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SFL Celebrates International Women's Day

International Women's Day dates back to the turn of the 20th Century, when female garment workers led the fight for a 12-hour work day and for humane working conditions. Today, workers across the world gather to celebrate this history and the ongoing fight for security and equality for women.

“Many women in Canada today face more than a 12-hour work day, as they struggle to find quality child care and elder care, as they seek adequate housing while experiencing underemployment at low-paid jobs, without benefits or a living wage. Women are not free until these needs are met,” says SFL Women’s Committee Chair, Shelley Johnson.

“The struggle is made much harder by the cuts the Harper government has made to programs and advocacy services for women and their families across this country. Today the labour movement pledges to speak out and organize against this attack on women,” says Larry Hubich, SFL President.

The SFL recently passed resolutions to lobby for a not-for-profit national childcare program, to reinstate funding to the Status of Women Canada and the Court Challenges Program, and to organize to defeat the Harper government.

“As women, our hope lies in learning from each other and offering support to one another. When we organize, our possibilities are endless,” adds Johnson.

The SFL represents over 93,500 unionized workers from 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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