



9to5 Los Angeles

## WORKING WOMEN NEWS

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### 9to5 in Action

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#### *Member Update*

Hello! My name is Avis "Ava" Williams, and I am the Chairperson of the Los Angeles chapter of 9to5. I help Cathy D., our Coordinator, go out and recruit new members for 9to5 at the Los Angeles County Gain Office, located at LaCienga and Century Blvd. We are able to help members of this Job Training Workshop, change or establish their voting strategy and inform them of the policies we are working on nationwide and locally. Because of the work that Cathy and I do every week, the number of people registering to vote has doubled since April! We also collect signatures for our petitions that we walk up to Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., in May each year. This is a very rewarding project. I like to boost and encourage others and help them believe, "Hope is still alive, it starts within." Through the work that I do with 9to5, I help others see they still have a chance in their community to support themselves and their families. Reach out to someone, and the experience will help you, too.



9to5 Members at April Day of Action at the Capitol

#### *New 9to5 Chapter!*

We are proud to announce our newest chapter opening in Sacramento! They're eager to get to work in our state's capitol on issues like wage theft and workplace bullying. **Welcome Sacramento 9to5!**

### Upcoming Events

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#### **Fair Trade and Conscious Gifts and Bazaar**

December 10, Saturday  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
3300 Wilshire Blvd, near Vermont, Los Angeles  
9to5 will have a table, so buy Christmas gifts and support 9to5!

#### **Community Forum on the CA Budget Crisis**

December 9, Friday  
Time: 10:30am-12:30pm  
Location: Planned Parenthood  
400 W 30<sup>th</sup> St, Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Co-sponsored by 9to5!  
RSVP to Astrid Campos-[acampos@communitychange.org](mailto:acampos@communitychange.org)

#### **9to5 Los Angeles Chapter Meeting**

Our final member meeting of 2011 will be on Sunday, Dec 18 at 3pm. Everyone is invited! We'll be looking back on 2011 and planning actions for 9to5 in 2012.

## 9to5 Action Update

9 to 5 has had some exciting policy victories in recent months:



**August Day of Action for Paid Sick Days –  
Wilshire/Vermont Metro Station in Los Angeles**

*Wage Theft Prevention:* Governor Brown signed **A.B. 469**, Wage Theft Prevention Act of 2011, which will be very important in improving employment rights many workers across the state. This is a strong law for workers in cases of wage and hour violations. Thanks to all who write letters, made phone calls, or signed petitions!

*Law Protecting Pregnant Workers:* Governor Jerry Brown signed **Senate Bill 299** (Evans) -a law requiring employers to continue to provide paid health coverage for women on pregnancy or childbirth-related leave. This legislation closes a gap in the law that allowed employers to cancel health insurance completely, or just stop making employer payments for health insurance, when a woman took pregnancy disability leave. Thanks again to everyone for your hard work in making sure women continued to have the health care they need!

## 9to5 Tips and Notes

Government Assisted Cellular Service is available to anyone of low income or enrolled in a public assistance program (CalWORKS, SSI, Medi-Cal, Medicaid, Section 8, Food Stamps, TANF, etc.) Receive a FREE cell phone and discounted monthly minutes every month with the Federal Lifeline Program.

Enrollment:

1-877-777-1914, or visit [www.govlifeline.com](http://www.govlifeline.com).

ReachOut Wireless service is a Federal Government Supported Program for income eligible households.

### *9to5 House Party*

*9to5 is hosting a house party on Wednesday, December 7 at 6pm. We will be hearing from members about 9to5's impact on their lives and on their communities.*

*Learn how you can support our efforts and ensure that we are able to continue making a difference in Los Angeles. Please consider attending and please bring your friends!*

*Suggested minimum donation: \$25*

*Wine and light appetizers will be served.*

*Contact Cathy at 213-201-7029 to R.S.V.P and for location information!*

# 6th Annual Fair Trade & Conscious Gifts Bazaar



**When:**                **Saturday, December 10, 2011**  
                              **11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Where:**              **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**  
                              **3300 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA**

**9to5 Los Angeles Chapter** is hosting one of many vendor tables at this great bazaar, organized in support of the Afghan Women's Mission by Sonali Kolhatkar of KPFK's "Uprising" show and featuring hand-crafted sale items from the women of Afghanistan.

***DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE*** to pick up your 9to5 tasty *soup beans* from the Women's Bean Project as well as our t-shirts, books, literature, and members' handicrafts, jewelry, tissue boxes, and more. Please come visit and support 9to5 and this wonderful annual community event.

## 9to5 Invitation: Join Us!

9to5 depends almost solely on memberships and donations from members and supporters like you to achieve legislative and local victories. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to 9to5 and help provide the support we so urgently need to make a difference!

9to5 memberships also make great Christmas gifts! Each 9to5 membership directly supports our local efforts, and connects you to a nationwide network of women and activists who care about working women's issues. Membership also empowers members to become an agent for change by sending action alerts and e-mail updates on important legislation, and much more!

Contact us at 213-201-7029 or go to [www.9to5california.org](http://www.9to5california.org) to learn more about donating!

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