarded with a pizza party for their efforts. “We thought about this as something important; it was all about helping the kids,” said Brianna Hockert, Assistant Front End Manager.



### Second Annual Gold Internship

Local 1000 members Cody Lee, Homeland and Twan Brown, Kroger were chosen for the second annual class of the UFCW International Union’s Gold Internship program. Cody and Twan will travel to Atlanta to learn about the labor movement then spend a few weeks working on special projects in Georgia and Kentucky. Check back for updates on their internship.



### Ok Foods Workers Fired Illegally

Jason Muller and Josh Deases were fired for trying to organize a union at OK Foods plant in Heavener, OK. Worker’s voices should never be silenced. Local 1000 is standing by these workers and filing charges at the National Labor Relations Board. OK Foods is going so far as denying unemployment benefits to these worker activists. More updates as the legal process goes on!



### Making ABC Work

UFCW supports political candidates with Active Ballot Club donations. Members like you donate \$1 at a time for candidates and causes that will strengthen the labor movement and protect working families. Cyndi Munson (HD-85) is just that candidate. She’s a young leader in Oklahoma City committed to good jobs and great education for all Oklahomans. Learn more about Cyndi here: <http://cyndimunson.com/issues/>. Don’t forget to vote for her this September!





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 Joe Lee ext. 121

Carlos Marroquin ext. 110  
 John Gardner ext. 106  
 Mandi Gann ext. 109  
 Richard Hanna ext. 107  
 Rudy Anderson ext. 111

Skelton Pitts ext. 108  
 Jessie Irons ext. 115  
 Dillon White ext. 105  
 Melissa Morales ext. 114  
 Victor Bowling ext. 112

# News and Notes

## Union Plus Mortgage Program

Special for UFCW members: with financing available through Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Union Plus can help you purchase a home while also receiving special benefits by virtue of your union membership. For qualifying members, exclusive benefits include a \$500 My Mortgage Gift award from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and, from Union Plus, special hardship assistance and the opportunity to earn a \$500 First-Time Home Award. For UFCW members that served in our nation's armed forces, Union Plus has begun a grant program for veterans worth \$1,000.



## Steward Spotlight: Jerimy Sisk

Jerimy Sisk at Kroger 570 in Denton is a new shop steward that has gone about and beyond on educating his coworkers and recruiting new members. Jerimy has only been around a year and a half, but he is committed to building the union at work. Shop stewards are your first line of defense and assistance at work. Make sure to get to know your steward, and if your store doesn't have a steward, you should volunteer for the job.



## UFCW Helps Members Become Citizens

Local 1000 members helped dozens of UFCW members and friends from the Dallas-Fort Worth community start their citizenship applications. Business Agents Carlos Marroquin and Melissa Morales assisted many members begin a pathway to citizenship. Learn more about UFCW's efforts here: <http://ufcwimmigrationguide.org/>.



Dental 1-877-816-3596  
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