

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

- A United Way report called *Poverty by Postal Code* on income inequality in Toronto found that while manufacturing jobs had declined 30% between 1983 and 2003, they were replaced by jobs in the “lower paying service sector.”¹
- At the same time, the report found that between 1981 and 2001, the poverty rate for immigrants to Toronto increased by 125%.
- The Toronto Community Foundation reports that 185,290 children (35.1% of Toronto’s children) live in low income families.
- The Labour Council of Toronto & York Region found that over 1 million workers in Toronto earn less than \$29,800 per year.

In 2006, an opportunity stands before us.

Tourism is Toronto’s second largest industry, and is growing. Hotels companies are making record profits, yet wages are not enough to keep a family out of poverty.

Toronto’s hotel workers come from precisely those sectors of our communities that are missing out on Canada’s high standard of living: a majority are new Canadians, visible minorities and women.

In 2006, contracts for over 4500 hotel workers in Toronto will expire. In addition, at least ten new hotels will seek development approval in Toronto’s downtown core this year.

Be it resolved that:

Our organization publicly supports the Hotel Workers Rising Movement – the North American movement to raise the standards of all hotel workers.

Our organization will communicate this support with our members and constituents, the media and the hotel industry in Toronto.

Furthermore, our organization will:
