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From the DMC Organizing Committee for Change

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RNs, Labor, Community Solidarity Rally



The solidarity rally held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 was a huge success. Registered Nurses from the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) were joined by nurses from across the state represented by the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) and members of the Detroit community and labor unions to voice our unionization support and express the need for DMC to respect the RN voice and adhere to a fair election.

The crowd of over 150 gathered at the corner of Canfield and John R where they were addressed by Cheryl Johnson, MNA president. Rousing testimonials came from DMC RNs who spoke on the need for profession-

als to have a real voice in their practice. **“For far too long the nurses at the DMC have not been heard. Silence does not create change, but standing together, our voices loud & strong will.” Karen Amato, RN**

To enthusiastic chants of “Nurses United...Will Never be Divided!” the marchers proceeded to the front of Harper/Hutzel Hospital holding signs that read, “DMC RNs for Quality Care!” and “This is about Patient Care!” Their message was met with smiles, cheers and honks of support from passersby.

“My commitment to organizing was strengthened when I saw all the nurses from around the state come to Detroit to support us.” Arlene Sucaldito, RN

The event received favorable media coverage and outpourings of support from community leaders, elected officials and other labor organizations!

The rally clearly demonstrated the power of RN unity and brought the DMC nurses one step closer to ensuring a real voice in the decision making process that affects our patient care and our practice. Together we can achieve more.



By uniting our voices and forming a union, we are committed to :

- Providing the highest quality of care at the Detroit Medical Center
- Setting safe staffing levels to protect our patients and ourselves
- Promoting nursing's professionalism through collective action
 - Ensuring nursing's voice in the decision making process
- Securing pay and benefits in a collective bargaining agreement

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