

# The Power of > One

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October 18, 2007

## CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR RN UNITY



Lit candles along John R outside the entrance to Harper/Hutzel Hospital conveyed the vigor, intensity and passion of the group of over 100 DMC Nurses, community leaders and other union supporters that gathered Thursday evening, October 18, 2007.

The candlelight "solidarity" vigil shed light upon the need for nurses to stand together, and supported the RNs efforts to organize and obtain a contract. Despite attempts to divide, RNs remain united and strong.

With candles lit and held high toward the hospital, the observance included moving stories from DMC Nurses, messages of support from Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gafney, inspirational prayers by Rev. C. Williams, and songs of strength.

**"Nurses are in crisis. All we want is a contract to enable us to provide the best care possible to our patients." Sydney Burwell, Harper/Hutzel**

The vigil confirmed our commitment to each other and the community we serve.



**Participants included:** Health Care Now, Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, Jewish Labor Committee, Acorn, Triangle Foundation, Sugar Law Center, UAW, USW, AFGE, UNITE/HERE, SEIU, Operating Engineers, Utility Workers, APWU, UE, Westside Mothers, Jobs with Justice, CWA, AFT, Concerned Citizens, Coalition of Union Women. Father Thomas, Sacred Heart Church, Sister Cathy De Santis, Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues, IWW, Mary Terrell Church Council, Metro Detroit AFL-CIO



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