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To All First District IBEW Local Unions

Greetings:

RE: 2011 United Way – Centraide Campaign

The IBEW and the Canadian Labour Congress are proud to support the United Way-Centraide (UW-C) Campaign; a campaign that is committed to building healthy, strong and respectful communities.

Over the past year, labour has been working hard to improve retirement security and we remain hopeful that we will make significant headway in doing so. As we work to prevent poverty for retired Canadians, UW-Cs are preparing to ensure our retirees have the community resources they define and need.

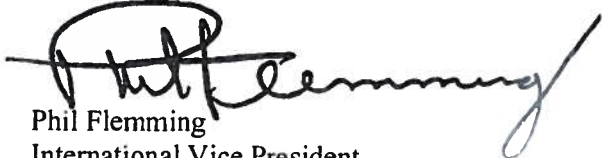
In early March, United Way of Canada-Centraide Canada (UWC-CC) announced a “National Day of Caring” on June 2nd each year. “*Local Days of Caring*” have existed in many communities for a number of years, and labour has been an active participant. On these “*Days*”, community members join together and focus on the needs of their communities, perhaps planting community gardens, cleaning up communities, or building play structures. Promoting this day would be a great way to highlight your achievement, especially for those Local Unions that have negotiated volunteer leave.

I hope you will encourage and support your members to continue their efforts – not only in the significant financial resources generated each year during the campaign period, but by sharing their time and energy with their UW-C and in their community on June 2nd. The funds gathered during this campaign, as always, will stay in your community and they are used to support vital services for working people and families, as well as to strengthen our communities.

Let’s continue the good work as we enter into this year’s campaign!

Best wishes.

In solidarity,



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