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TEAMSTERS CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT CHERYL JOHNSON RETIRES

Longtime Ohio Teamster Led Efforts on Human Rights, Disaster Relief, Women's Caucus

(Washington, DC) — Central Region Vice President Cheryl Johnson is stepping down after more than 40 years as a Teamster activist who served in numerous important roles for the International Union, including leading such efforts on human rights, disaster relief and community outreach.

"Cheryl Johnson is a tireless leader who simply can't be replaced," said Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa. "Her impact on all Teamster members -- as a leader, mentor and friend -- has been enormous. I will personally miss her determination, enthusiasm and dedication to our great union. I wish her the best of luck and much happiness in her well-deserved retirement."

Johnson became a Teamster more than 40 years ago after assisting in a successful organizing campaign at the warehouse where she worked. She rose quickly through the union's ranks, serving as treasurer of the Toledo, Ohio, Teamsters Federal Credit Union, administrative assistant to the president of Local 20 in Toledo and state coordinator for the Ohio Conference of Teamsters. She was appointed and then later elected as a trustee of Local 20 in Toledo.

In March 1999, Hoffa appointed Johnson as director of the Teamsters' Human Rights Commission. She was later given additional leadership roles, including chairwoman of the Women's Caucus, president of the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund, secretary to the Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund, director of Community Services and coordinator for Special Events. In 2006, Johnson was elected as an International Vice President for the Central Region.

"It's been an honor to serve the working men and women of the greatest union in the world," Johnson said. "My proudest moments have been about making a difference in the lives of hardworking people."

Founded in 1903, the Teamsters Union represents more than 1.4 million hardworking men and women in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.