

SweatFree Communities Partner Program

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

If your non-profit organization believes that we need to build a strong and unified movement for worker rights in the United States and overseas – and that this movement should include labor, community organizations, religious organizations, student groups, immigrant rights groups, and others – we invite you to consider becoming a SweatFree Communities Partner.

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 Partnership Program is to build a strong, unified, and visible sweatfree movement with the resources to match the potential of the sweatfree strategy.

Benefits to Partners include opportunities to network with other partner organizations and campaign affiliates through conferences, visibility on the SweatFree Communities website (name, logo, and web link), and reduced advertising rates at the annual SweatFree Communities International Conference. Responsibilities include significant financial and/or in-kind contributions to SweatFree Communities, participation in the SweatFree Communities International Conference, and promoting relevant sweatfree campaigns to organizational members.

If you are interested in becoming a Partner, please send in the Partner Application or contact SweatFree Communities at 207-262-7277 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

SweatFree Communities Partner Application

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

Responsibilities

- Promote relevant sweatfree campaigns and SweatFree Communities events to membership.
- Send at least one representative to the annual SweatFree Communities International Conference.
- Support SweatFree Communities Mission and Values (see reverse).
- Contact SweatFree Communities to discuss a significant financial and/or in-kind contribution.

Benefits

- Opportunity to notify SweatFree Communities network about relevant campaigns and action alerts.
- Opportunity to present workshops and network at the SweatFree Communities International Conference.
- Discounted advertising rates at the SweatFree Communities International Conference
- Logo, name and web-link on the SweatFree Communities website.

SweatFree Communities Partners recognize the value of public and religious sweatfree procurement policies in advancing justice for workers in different industries in the United States and globally, and support the SweatFree Communities mission and values. As a Partner, non-profit organizations make an investment in SweatFree Communities to further their own goal of worker justice through the strategy of sweatfree procurement campaigns.

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.