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*For Local 8 Members at Samaritan Healthcare*

June 12, 2023

## **Samaritan Bargaining Update and Employee Petition**

Thank you to those who were able to join us on **Thursday, June 8** at our Bargaining Unit meeting. If you missed it, we will provide an update below!

Our bargaining team met with management on **Thursday and Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. We have made several proposals to adjust the wage scale as people go up anniversary steps and fill in steps to the wage scale. Our bargaining team has stressed to management the importance of recruiting and retaining staff at Samaritan. Fixing the wage scale is one of the ways to address both issues.

Management has responded to our wage proposal with a 2% wage increase and no adjustments to the Wage Scale. We know that just looking at a 2% increase is not enough to keep up with the cost of inflation. We meet again with management on **Thursday and Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**We need Management to recognize that fair wages and benefits are needed to recruit and RETAIN employees!**

You have the legal right to support your union and to participate in union activities!

Your employer cannot legally punish or discriminate against any worker because of union activity.

For more information please contact your bargain team or Union Representative.

**Take Action Now:** sign the petition here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RM6WXNH> or by using the QR code below:



**Union Bargaining Team:** Marcelina Alvarez - ER, Nyki Burnham – Respiratory Therapy, Alex DeLeon – MRI, Ana Dircio Gutierrez – Pediatrics, Dorinda Gardner – Central Services, Daniel Luna Garcia – Laboratory, Shailah Meza – Family Medicine, Mona Moreno – Plant Services, Stacey Vander Vloedt – Diagnostic Imaging

**Contract Action Team:** Pam Akerman – Diagnostic Imaging, Analilia Beltran - ICU, Tamii Brown-Frost – Diagnostic Imaging, Jason Burnham – Respiratory Therapy, Teresa Gonzalez – Patient Financial Services, Belem Lemus – Environmental Services, Breanna Olive – Laboratory, Alona O’Toole – ER, Aracelli Ramos – Med Surg Unit, Jamie Vienhage – Health Information Management

***If you are interested in joining the Contract Action Team, please contact organizer Omar Cuevas Vega, [omar@opeiu8.org](mailto:omar@opeiu8.org) 206-441-8880 ext. 116.***

***If you have any questions, please contact Angie Wedekind, Union Representative, [angie@opeiu8.org](mailto:angie@opeiu8.org), 206-441-8880 ext. 122.***



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