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For Local 8 Members at Crisis Connections

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OPEIU LOCAL 8 is grateful for all of you -- our union brothers, sisters, and siblings!

When we stand together, speak with one voice, cultivate a community that demands justice and upholds values of equity and respect, we foster a sense of collective responsibility and shared humanity that leads to a better tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Congrats to each winner of the Union's \$75 gift card raffle:

Anh Bui, I&R Specialist, 2-1-1

"I would like to say that I'm very grateful to just know that there's a union advocating for us in the workplace. It makes work feel safer and unlike other jobs where I feel like a rug will be yanked from under my feet any second. I'm also deeply grateful for the advocacy for a pay raise to reflect living costs. Thank you so much again."

Holly Barton, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Crisis Department

"I'm thankful for my thoughtful coworkers who make working at CC a more enjoyable experience. Being able to work alongside friends is what makes this job doable. In the wake of the underwhelming employee appreciation gifts we received from management, it was my coworkers who took it upon themselves to celebrate staff and volunteers by spending their own money on food and gifts. I'm also thankful for the Union and everyone involved in advocating for us front line staff. It takes a lot of time and energy to fight for proper compensation and fair treatment."

Vee Harris, I&R/RC Specialist, 2-1-1

"I am grateful for being employed, for working with Hannah and Hedi in our little 2-1-1 row in Belltown. I am grateful for health, loving family and supportive friends."

Melissa Marini, Call Screening and Coordination Specialist, Crisis Department

"I am thankful for all the people who work so hard in the union and negotiate on behalf of the workers, but especially for Sarah K. Lewis. She works hard at her job as a call screener, participates in union negotiations, is dependable, reliable, has a wonderful sense of humor, and is a dedicated, passionate representative for us all. I am honored to call such a person my friend, and I am thankful for her devotion to the job and the union."



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