Rally for Respect

Baker City Nurses & Community Unite!

The nurses of Baker City gathered with the community in a powerful show of support for our negotiation team. It was a resounding call for respect and recognition of the vital role nurses play in our community. One nurse, Alyson Rino RN, summed it up perfectly, saying, “WE SHOWN UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEY SHOWN UP FOR US.”

As nurses and community supporters proudly held up their signs and banners, drivers passing by honked their horns in solidarity, showing support that echoed through the city streets. It was a powerful reminder that our cause resonates with the entire community, and together, we can make a difference.
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As the rally progressed, our ONA President, Tamie Cline RN, took up the megaphone, her voice strong with determination. She passionately declared, “It’s time to end Saint Alphonsus’ cycle of unsafe staffing and lower wages. We must raise the bar, raise the pay, and raise the standards. Only then can we recruit and retain the nurses our community needs. Saint Alphonsus management must stop treating our nurses and this community like second-class citizens.”

Kathleen Cathey, the dedicated field representative from US Senator Ron Wyden’s office, read a statement from him. He acknowledged the invaluable contributions of our local nurses and assured us that we are not replaceable. Senator Wyden understands the deep connection nurses have with their community, appreciating the diverse cultures, traditions, and the overall betterment they bring to the entire community.

The rally was just the beginning. We’ve made our voices heard, and now it’s time to take the next steps towards creating a better future for nurses in Baker City. Stay tuned for updates on our action plan and upcoming events, because together, we are unstoppable!

Next Steps!

Reach out to your negotiation team to hear about another opportunity to make your voices heard by management before our next negotiation sessions start. Our success at the table depends on your dedicated support and commitment to a fair and just contract.

Negotiations resume Tuesday, September 12 at 8:30 a.m. Please show up wearing your ONA t-shirts and prepared to support your team.