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Greetings:

RE: 2011 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) has always been a strong supporter of United Way and the many services their funded agencies provide. In fact, the tradition of labour movement support and the money raised by our members has been vital to the success of the United Way. The year 2011 is a time for challenge and opportunity for both the labour movement and the United Way across Ontario.

In 2011 too many Ontario workers, their families and their communities are finding that they are still struggling with economic and social uncertainties. An economic recovery may have returned to the business pages but it has not returned to Ontario communities. Many workers continue to rely on the United Way services provided in their community. Such services assist workers, families and communities to cope with present circumstances and to make plans for the future.

Our members know the extent and importance of these services through the ongoing work of local labour councils, labour community services representatives and the United Way. In many United Way agencies, the services are delivered by union members who are affiliated to the OFL and their local labour council. These services act as a supplement, not a replacement, to government financed and publicly delivered programs.

We are asking union members to actively support the fundraising campaign of their local United Way. The more successful the campaign the more resources in your community will be available to assist those in need. We hope that you can mobilize and motivate your members to support the 2011 United Way Campaign in their workplace and in their community.

In solidarity,

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