

Operation Christmas Cheer

Proudly Helping Union Families Since 2004



November 6, 2024

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Last Christmas OCC supported 3 locals on strike: **COPE 343** Toronto, **CUPE 1470** Matheson, **USW 13571** Vaughan and 60 additional families via the Ottawa Food Bank and community hamper drives. In April 2024, OCC made it out to **Unifor 240's** picket-line in Windsor to help stock the food pantry they set up to help their 580 members on strike. **Thank YOU for your ongoing support over the holidays + the years!**

Christmas is coming fast and OCC needs your help more than ever! Multiple locals across the province are out on strike. We expect more to take strike action and hope those on strike reach a fair agreement soon. We are still working on a complete list of all Ontario locals on strike/lockout. To date, OCC has pledged support to the following locals:

- **Unifor L1541** – Best Theratonics, Kanata: 40 Members on strike since May 10, 2024.
- **PSAC L70369** – Best Theratonics, Kanata: 12 Members on strike since May 10, 2024
- **USW 4045** – Cambridge Brass, Cambridge: 100 Members on strike since July 19, 2024
- **UFCW 175/633** – Maple Leaf, Mississauga: 187 Members on strike since Oct 24, 2024
- **Unifor 2458** – Clear Med Imaging, Windsor: 130 Members on strike since Oct 25, 2024

Battles for better working conditions, work-life-balance, fair wages, benefits, equality and much more are being fought daily in our workplaces. **Members on strike have drawn a line in the sand making daily sacrifices fighting for fairness and their family's future. They deserve our support and need to know they are not alone!**

Operation Christmas Cheer will be visiting picket-lines to help raise spirits and spread your notes/words of support and encouragement. OCC is only able to make sure NO union family goes without this Holiday Season because of your generous support!

Every Christmas, OCC hopes for the best and prepares for the worst. Locals that announce strikes/lockouts over the Holiday's, OCC will do our best to provide support to their members.

Every Local has families in need. OCC is here to help and if you are aware of a family who could use a bit of help this Christmas, please reach out in confidence and OCC will work with you to send the family some cheer.

All updates and picket-line delivery dates will be posted to;

OperationCheer.com
Facebook.com/OperationChristmasCheer


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All monetary donations collected are used to purchase items for our Christmas Food Hampers, toys, extra gifts, and grocery gift cards (from unionized grocery stores) for union families on strike/lockout over the Holidays. Every dollar raised and gift cards donated goes directly into the hands of our Sisters and our Brothers walking picket lines, to union families struggling to make ends meet and to other important grass roots organizations that may need a little bit of help too.

The smallest acts of kindness and support often have the biggest impact! Thank You for helping to make Christmas a little bit brighter for many families this Holiday Season!



Please make any donation cheques payable to:
Operation Christmas Cheer
PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS
and mail cheques or courier gift cards to:

Operation Christmas Cheer
C/O: Casandra Robinson
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If you'd like to volunteer some time sorting food hamper or delivering some cheer, we'd love to have you! If you have any questions... please do not hesitate to reach out: (613) 301-2988 or email: casandra@operationcheer.com.

You are Operation Christmas Cheer! You are the reason no family walking a picket-line will go without over Christmas Holidays! Without your support we would not be able to do what we do so... **Thank You** ❤️

Stay safe, healthy and keep on fighting for the better world we ALL deserve!

In Solidarity,

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