

In August, workers at Geneva Centre for Autism voted 98 % in favour of a strike after learning that the employer intends to lay off ALL STAFF during the seasonal holidays.

When the employer was challenged at the Ontario Labour Relations Board to disclose the agency's finances, the lay offs were reduced from 14 to 5 days.

This attack on Geneva workers is a blow to contract negotiations between OPSEU Local 548 and the employer.

Workers are being told to take a pay cut while the centre increased spending on:

- purchase of new buildings;
- wage increases for senior management in 2008/09;
- program expansion at the expense of a stable workforce.

# Holiday lay offs threaten quality staff and services

*Geneva Centre for Autism is an international leader in the development and delivery of clinical services for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is possible through the work of skilled staff to deliver, quality and specialized services.*

*Families that rely on our services do not want a disposable workforce to provide skilled and specialized services.*

## Please support Geneva Centre workers:

On October 7 both sides are set to meet in conciliation.

You can help by sending a message of support today.

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Put a STOP  
to temporary lay-offs.

Bargain a fair  
contract with members of  
OPSEU Local 548.

*Geneva Centre workers deserve better. Families deserve better.*

<http://www.opseu.org/bps/ctc/index.htm>