

# MILWAUKEE AREA LABOR COUNCIL

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**MILWAUKEE-** On Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>, labor unions and community advocates came together to support federal workers being impacted by the government shutdown.

Volunteers delivered a free meal to TSA agents on two shifts at General Mitchell International Airport, while other volunteers set up a second free meal open to all federal workers, held at the Milwaukee Area Labor Council (MALC).

“The political games in Washington hurt working families across the country and right here in Milwaukee,” said Pam Fendt, President of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council. “Hundreds of thousands of employees have not received a pay check, many of whom continue to work, while others in our community were unable to get federal benefits they deserve.”

Local Unions, individual Union Members, and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha came together to donate items and volunteer their time to make the meal. Members of Laborers Local 113 grilled 400 bratwurst in 5 degree weather.

“It’s a small gesture but one we thought would show our concern,” said volunteer Greg Gorecki. “I know what it’s like to go without a paycheck and it’s a hardship nobody should face.”

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