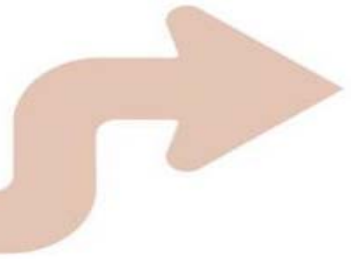


# CUPE Ontario

## ON THE MOVE



**QUEBEC JOURNALISTS' VICTORY**- After a year of being locked out by the Journal de Québec and forming their own newspaper called MédiaMatin Québec, 250 journalists belonging to 3 CUPE unions won a sweet victory. A delegation from CUPE Ontario, including president Sid Ryan and vice-presidents Yolanda McClean and Candace Rennick, visited the workers' newspaper office on July 8 and distributed plaques to mark the occasion.



**PUBLIC SERVICES ROCK ONTARIO** – CUPE Ontario's Rock for Public Services concerts have attracted over 20,000 people in communities where privatization and underfunding is threatening public services. Concerts in Sturgeon Falls, Kenora, Thorold, Ajax and Kingston highlighted various issues involving hospitals, municipal services, social services, Educational Assistants and campuses. Days after the Sturgeon Falls concert attracted 4,000 people, management at West Nipissing Hospital posted housekeeping jobs and started a review of the contracting out of cleaning services. As well, concessions came off the table at Sturgeon Falls' Hydro and collective agreements were settled. Kim Mitchell and all-female band DAME play at a Kawartha Lakes concert on September 26.



**KEEPING PRESSURE ON LONG TERM CARE & HOME CARE** – CUPE Ontario continues to set the pace with media and lobbying for a 3.5 hour standard of hands-on care in nursing homes. VP Candace Rennick has a seat on the implementation team set up to carry out the Sharkey Report recommendations. The provincial Ombudsperson is also investigating the system and CUPE Ontario will make sure that CUPE members who tell the truth about conditions in nursing homes are protected. CUPE Ontario is also preparing a video on the problems with competitive bidding in home care. It features the stories of workers and home care recipients who have been impacted by contracting out.



**Bill 77 WOULD ERODE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES** – Individuals over age 18 who have a developmental disability face a future of longer waiting lists, uncertain services and, for their families, the burden of being an employer under legislation proposed by the Ontario government. CUPE Ontario is lobbying against the bill, which shifts funding to parents instead of maintaining and expanding the capacity of services to meet the needs of these families.



**PROVINCE CANCELS KIDS' ALLOWANCES** - CUPE Ontario garnered much media attention when it shone a light on the provincial government's cancellation of back-to-school and winter clothing allowances for families on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program. The combined allowances mean families with a toddler will no longer receive \$111, while those with one teenager will not get \$245.

### *CUPE Ontario mobilizes.....*

2008 Pride Parade



Racial Justice Committee- Caribana



First Nations Day of Protest march

