HEALTH CARE UNITS

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HEALTHCARE REPORT

The Year 2003 is off to a rousing start, and with the presses rolling again, the Healthcare Units would like to extend our warmest greetings to all of you.

Our nation is in such turmoil these days and it seems to trickle down into our immediate lives as well. People are stressed in their daily lives. The Healthcare Units are proud of all our families who have loved ones in the armed forces. The threat of terrorism and war stresses these families, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Several of our Healthcare Units are currently in the middle of their negotiations including Health Alliance Plan-Marketing and Midwest Health Center. We wish them well. Many, such as Midwestern Vision Center and Medilodge, have successfully completed their contracts. Again, our many thanks to our Local 600 officers and staff for their continued guidance and support.

The Healthcare Units were represented at the Healthcare Conference in Chicago in March. We gained more knowledge and met with our union brothers and sisters. Many of our representatives are newly-elected and we sometimes forget how hard the struggle is. We need to continually rally our support and guidance and consistently show these new brothers and sisters what a solid Union can accomplish! Our Healthcare Units appreciate the support of their UAW members who use our U.A.W. facilities for their healthcare needs. By doing this you are he1ping to secure our members jobs!

New and exciting areas are on the horizon for many of our Healthcare groups. Possibilities for expansion, new locations, and bringing in new members are just a few of the changes we hope to accomplish in the near future. The Healthcare Units are prouder than ever to be among the many units that make Local 600 a whole and strong union!

UNION LOVE SHOWN IN HEALTH CARE

Hi, my name is Paulette Dye and I am a Union Steward for Midwestern Dental in Dearborn. I'm also a member of the Local 600 General Council.

Last year I took custody of my twin great-nephews and great-niece. At that time, the twins were two years old and my niece was five. This was really a big change for me, since my own daughter is grown. But we do what we do because it is what's right.

After learning about the increase in my family and the hard times that came with it, the Health Care Units of Local 600 came to my assistance. They "adopted" the kids for the holidays, not only with toys, but also with clothes and food. The spirit of Local 600 is big toward it's members, even with everything else that they do.

This is my way of letting all our members of Local 600 know that Union stands for "together we stand and divided we fall." But at Local 600, we not only stand together, but a helping hand is always present too. I would like to thank the Health Care Units for their support that was greatly appreciated.