

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UFCW Canada launches \$250,000 Katrina campaign with \$50,000 donation: Disaster relief fund for UFCW members in the hurricane zone**

TORONTO, ON, September 8, 2005 – UFCW Canada (United Food and Commercial Workers of Canada) has donated \$50,000 U.S. and has pledged to raise another \$200,000 U.S. for the UFCW Katrina Flood Fund.

The UFCW Katrina Flood Fund is a disaster relief fund for the thousands of UFCW members who live and work in New Orleans and across Louisiana, Mississippi and the rest of the Katrina's deadly path.

“We must respond to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina,” said Michael J. Fraser, UFCW Canada's national director. “There are thousands and thousands of UFCW members in the Gulf Coast states affected by the storm and its aftermath. Many of our American brother and sisters barely escaped Katrina's destruction with nothing but the clothes on their backs and are suffering greatly. They need our help now.”

The campaign kickoff of \$50,000 U.S. was a joint donation from the UFCW Canada National Council and the UFCW Canada Humanitarian Fund. UFCW locals and their members across Canada have been encouraged by the UFCW Canada National Office to help reach the \$250,000 pledge.

“I am urging our members to send their most generous contributions to the UFCW *Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund*,” said national director Fraser.

“I am also encouraging every local union to adopt a UFCW family that has been displaced by Katrina. Our brothers and sisters are depending on us for all their needs – food, clothing, medicines, and relocation costs. We must be there for them and we will be.”

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UFCW KATRINA RELIEF FUND CAN BE SENT TO:

Electronic bank wire transfer:      Account Name:      **UFCW Katrina Relief Fund - Region 5 Council**  
Bank Name:      **First Financial Bank - Southlake, TX**  
Routing Number:      **111914849**  
Account Number:      **90110000644**

Mail:      **UFCW Katrina Relief Fund**  
            **c/o UFCW Region 5 Council**  
            **1400 West Northwest Highway, Suite 100**  
            **Grapevine Texas 76051 USA**