



**District 13**

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Dear USW Brothers and Sisters:

As all of you know, 437 of our brothers and sisters at USW Local 235A are facing a crisis again as the holidays approach. Their employer, Sherwin Alumina in Gregory, Texas, locked them out over 1 year ago making this their second holiday season being locked out. While eager to return to work, there has been no progress during negotiations and our members remain locked out.

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.

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.

If you are able to adopt a Local 235A child (or two or more) please contact Dianne Babin by phone at 225/291-8226 or email [dbabin@usw.org](mailto:dbabin@usw.org) to find out the ages, genders and sizes of the children. We ask that you spend a minimum of \$25 and maximum of \$50 on your gift. Gifts should then be wrapped, tagged and shipped to:

USW Local 235A  
2301 Saratoga Blvd.  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78417

Please make certain the gifts are sent by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

In Solidarity,

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