

Porchá Perry



TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

My name is Porchá Perry, I am a single mother of 2 kids and an honest and hardworking person. I am currently employed at four arenas which are Comerica Park, Ford Field, Fox Theatre and Little Caesar Arena. My role at Ford Field is a team member and usher. When I am at Comerica Park I focus on housekeeping. Lastly, when I am working at Fox Theatre and Little Cesar Arena I work for an outside security company.

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 1? AND HOW DID YOU GET INTRODUCED?

I have been a member of SEIU Local 1 for about 7 years since 2016. I first got introduced to the union when I was working for Ford Field and Comerica Park back then. I do not recall exactly how I got introduced to the union but I do remember them having representatives speak to the workers about the benefits of being a union member and how our voices matter.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY A JOB WITHOUT A UNION? HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?

As I observe from a security standpoint the difference between a non-union job and a security job is a big difference when I view the two when working at Comerica Park. To be employed with a union job makes a huge difference because overall they continuously fight for members ensuring better working conditions. From the non-union jobs I have observed the employers take advantage of employees and are able to relieve them of their duties without warning. In a union we have a team and they are backing you up 100%

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT AS A MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 1?

My favorite moment as a member of SEIU Local 1 would have to be when we took action against the ballparks and we arose victorious! Before I became a union stewardess I did not know too much about the problems that were occurring for our members at the park. To be able to take a stand and fight for the team and employees against management and the higher ups was beautiful to see. When I saw how happy everyone was it made the fight all worth it to me!

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL SOMEONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT JOINING A UNION?



What I would tell someone who is skeptical about joining the union is to first inform them that THEY are the union! I would also like to say to them that you yourself are the union and nothing gets done without your input, without your voice, without YOU. To be honest you are not in the fight alone the union is behind you 100% in the fight!

