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1. Pay Equity: I give because I care!

Why not give yourself a lasting present? Make a donation to the Coalition and help us eliminate pay inequity!

Our 8th annual funding campaign has already raised \$67,000. Help us reach our goal of \$75,000 before the end of January 2018 by making a donation on our <u>web site</u> or by writing a cheque to the order of The Coalition for Pay Equity and sending it to 412-236 St. George St., Moncton NB E1A 5N2.

2. Political meeting

On December 19 we met with the Hon. Lisa Harris, Minister of Seniors and Long-term Care. We gave her our banners with messages of support for workers in the caregiving sector and asked for investment in their wages in the next provincial budget.

3. "Pay Equity Now!" Campaign

We are making great strides in our <u>campaign</u> calling on the next provincial government to adopt a law on pay equity for the private sector, our "Pay equity now!" Campaign. We have received T-shirts, buttons and information cards. Get in touch with our office to help us distribute them!

4. Pay raise for early childhood educators

Following the provincial government's <u>announcement</u> that they would increase the wages of early-childhood trained educators from \$16 to \$19 an hour over a four-year period, the Coalition issued a <u>press release</u> congratulating the government and reminding them that more investment is needed in order to achieve pay equity.

5. Letters to the editor

Several letters to the editor dealing with pay equity were published in provincial newspapers. The chair of our Board of Directors, Frances LeBlanc, <u>wrote</u> about the need to invest in salaries for care workers. Wendy Johnston <u>wrote</u> on the need for a pay equity law in the private sector, and Debrah Westerburg <u>wrote</u> about the relationship between gender-based violence and wage disparity.

6. Goodbye, Anne

Anne Robichaud, our project coordinator, has accepted a position at the Atlantic Regional office of the United Steelworkers, starting in the New Year. We extend our sincere thanks to Anne for her important contribution to the Coalition, and wish her great success in her new job. This is really only a "See you soon" because we know how committed Anne is to pay equity.

7. Position available at the Pay Equity office

The <u>Pay Equity Bureau</u>, which is responsible for implementing the <u>Pay Equity Act</u>, 2009, is looking for a program advisor. You can submit your application <u>here</u>.