



Affiliated Union Member - here is your September, 2018 e-newsletter (with updates since early August):

### [Community Champions on the March](#)

Members of several local affiliates on Labor Day turned out in Newtown for Connecticut's largest parade commemorating the holiday that our movement built. [Click here for photos of registered nurses who work at Danbury Hospital reminding the community that "we care."](#)

### [Sharing How the "U & I in Union" Builds Our Resilience](#)

A Newtown teacher's personal journey from workplace violence survivor to gun violence prevention advocate demonstrates the value of a strong support network. [Click here to meet a PreK-12 union member who benefitted from "one community reaching out to another."](#)

### [Celebrating Labor Day with Political Activism](#) \*

Union members gathered in Hartford for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's annual breakfast to learn more about "Labor 2018" volunteer opportunities ahead of the General Election. [Click here for photos of members delivering our "labor is your neighbor" message to endorsed candidates.](#)

### [Teaching New Members What it Means to Be Union](#)

Leaders of affiliated locals across the state representing PreK-12 and higher education professionals have seized the opportunity to organize during "back to school" season. [Click here for photos of new staff in Hartford signing membership cards at their unions' orientation sessions.](#)

### [Launching the Next Member Organizing Institute \(MOI\) Cohort](#)

State federation leaders in mid August announced a training schedule beginning this fall for part-time, paid "certified member organizer" positions. [Click here to learn more and apply by September 14 for a spot in the upcoming MOI cohort.](#)

## [Powering Up Labor-Endorsed Candidates](#) \*

Member political activists participated in a variety of activities with labor allies organized across the state to "get out the vote" among union households. [Click here for photos of a rally in Meriden organized the weekend before the August 14 Primary Election.](#)

## [Making Gains by Mobilizing in the Workplace and Community](#)

Our latest collective bargaining report highlighted how increased membership engagement "put some wind at our backs" for union leaders at the negotiating table. [Click here to learn how locals representing nurses and paraprofessionals won contracts by demonstrating their power in numbers.](#)

## [Speaking Out to Keep Families Together](#)

Activists in early August joined social justice advocates in Hartford to denounce threats to deport the mother of a student educated by fellow union members. [Click here for their message to federal immigration officials, who later granted a stay and postponed the order.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- September 8: ["Thousands of Doors for Justice" Day of Action](#) \*
- September 12: [New London Pre-Gubernatorial Debate Labor Rally](#) \*
- September 15 - October 13: ["Labor 2018" General Election Activities](#) \*
- September 22: [Central CT Candidate Breakfast/GOTV Walk](#) \*
- September 22: [PSRP "Train-the-Trainer" Professional Development Conference](#)
- September 23: [AFT Locals East Team "Heart Walk"](#)
- September 26: [PreK-12 New Teachers' SLOs Training](#)
- September 29: [New London Area Candidate Breakfast/GOTV Walk](#) \*
- September 29: [Windham Area Candidate Breakfast/GOTV Walk](#) \*

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [EyeMed Vision Discounts](#)

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