

# COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN

## CLUW Mission Statement

The Coalition of Labor Union Women is America's only national organization for union women. Formed in 1974, CLUW is a nonpartisan organization within the union movement.

The primary mission of CLUW is to unify all union women in a viable organization to determine our common problems and concerns and to develop action programs within the framework of our unions to deal effectively with our objectives.

At its founding convention in Chicago, Illinois, CLUW adopted four basic goals of action: to promote affirmative action in the workplace; to strengthen the role of women in unions; to organize the unorganized women; and to increase the involvement of women in the political and legislative process.

These goals continue to be the cornerstone of CLUW's activities as members speak out for equal pay, child and elder care benefits, job security, safe workplaces, affordable health care, contraceptive equity, and protection from sexual harassment and violence at work.

With members from 54 international and national unions across the U.S. and Canada, CLUW has a strong network of more than 40 chapters. CLUW is endorsed by the AFL-CIO and its international and national unions. CLUW local chapters educate members, keep them up-to-date on a variety of issues of concern to working families, and provide a support network for women in unions.

Members of the Chicago Chapter of CLUW are active and participate in local, state and national events focusing on issues important to women and their families. Chicago CLUW educates all women in unions and in their communities to engage women in the political agenda.

CLUW members recognize the importance of getting out the women's vote in the upcoming election in order to change the face of congress by electing progressive candidates who will represent the needs of working women and their families.

- CLUW members attend partnering union rallies
- CLUW participate in coalitions to fight for working women issues.
- CLUW continues to participate in lobby days in Springfield and works closely with coalition partners to develop jointly sponsored educational events on issues affecting women and their families

- Members participate in Breast Cancer walks and continue to hold educational programs such as "Spread the Word," that promote awareness and maintaining a healthy heart



- CLUW fights for Equal Pay, Paid Family & Medical Leave, Pay Check Fairness, Living Wage, Child Care, Healthcare and Jobs for All
- Members of CLUW continue to participate in the Regina Polk and the Midwest School for Working Women
- CLUW is working hard to get members organized to vote in the November Elections

*For more information visit our website at [www.cluw.org](http://www.cluw.org)*

