

# STRIKE at Grey Bruce Health Unit: the real story



The striking office and clerical staff of the Grey Bruce Health Unit wish to thank the people of Grey and Bruce Counties who have offered their support, donations, and encouragement. We also thank our colleagues, including the many management and non-union staff who have shown support; and who remain at work under very trying conditions.

We do not wish to negotiate through the media but the employer has done that in recent press releases, claiming to have made a fair offer. It is not a fair offer!

We are 15 per cent behind similar workers in nearby jurisdictions. We also want the Board of Health to have accurate information.

## Here is the real story:

- The average annual wage for hospital clerks in Grey and Bruce counties is \$40,000
- The average annual wage for Health Unit clerks across the province is \$40,000
- Our wage is \$36,000.

## The offer:

- Doesn't bring our wage up to the average wage for health sector clerks.
- Requires us to pay \$300 out-of-pocket for chiropractic care before we can make a claim, at \$15.00 per visit; and requires us to lose half of the benefit in chiropractic care and in physiotherapy to change this part of the plan.
- Underfunds eye glasses and contact lenses which can cost as much as \$400 per pair, by paying just \$200 every two years.

We're asking to meet with the Board of Health and present the facts. We are confident that the Board of Health and the public would support a fair offer to keep us on the job. It's where we want to be.

Sincerely,  
the office and clerical staff at your Grey Bruce Health Unit (members of OPSEU local 276)

***We're worth it!***

