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## Commentary

# UCubed

When our friends and neighbors are hurting, IAM members have always stepped up and taken a leadership role to help ease their pain. Natural disasters – hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods and forest fires – have brought out the best in each of us.

This time, the disaster is man-made. Over 30 million Americans have been idled by this Grave Recession, an economic disaster brought on by Wall Street greed and made longer by Pennsylvania Avenue ineptitude.

Taking care of the bankers, insurance brokers and hedge fund operators became Washington's highest priority. But the fate of the jobless – well, they still wait for a jobs bill to match their cries for help.

That's why the IAM launched "Ur Union of Unemployed," nicknamed UCubed. It is our community service project. And its goal is to unify the unemployed in a unique and useful way.

How can you help end this Grave Recession? Pass this *IAM Journal* along to an unemployed friend, neighbor, relative or co-worker. Hand out the three enclosed UCubed cards to jobless Americans you meet. Ask them all to visit [www.unionofunemployed.com](http://www.unionofunemployed.com).

But don't stop there. Even those who still have jobs can create a cube and invite the jobless to be part of ending this Grave Recession. Take the lead. Build a community that cares for the jobless.

Please be part of getting America back to work.

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