



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# NEWSLETTER

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## December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

On December 6, we mourn the 14 women killed in Montreal in 1989 – and all women who are murdered or experience violence at the hands of their partners, family members and strangers. We must recommit ourselves to taking action to end all forms of violence against women in our society.

December 6 is about remembrance and moving forward. But until all women in Canada have true economic and social equality, ending the violence we experience is not possible.

We need to win:

- living wages;
- affordable and safe housing;
- pay equity to close the wage gap (of 71¢ on the male dollar);
- national, public child care and early learning programs;
- equal access to Employment Insurance;
- access to justice, including the resources to challenge in court governments' actions, and legal aid;
- support for women's centres, shelters, rape crisis centres, and front-line advocacy and support; and
- support and protection in law for women who report sexual assault.

This December 6, please distribute HEU's annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women sticker to members to wear.

And please contact your provincial MLA and federal MP to demand that they make women's social and economic equality a priority by supporting the initiatives listed above.

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