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### Orchard Grove Nursing Home Workers Vote to Join UFCW 951

By an 5 to 1 margin, workers at the Orchard Grove Nursing Home in Benton Harbor, Michigan voted on Thursday August 17 to join United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) Local 951. Fifty workers voted for the union while ten were opposed. The voting was conducted under the National Labor Relations Act and supervised by the National Labor Relations Board.

“We think 951 is a great fit for us,” said Jennifer Taylor, a leader of the union campaign at Orchard Grove. “They already have members who work in the nursing home field, they are widely respected throughout Michigan and we like their approach to working with employers to improve conditions for the patients as well as the workers.”

“We are delighted to welcome these new members into the 951 family and we look forward to building a constructive relationship with the management of Northpointe Senior Services, the owners of the Orchard Grove facility,” commented UFCW 951 President Marv Russow.

UFCW 951 represents 33,000 members who work across the state of Michigan at Meijer, Harding’s, Plumb’s, Polly’s, Kroger, Kessel, Rite Aid, Knouse Foods, Fry Krisp, and Dowagiac Nursing Home. UFCW 951 has two offices: a headquarters at 3270 Evergreen Drive in Grand Rapids opened in 2005 and a satellite office in New Hudson, Michigan west of Detroit and employs 39 highly trained and skilled professionals, 21 of whom are Union Representatives in the field.