Strong support for universal child care at the Ontario Federation of Labour convention



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Delegates to the 2013 convention of the Ontario Federation of Labour overwhelmingly supported the following resolution last week:

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) will

Demand the Government of Ontario take immediate action to:

- Invest in the expansion of a public, not-for-profit, and universal childcare system for children ages 0-12.
- Demand a moratorium on new licensing of corporate for-profit multinational childcare companies.
- Create a system of accountability and licensing measures to ensure that children are safe and in enriched early learning and care environments.
- Ensure childcare workers are compensated fairly for their valuable work.
- Address accessibility for families by immediately reducing childcare fees and investing in a universal system without compromising quality.
- Work with affiliates, coalition partners and childcare allies to create a strong voice for a progressive universal childcare system in Ontario.
- Work with the Canadian Labour Congress to create a universal childcare system across the country.

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As well, the OFL honoured Martha Friendly with the Olivia Chow Child Care Champion Award. The award was created in 2011 to recognize the dedicated work that people make to a child care system in Ontario. Olivia was the first recipient and Martha the second. CUPE local 2484 (Toronto) nominated Martha; Janet Teibo from 2484 (pictured below) accepted the award on her behalf at the gala dinner.

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