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When Hard Work Just Isn't Enough: The Union Difference

Ingrid Canales

SkyPort

Work:
Cook

Pay:
starting pay - \$9.50
hourly
After four years - \$10
hourly

Other Benefits:
5 days of vacation time per
year



Delaware North

Work:
Cook

Pay:
Starting pay - \$10.25,
hourly
After six years - \$14

Other Benefits:
3 sick days per year
3 personal days per year
3 weeks vacation per year

Unionized workers are more likely to have health care, family health coverage, sick and vacation days and a retirement plan leaving them less reliant on government subsidy and better able to plan for their futures.

Unionized workers are more likely to have training and opportunities for advancement. They also are more productive and provide better customer service.

The Union Difference

When Ingrid got a union food service job at the airport, her life got better. Her set raises have given her enough money to rent a two bed room apartment with laundry inside and to purchase a car for her family and a phone for her teenage son. With a dependable work schedule and more paid time off, she has much more quality time with her son, daughter and husband.

This country is built on hard work and the notion that people who apply themselves can get ahead. But what if you work hard at a job all week, take care of your family and still can't catch a break?

Too many people are stuck in that very trap. Without a union they find themselves in lowpaying jobs with no respect and relying on government aid to get health care and make ends meet.

Unionized workers make more than their non-union counterparts. Period.