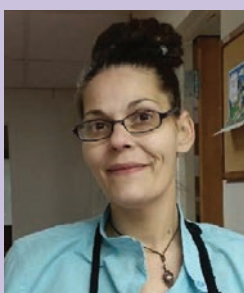


We are united for our patients and our community



Nurses and healthcare workers from departments throughout Regional and Toppenish are proud to have made a public stand for our patients and the care we provide. Our community knows we are the frontline of care and they were out there with us as we called on Astria's administration to step up and put our patients first. That means investing in workers and making sure we have the staffing and supplies to do our jobs. Respect for workers means competitive wages and quality affordable healthcare.

We've always leaned on each other as a healthcare team in the hospital. But our informational picket was the first time our two unions were on the picket line together. We showed our unity and support for our patients and for each other. We are united and will stay united to give the best care for the Yakima and Toppenish communities.



"I am so proud of my co-workers and to be out here with our nurses, EVS staff, kitchen and caregivers. I love the people I work with. They are my family and that's why I stay here. Not for the wages, I make close to minimum wage. We need to keep up the fight to make our

hospital the best place for patients and caregivers to come receive and give care. Be a part of our unions' efforts to make change."

Carrie Hammel, PNA, Nutrition Services



"Estoy aqui porque es importante para mi familia y mi comunidad. I'm here because this is important for my family and my community, We need better working conditions and better patient care."

Gricelda Ramirez, EVS, Tech



"We are 30,000 nurses and healthcare workers who are all united behind you. This is not just a fight that matters to our community here but all across the state. You are the experts on quality patient care and our hospitals belong to us. The mission of Astria is to provide healthcare services to the communities we serve but how can we provide healthcare services when they won't invest in us?"

Casey Rukheyser, Executive Vice President SEIU Healthcare 1199NW



“I feel strong being out there on the line with my co-workers. I feel we are unsupported by the hospital. They should appreciate us and support us and not make our jobs harder. They ultimately want me to take a pay cut with the wages they have on the table and the changes they made to our health plan. And I’ve been here since 2000. It was great to see so many of my co-workers will to take action to make things better. If we stick together we can win.”

Lisa, RN, Same Day Surgery



“Things have been bad for a long time now—not enough staffing, low wages. The healthcare plan was the boiling point—it is NOT affordable. I stand with my nurses and techs for better working conditions for all us. Together we can make a difference.”

Sabrina Garza, NAC, 4-Center

Words of support from community leaders and union friends who came to our picket

“I am concerned that this hospital is being run by people who have never practiced medicine and who don’t care about the patients. Administration might have the money but you, the workers, have the power.”

Dr. Kay Funk, Yakima City Council District 4

“As a city council member, it’s my responsibility to make sure that our community is safe. This means it’s extremely important that our hospitals are providing quality patient care. We need to be sure that Astria Regional is prioritizing hiring enough staff and buying enough supplies over their bottom line.”

Dulce Gutierrez, Yakima City Council District 1 and Washington State Labor Council Organizer, AFL-CIO

“I have lived your fight. It’s the right fight. As individuals we are powerless, but as a group of workers, united in a union, we can do anything. Keep up the good fight. You WILL win!”

Rebecca Withrow, Vice President AFSCME Local 1326

“You are standing up for the patients who can’t stand up for themselves. Nurses and healthcare workers at Memorial are standing in solidarity with you all today.”

Sylvia Keller, RN and Executive Board Member at Virginia Mason Memorial

“I have lived your fight. It’s the right fight. As individuals we are powerless, but as a group of workers, united in a union, we can do anything. Keep up the good fight. You WILL win!”

Rebecca Withrow, Vice President AFSCME Local 1326

“You are engaged in a fight for the community. It’s time for Astria to do the right thing for the community and prioritize patient care by investing in the workers.”

David Morales, OPEIU Local 8

