



## HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

### **Re: OH&S “success story” contest to win a \$300 spa gift certificate**

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Have you successfully exercised your “Right to Refuse Unsafe Work” at your local? If so, we want to hear from you.

HEU members often organize with co-workers to talk to employers about workplace issues that negatively impact their health and well-being. It might be dealing with on-the-job violence, inadequate equipment, outdated patient care plans, bullying and harassment, short-staffing, workload, or any other health and safety concern.

Sometimes, HEU members are put in situations where performing a task may put them or a patient/resident at risk. And members have to make a judgement call on the spot.

Have you ever refused unsafe work? What was the issue and result? We’re looking for success stories that happened at your local. Have policies changed as a result of that action?

Based on ideas from members of the union’s OH&S subcommittee, HEU is gathering success stories around refusing unsafe work. We’ll be using some of the information gathered to help create an education video on health and safety.

Submitting your story is easy. Just write, or type, out your story and fax it to 604-739-1510, attention Kim Turton, or email it to [kturton@heu.org](mailto:kturton@heu.org). Be sure to mark OH&S Success Story in the subject line.

**Deadline for submission is Friday, July 13 at 5:00 p.m.**

All entries will be eligible for a draw to win a \$300 gift certificate for a spa treatment in your community. One winner only. The decision is final and will be posted on HEU’s website.

If you have any questions, please call Ana Rahmat, OH&S representative, at 604-456-7102.

In solidarity,

Jennifer Whiteside  
Secretary-Business Manager

cc: Chairpersons, Provincial Executive, Reps and Directors