



Community Services, another Dimension of the IAM

Our two most recent emails have looked at "extracurricular" functions of the IAM: functions that you may not normally associate with a large labor union. First, we looked at our Guide Dogs program and, then, our Winpisinger Education Center. This email looks at another dimension, our commitment to [Community Services](#).

Our Community Services Department organizes special funds and charitable accounts for our brothers and sisters who are victims of natural or man-made disasters such as fires, devastating tornados, hurricanes and floods. And, it must be said, IAM members give generously to assist the families affected by these calamities. IAM members are true unionists who look out for the needs of their brothers and sisters in distress.

The IAM encourages all local lodges to establish a Community Services Committee. The Community Services Department at IAM HQ helps local lodges start new committees and supports the activities of lodges with established committees.

Working in conjunction with our Winpisinger Training Center, the Community Services Department recently added a new module to our basic training course. In addition to the customary Community Service basic training, local committees now study how to do effective outreach to unemployed brothers and sisters. Unemployment, after all, is a personal and family calamity often equal to a natural disaster. Our Community Service Committees now help unemployed members find local resources that can provide assistance until they find a job. After all, in the IAM family, an injury to one is an injury to all.

Find out more at [FAA Round-Up](#) on our [GOIAM webpage](#). Click through the videos and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [sign a union card](#) to get the ball rolling. If you have other questions, please send them to organize@iamaw.org.

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