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The good things they don't tell you about unions ...

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## Working union means a better retirement



**U**nion members believe that if you work hard and play by the rules, you should be able to:

- Earn wages you can thrive on (not just survive on)
- Provide a better life for your kids
- Retire in dignity

Reliable retirement benefits help make a good life after work possible. Union retirees are more likely to have paid health benefits and

a real pension – not a risky 401(k) that relies on the roulette wheel of Wall Street.

Working union makes the difference between retiring in poverty and retiring in dignity. That's what workers can achieve when we stand as a union and get things done together that we can't accomplish on our own.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in the United States," released September 2014, Tables 2 and 42.

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