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# **Strike Appeal**

## **CUPE Local 3903**

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Dear Sister/Brother,

As you may know, the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3903 is on strike after the membership overwhelmingly voted to recommend that the bargaining team reject the employer's latest offer. CUPE 3903 represents 3400 Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants, Research Assistants, and contract faculty at York University.

We believe that our cause is just and the gains we stand to make will benefit not only our union, but future graduate students, undergraduate students, and indeed the climate of postsecondary education itself.

While our members are strongly committed to strike for as long as it takes to achieve a fair collective agreement, the financial straits that have made a strike necessary also make a strike hard to sustain. As precariously employed students and contract faculty, our members lack the financial reserves to draw on. For this reason we are soliciting donations for our Hardship Fund and donations in kind (including writing letters of support, visiting the picket lines and/or bringing food to the picketers), so that our members can focus their energies on winning a fair contract.

Cheques can be made out to CUPE 3903 and mailed to:

Silvia D'Addario, Treasurer  
CUPE 3909 Strike Office  
635 Petrolia Road  
Toronto ON M3J 2X8

*Visit <http://www.cupe3903.tao.ca/> for strike updates.*

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

In solidarity,

Christina Rousseau, Chair