



District 13

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Dear USW Brothers and Sisters,

One of the best things about our USW family is that we are always willing to lend a hand to our fellow Steelworkers when they need it the most. As you may know, 450 of our sisters and brothers at USW Local 235A are facing a crisis as the holidays approach. Their employer, Sherwin Alumina in Gregory, Texas, locked them out six weeks ago while demanding steep cuts in benefits.

These members have worked hard every day to make Sherwin a profitable company with a promising future. Sadly, the company is putting that future in jeopardy just to boost an already healthy bottom line. In doing so, they are making it harder for the moms and dads in our USW family to put smiles on their kids' faces this holiday season.

That is why we are asking USW locals throughout District 13 to "adopt" a Local 235A child or two and make sure Sherwin's corporate greed doesn't rob them of the happy holidays that all children deserve.

Any local that is able to adopt a Local 235A child (or two, or more) should contact **Julie Lidstone** at (409) 838-1972 or jlidstone@usw.org to find out the ages, genders and sizes of the children. Then, gifts should be wrapped, tagged and shipped to Local 235A at 2301 Saratoga Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, 78417, by December 15th.

Thank you, and happy holidays!

In solidarity,

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