



VICTORIES

Gate Gourmet workers win Union healthcare!



Gate Gourmet shop stewards sign their coworkers up for healthcare benefits

I'm so happy that my coworkers and I finally have access to quality, affordable healthcare. We'll be able to get the treatment we need without worrying about paying a deductible or paying a big bill that comes in the mail.

– *Qiutricha "Q" Taylor, shop steward*

LOCAL 8 IN THE STREETS

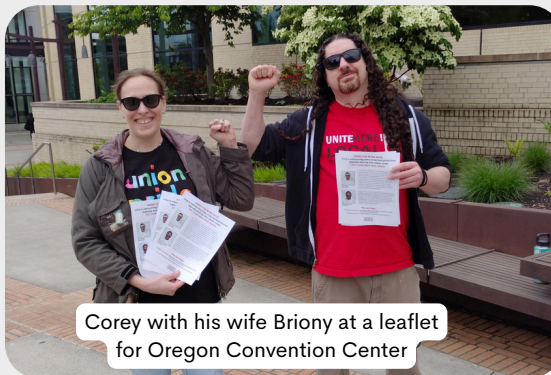
We marched with MLK Labor to protest the attack on our immigrant co-workers and neighbors.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Corey Gonzales

Lead Cook at Google in Portland
Shop steward and Local 8 executive board member



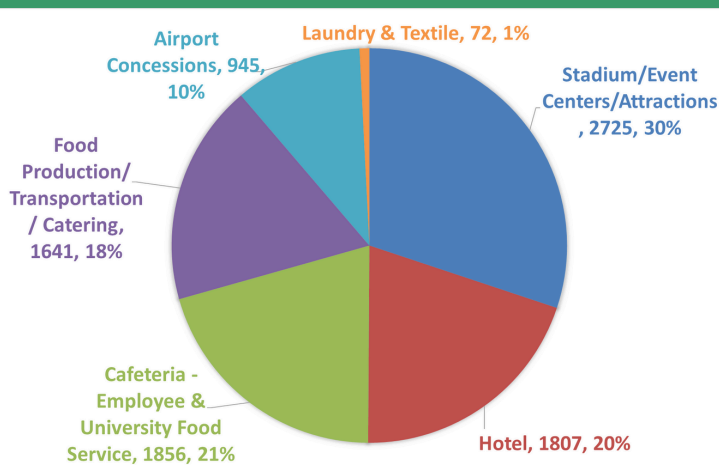
Corey with his wife Briony at a leaflet for Oregon Convention Center

I became a steward because I've always been the type of person to bring my work home with me. I knew that as a steward I would have the ability to do something about the issues that kept me up at night. I'm a husband and a father to two totally awesome kids, but this has added more purpose to my life.

We've won a lot of grievances, about predictive pay and training temporary employees. But I'm most proud of removing a manager who caused a lot of undue stress and grief. I witnessed my coworkers gain courage and confidence. We met outside of work to plan and strategize so we would be ready. We knew that getting rid of a manager might be like taking down a mountain, but if we persevered and chipped away a little bit at a time it would pay off in the end. We were able to achieve what some of us thought would be impossible.

I want you to know: the change starts with us. It starts with standing up to mistreatment, having meetings, filing grievances, etc. WE are the union.

GET TO KNOW YOUR UNION!



Where do you land?
How does your workplace fit in to the industries where Local 8 members work?

ONGOING FIGHTS

Lavish Roots Workers Fight for their Union

Liz, a pastry cook at a Meta cafeteria in Bellevue, tells her story:

I once worked in an office at Seattle Pacific University. When I was hired, I had no idea that I was agreeing to their policy on “lifestyle expectations,” a clause that explicitly banned employees from engaging in same-sex relations. I only learned about it months later, when my boss bragged that he had the right to fire any gay employee.



As a queer woman, I felt so unsafe in that workplace. But I stayed quiet and never stood up for myself. When a coworker approached me about signing a letter to the president of the university, I said no. I was too afraid. I spent years wishing I could change that decision.

At Lavish Roots, management is using scare tactics to dissuade workers from supporting the union. But I have decided that I will never let fear control my life again. I stood up to my chef after I was illegally targeted for talking to a coworker. I argued with management when they tried to hold an anti-union shop meeting. When I speak up for my coworkers, I am not just speaking up for them; I am speaking up for the younger version of myself that was too afraid to act.

Organizing is difficult right now. The company continues to coerce and intimidate their employees. But as hard as it is, I am not willing to run from a fight again. I will continue to show up every day with joy and defiance. I hope that my confidence can inspire others, just as my coworker once inspired me.



ONGOING FIGHTS

Sky Chefs workers fight for a contract



Sky Chefs Seattle workers picketed at SeaTac airport to fight for a fair contract. This was part of a National Day of Action where in 15 cities Sky Chefs workers made their voices heard at airports across the country!

GET INVOLVED

Lavish Roots Union Town Hall

Join Lavish Roots workers who are fighting for union recognition in a town hall meeting hosted by King County Councilwoman Teresa Mosqueda!

Thursday November 13
@ 4pm
Location TBD

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