

## About UAW Local 6000

### Mission Statement

Essential to Local 6000's purpose is to afford the opportunity for state employees to master their work environment; to achieve not only improvement in their economic status but, of equal importance, to gain from their labors a greater measure of dignity, self-fulfillment, and self worth.

State employees must also participate meaningfully in political and legislative action because government impacts importantly on their lives and on their communities. If government is to be the means by which people achieve a humanitarian and equitable society, it must be a responsible and accountable government.

Therefore, Local 6000 has the duty and responsibility to promote real and meaningful participatory democracy through its members and their families, so that free people and their institutions may be heard in the council of government and so that officeholders are guided by principle alone.

To achieve these objectives:

- The State of Michigan must accept union organization and collective bargaining as an essential and constructive force in our democratic society;
- State employees must be provided a meaningful voice in maintaining a safe and healthful workplace with decent working conditions, and must enjoy secured rights, together with a satisfactory standard of living and maximum job security;
- State employees must have a voice in their own destiny and the right to participate in making decisions that affect their lives before such decisions are made;
- Local 6000 must play an active role at all levels of government to protect the lives and rights of its members and their families. We must work constantly on the political and legislative problems facing the whole society;
- Local 6000 members must take seriously their responsibilities as citizens and work, through their union and individually, to realize the goals of participatory democracy and responsible and accountable government. Who We Are

On November 17, 1985, the UAW was certified as the exclusive representative for the Human Services and Administrative Support Units employed by the State of Michigan. Local 6000 represents approximately 22,000 members in 1200 worksites throughout the state of Michigan, committed to providing quality services to the citizens of the state. Our worksites are within Regions 1A, 1C and 1D of the UAW.

UAW Local 6000 represents workers in every Department in State of Michigan government. We are the nurses, teachers, doctors, probation officers, social workers and secretaries. We issue your driver license, answer your 911 calls, take care of Michigan's elderly and provide assistance to Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. We do this with pride and dedication. We have been beset the last few years in a tremendous struggle to maintain integrity in the services provided to you. We continue to struggle to maintain quality services to Michigan's citizens. T Join us in that struggle. On these pages you will learn a little about us and the war in which we are engaged. If you would like additional information you can call 517-484-6000 or 800-243-1985. Contributing To Michigan's Peace of Mind

Dealing with the mental illness of a loved one is never easy. But UAW Local 6000 members in the Department of Community Health (DCH) help ease the distress. The compassionate care they provide helps give family members peace of mind. Giving Pride A Second Chance

UAW Local 6000 members in the Department of Corrections (DOC) are specialists in giving hope. They are probation and parole officers, prison counselors and vocational teachers. They help those who have made mistakes learn to build better lives for themselves. Their job is to give people a second chance, whenever possible. A chance to contribute to Michigan society. Making Michigan A Better Place to Live and Work

In the Department of Human Service (DHS), UAW Local 6000 members personally make a difference in people's lives across the state. Whether rescuing a child from an abusive home or getting a single mother the job training she needs to return to work, our DHS members give everything they've got to make our state a better place to live and work. Putting Michigan Citizens On The Road

At your Local Secretary of State branch office, you'll find UAW Local 6000 members helping put you and thousands of other Michigan drivers behind the wheel. Our most visible Secretary of State workers are the ones who help you with driver's testing, licensing and registration. When its time to become a first-time driver or renew your license, they help you complete the proper registration forms, administer the written tests, check your vision and take the license photograph we all love to hate. They keep the driving record of every registered Michigan driver updated for reference by the police, FBI and other federal agencies. They even check your driving record for you and tell you about any recorded violations. Making Your Life Better

If you live in Michigan, there is a good chance that a UAW Local 6000 member has touched your life in some way. In

addition to the work already described, UAW Local 6000 members assist you in 14 other state departments, including Agriculture, Attorney General, Civil Rights, Civil Service, Commerce, Education, Environmental Quality, Career Development, Labor, Management and Budget, Military Affairs, Natural Resources, Public Health, State Police, Transportation and Treasury. When a life is on the line, a UAW Local 6000 member is there. Our State Police Department members handle incoming 911 emergency calls and dispatch officers to emergencies and crime scenes. Often, their fast response means the difference between life and death. And our members in Civil Rights protect you from discrimination by race, age, sex, or physical disability. They make sure the blind and disabled have access to daily activities many of us take for granted, such as riding a bus or getting their wheelchair into a movie theater. When you receive your state income tax refund, think of our members in the Department of Treasury who check and process the paperwork for your return and authorize your refund payment. Our members in the Career Development work to give Michigan's handicapped the training and rehabilitation they need to remain in the workforce and become more fully functioning members of society. In these and so many other ways, we work to raise the quality of life for thousands of people who live and work in Michigan.