

SweatFree Communities Campaign Affiliate Program

*Affiliate with SweatFree Communities to End Sweatshop Exploitation
In the United States and Around the World*

If your group is interested in or already is campaigning for sweatfree procurement in schools, school districts, towns, cities, counties, states, other public institutions, or religious organizations, we invite you to consider becoming a SweatFree Communities Campaign Affiliate.

SweatFree Communities advances worker justice at home and abroad by establishing fair labor criteria for school, state, and local government procurement. If companies want to benefit from our tax dollars they must respect workers' human rights, guarantee the right to organize, and pay a decent wage. We advocate for similar purchasing standards for religious organizations, including congregations, educational institutions, and summer camps.

SweatFree Communities supports and coordinates a national network of grassroots campaigns that are organizing, educating, and building coalitions to ensure that their tax and congregational dollars do not subsidize sweatshop abuses. Dozens of cities, counties, states, and school districts have already adopted sweatfree purchasing policies, and many more are on their way. Together, we can create an enormous market for goods and services made in humane conditions by workers who earn good wages. In fact, state and local governments purchase about \$400 billion worth of goods and services in a year. That is more than total Wal-Mart sales and total U.S. imports from China in 2005. If the government purchasing market operated according to our values and rules we could bring justice to a world of sweatshop workers.

The goal of the SweatFree Communities Affiliate Program is to build a strong, unified, and visible sweatfree movement with a common identity.

Benefits to affiliates include organizing and educational support from SweatFree Communities staff with face to face meetings and monthly check-ins; regional, national, international networking opportunities with first consideration for travel scholarship to SweatFree Communities conferences and gatherings; enhanced campaign visibility with an up-to-date web page on the SweatFree Communities website, and the right to mention SweatFree Communities affiliation in outreach and media work; and opportunities for fundraising and leadership development support through joint foundation grants and participation in SweatFree Communities committees. In addition to campaigning for sweatfree procurement policies, affiliates should support the SweatFree Communities mission and values, send at least one representative to the annual SweatFree Communities International Conference, and pay annual dues to SweatFree Communities.

Affiliates can be large or small organizations, staff-based or volunteer-driven, organize in a small school or across a state. All affiliates should be organizing for change from the bottom up by pursuing such strategies as public education, community outreach, and coalition building.

If you are interested in becoming a Campaign Affiliate, please send in the Affiliate Application or contact SweatFree Communities at 413-586-0974 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

SweatFree Communities Campaign Affiliate Application

Contact Person			
Organization			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone		Fax	
Email		Website	

Annual Affiliation Dues

Please check one box.

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| Grassroots group without funding | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| \$50,000 - \$99,000 budget | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| \$100,000 - \$199,000 budget | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 |
| \$200,000 - \$299,000 budget | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 |
| \$300,000 - \$999,999 budget | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| \$1,000,000 budget and above | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 |

Responsibilities of Campaign Affiliates

- Campaign for sweatfree procurement through organizing and coalition building.
- Send at least one representative to the annual SweatFree Communities International Conference.
- Support SweatFree Communities Mission and Values (see reverse).
- Pay annual dues.

Benefits to Campaign Affiliates

- Organizing and educational support.
- Regional, national, and international networking.
- Campaign visibility.
- Opportunities for fundraising support and leadership in the sweatfree movement.

Signature	Title
Print	Date

SweatFree Communities Mission

Ending sweatshop exploitation through responsible purchasing and solidarity between U.S. communities and workers worldwide.

Values

Leaders in the struggle against sweatshops

We believe that people who suffer injustices should have a leading voice in the struggle for justice and dignity. We shape our goals through dialogue with sweatshop workers and worker-based movements globally.

Power from below

We believe there is power in numbers, and when we are united we can do more than any one of us can alone. Successful sweatfree campaigns bring people together and build power for local communities to decide how to spend their tax dollars. Together we tell corporations that we do not want worker abuse marketed to our schools, cities, and states. Together we tell our elected representatives that values of dignity and justice should shape our economy and our communities. Together we create sweatfree communities.

Solidarity between U.S. communities and sweatshop workers

We believe that our communities stand with sweatshop workers against corporate abuses because: sweatshop exploitation is morally offensive and violates our community values; workers are exploited in sweatshops in our own communities; we all suffer economically and spiritually when workers anywhere are exploited.

All people hurt directly or indirectly can be allies in the struggle against sweatshops exploitation.

Positive solutions

We believe that when we work together as organized communities in solidarity with sweatshop workers we have the insight, creativity, and power to develop and implement viable positive solutions to sweatshop exploitation. Community by community we create an edifice of worker justice on a foundation of sweatfree purchasing.

Connections with other movements for justice

We believe that sweatshop exploitation is inextricably linked to the oppression of poor people, people of color, women, youth, and others cast away as not fully human. We link the anti-sweatshop movement to other movements of the excluded to create real and sustainable social change in the workplace and elsewhere.