

Non-acceptance of American Apparel donations by Garment Worker Center

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We at Garment Worker Center have determined to no longer accept any donations from American Apparel, in any form, nor to promote any products which use American Apparel products.

The mission of the Garment Worker Center centers on a clear commitment to supporting all garment workers to improve their working conditions. We are also committed to building a better, humane and just society where workers have direct democratic control of their workplaces, and where fulfilling the needs of all people is more important than the profit margins of corporations.

American Apparel continues to be a workplace where workers feel extreme pressures of productivity, do not receive adequate health benefits, do not have job security, and have no institutionalized forms of power to represent themselves for grievances or to improve their work conditions. GWC worker-members who work at American Apparel are struggling to improve their conditions there, and have come to us for support in their efforts. We wish to make clear that we are in complete support of the workers' struggles to improve their work conditions. Accepting donations in any form from American Apparel would create a conflict of interest.

As long as garment workers believe that American Apparel continues to remain a workplace that has much room for improvement, GWC unconditionally supports the workers.