

# UNITED for JUSTICE



Illinois • Summer 2011

## Gearing Up to Win in 2012

**SEIU Local 1's Major Contracts Expire in 2012... In All Seven Local 1 States**

IT'S TIME TO raise standards in our contract and protect the gains we've already won. Together, we can win the wages and benefits we need to support our families.

YOU have the power to make your union stronger. If every member commits to get involved and speak out, we will have a strong foundation going into 2012.

**We were able to preserve health care, wages and hours in 2009 and now we will do whatever it takes to win again in 2012.**

### RALLY ON SEPTEMBER 28

*We need your participation! Details coming soon.*

**Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand Together & Stay Connected.**

- Next Member Meeting: September 10, 11am at 1340 W. Washington, Chicago
- Sign Up for Our Email List: SEIU1.ORG
- Find Us on Facebook: Facebook.com/SEIULocal1



## Chicago Tells Corporate Elite: Give Back Our Jobs, Homes & Schools

AN IMPRESSIVE CROWD of 5,000 marchers confronted millionaire and billionaire corporate CFOs from America's largest and richest corporations who were meeting at the Hyatt for an Executive Summit on June 14.

SEIU Local 1 members joined Stand Up! Chicago, allies and working Chicagoans to demand that America's big corporations pay their fair share in taxes and give back the money they have taken from Chicago's communities. The event inspired widespread media coverage. •

## 200+ CPS Janitors Laid Off

THE CITY OF Chicago says it doesn't have enough money for our schools. Teachers and janitors are being laid off as class sizes grow and schools suffer. But there IS money for our schools. The City of Chicago collects \$500 million annually in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds that can be used to invest in our schools and communities.

SEIU Local 1 is united with the community to make sure our tax money is spent putting schools and working families first. Our members have testified at public hearings and board meetings throughout the summer, telling CPS to give our tax dollars to kids and schools first.

SEIU Local 1 Member Ed Washington told the CPS School Board: *"It is CPS's responsibility to provide a clean and safe learning environment for our kids. My coworkers and I take great pride in providing*



*these services for our schools. But janitors are severely understaffed and overworked in our schools, resulting in higher instances of rodent infestations and greater risk of student illnesses."*

**Make your voice heard and fight against cuts to our schools. Attend the Next CPS Board of Education Meeting:** September 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the CPS Central Administrative Building – 125 S. Clark St., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. For more information, call Deother Cook (312.233.8768) or Oscar Sandoval (312.233.8734). •



**Kids loved the petting zoo at Local 1's 2011 Stewards & Activists Picnic on August 13**