

# **GM: Resolve situation of workers dismissed for occupational injuries**

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Dear ASOTRECOL supporters,

Jorge Parra, president of the association of workers and ex-workers from GM Colombia is in Detroit! He has brought the hunger strike to the front doors of GM headquarters. The opportunities to meet with allies and bring visibility to the situation the workers and their families are facing has been incredibly valuable. While Jorge and allies make strides in the U.S. it is important that we do not forget about their families back in Colombia.

The workers are currently on a hunger strike, but their families are also enduring hunger and facing devastating economic circumstances. To give you a sense of the reality that these families are facing, when the hunger strike lifted last week during negotiations, the workers did not have anything to eat. Until now, sending funds has been limited to a few individuals collecting scattered donations and sending them down when possible. Now, we are happy to report, supporting these workers financially has become much easier. Wellspring UCC is going to collect funds and send them down to the workers from now until October 9th, 2012.

*If you would like to make a donation, you can send a check to*

**"Wellspring UCC" with "Colombia relief" on the memo line.**

Their mailing address is:

**Wellspring UCC, Box 508, Centreville VA 20122**

If you would prefer to make a donation online through paypal visit:

[www.wellspringucc.org](http://www.wellspringucc.org) (Be sure to write "Colombia relief" on the message subject line.) A fee (less than 3%) is taken out of online donations from a bank card, with a fee closer to 6% for credit cards.

Once a week these funds will be sent to Justapaz in Bogota and the workers will be able to pick them up.

Thank you for all the support you have given these workers, please continue to let people know what is going on, and if you are in a position to support financially, please consider making a donation.

Sincerely,

ASOTRECOL Solidarity Network