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A Union of Professionals

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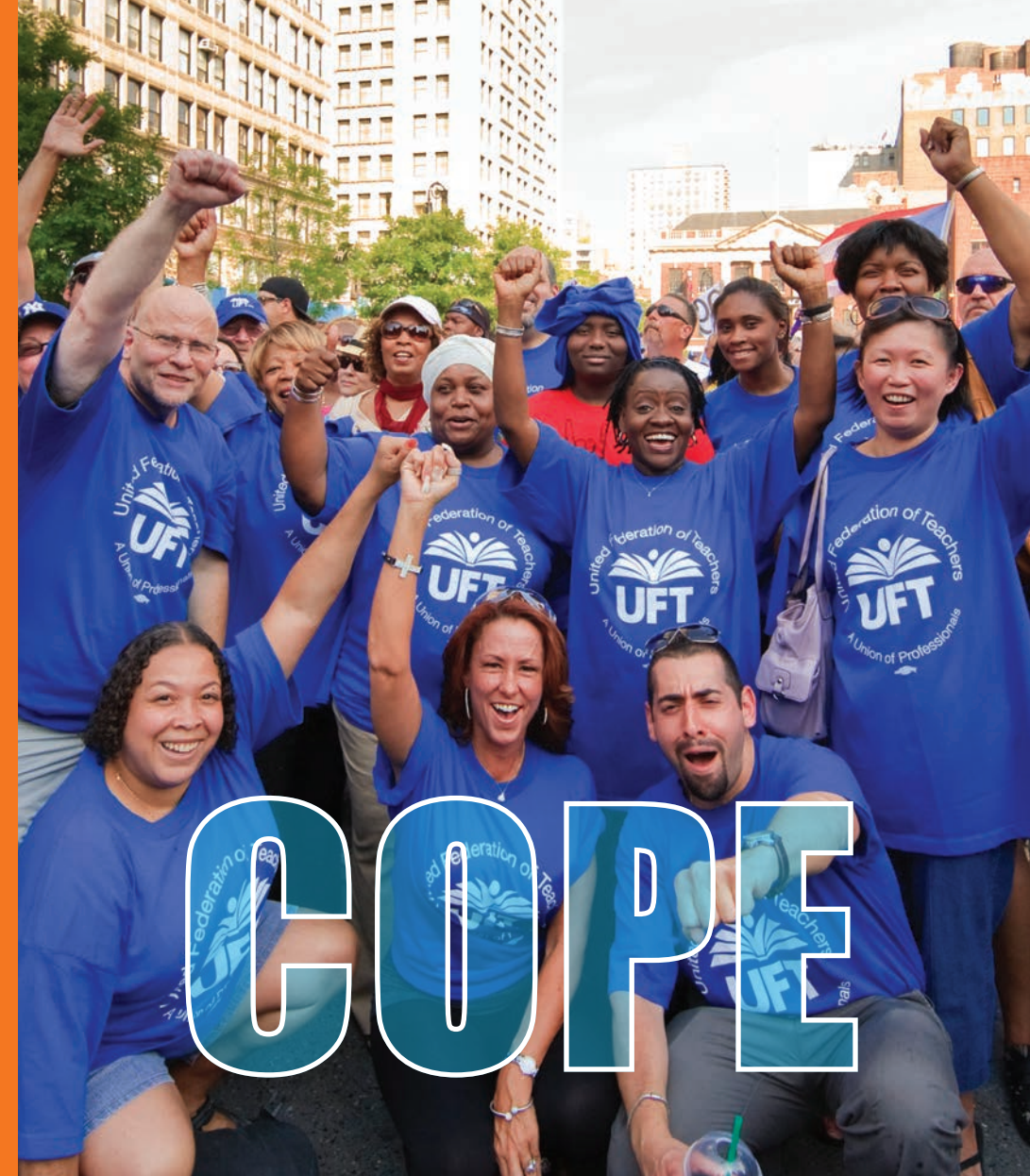
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Shape Your World

Helping others is what we do; it's why we've chosen our professions, hoping to make a difference in the world.

We help each other by standing together. That's the idea behind the UFT's Committee on Political Education (COPE), the heart of the union's political activities. With a collective voice, we strengthen schools, build communities and improve our families' lives.

Make a Difference

Voluntary contributions to UFT COPE help ensure that public officials – elected and appointed – hear your voice on issues and policies that matter to you.

And UFT COPE is one of the most effective ways to help elect candidates who support our schools and our professions. And when necessary, UFT COPE is also there to fight programs and policies that could harm you and your family.

When we act with unity and purpose, we win!

COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION

Our work, benefits and professions are under attack...

TAKE A STAND
JOIN Vote/COPE!

Vote/COPE
Enroll in COPE today!

See your chapter leader to sign up.
 Contact COPE at (212) 598-7747
 or email COPE@uft.org

Your Profession

The UFT, through its work in New York City, Albany and Washington, D.C., helps ensure better wages, benefits, pensions and job protections.

But these hard-fought victories are under assault. Corporate special interests want to gut the rights of ordinary Americans to organize and negotiate for incomes capable of sustaining a family. And hedge-fund billionaires spend millions hoping to privatize the bedrock of our democracy: public education.

Vote/COPE fights on each of these fronts.



Vote/COPE elects leaders who support UFT members

- UFT-endorsed candidates win tough races.
- With our backing, our candidates receive the grass-roots support they need.
- Vote/COPE works on behalf of candidates who clearly support public school education and labor in both the city and in Albany.

Your Workplace

So-called education reformers sought to close New York City public schools, punish teachers and make standardized tests the sole measure of a student's success. UFT COPE has helped elect candidates who oppose these policies and who will continue to fight for teachers, parents and children.

Vote/COPE empowers UFT members and allies through:

- Regular communication with officials so they understand our positions on current and proposed legislation that affect our schools.
- Voter education materials.
- Phone banks to inform our colleagues about elections and to urge them to vote.
- Mailings, faxes and email outreach.
- The news media: We let reporters know our side of the story.

Your Community

Vote/COPE helps secure the financial and political support for innovative education programs, such as our Community Learning Schools Initiative, which is putting health and social services inside schools where they belong.

Vote/COPE helps garner the political support for exemplary projects including the UFT's BRAVE anti-bullying campaign, and cutting-edge career and technical education programs.

Vote/COPE allows us to fight for affordable housing and rent regulation, immigrant rights and civil rights.

Vote/COPE allows us to have political power.

Your Vote/COPE

The UFT has an impressive record of legislative, legal and electoral victories.

COPE is entirely funded by voluntary contributions. We do not use union dues for political action.

Our work through COPE is not possible without you.

What you can do

- Give to Vote/COPE.
- Sign up to be a political volunteer.
- Sign up for political action emails and text message updates.
- Like us on Facebook.
- Follow us on Twitter @UFT.

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