



National Union of the Canadian Association of University Teachers
Syndicat national de l'Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

May 11, 2010

Re: 2010 United Way-Centraide Campaign

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of the National Union of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (NUCAUT), representing nearly 19,000 unionized academic staff at public post-secondary education institutions across Canada, we are writing in support of the 2010 United-Way-Centraide campaign.

The United Way plays an important role across the country in helping develop healthy, caring and inclusive communities. The United Way's mission — to strengthen the capacity of the communities where our members work and live and to address social issues — is a natural fit with our union's commitment to and efforts to achieve equity and social justice. I particularly note the recent United Way emphasis on ensuring that its own projects, as well as those of the many agencies it supports, are having a truly positive impact within the communities they serve.

In this period of economic uncertainty, many members and their families are experiencing financial pressures and employment insecurity unlike any in recent history. During these times, it is particularly important for all of us to ensure a successful 2010 Campaign, and to dig just a little deeper so that the United Way can continue its support for the wide range of social and public services in our communities.

We are proud of the partnership between the United Way and the Canadian Labour Congress, and urge all NUCAUT locals to actively support United Way-Centraide campaigns at our workplaces.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dileep V-A Athaide".

Dileep Athaide
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Turk".

James L. Turk
Executive Director