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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

When elected to serve as your VP2, I shared in my bio: "I will enthusiastically continue to serve our diverse membership in achieving our shared goals, living our shared values, and actively working together to fully realize our potential as USW Local 4-200, a respected and unified force for good." I stand by this goal as I now stand with you, humbled and honored to serve as your President.

Together with you, your board, and with one another, let's please continue to support each other as we have through life's many different seasons. Every day is another chance to learn, to grow, to be the best versions of ourselves that we can be, to share whatever gifts we have, to feel emotion and achieve goals, and to be a meaningful connective thread in this amazing fabric of humanity and love- all as we directly affect the lives of those we care for. Nurses' resilience, resourcefulness, adaptability, skill, and knowledge empower us to accomplish all the miracles we are a part of daily.

I look with hope to the future that with our collective time, talents, and abilities, we can lift each other up, allowing grace and kindness through this process forward. It is the solidarity we share in caring for our patients and their families with excellence, empathy, and most importantly with safety that is the power of our union- your USW 4-200. People united to care for people. It speaks to our collective voice in improving working conditions and promoting better quality of life and I am thankful to collaborate with you all to do just that.

As Helen Keller said "Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much", I wholeheartedly agree and am excited for what we will all accomplish together. **-Jennifer Kwock, President**

REMEMBERING AUGUST 4TH, 2023

On August 4, 2023, the 1,700 nurses belonging to USW Local 4-200 walked out into the unknown. The overwhelming majority of members voted to strike over improved nurse staffing because of how deeply it was impacting both our own and our patients' wellbeing.

As our 134 day long strike progressed, we found ways to build solidarity within and across our many departments. We lifted each other up, grabbed national attention, and fought for justice for all nurses and patients across the state. Members became empowered by engaging with their local communities, and their workplace by becoming interested and active within the union.

This union newsletter has been established as a result of the dedication of members like you. We hope that this inaugural issue informs and excites you about what possibilities there are when you engage with the systems around you by using your voice.

Special Thanks To:

-The election committee led by Virginia Cheng for their diligence in meticulously following our bylaws to ensure a fair and transparent process in our executive board election in April.

-Our members choosing to donate to the North Brunswick Fire and Rescue Department, and the striking workers at Silgan Container in Edison.

Local 4-200 Executive Board:

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Membership Meetings:

Magyar Reformed Church

175 Somerset Street

New Brunswick

October 3rd, 2024 - 8 am

November 7th, 2024 - 8 pm

Events:

September 16-19th - Shop Steward Training

TBD: Trunk or Treat!

