



“Joseph E. Hopkins Jr. Union Leadership Training Fund”

Hopkins Family Keeps Joe’s ‘Union Spirit’ Alive

Joe Hopkins was one of those members who really “got it.” He was an active member who stepped up as a shop steward and served as a chapter officer in the Central Chapter. He loved supporting the cause on a picket line, at rallies, Labor-to-Labor walks every Saturday and phone banks three nights a week during the election season, often bringing his family out with him.

Joe was the recipient of the Local 194 Union Spirit Award in 2010 because of his activism and devotion to his union and Local 194 brothers and sisters. When Joe succumbed to cancer, we were all devastated. His family, wanting to keep his union spirit alive, created the “Joseph E. Hopkins Jr. Union Leadership Training Fund” to cultivate and train future Local 194 union leaders. At the 2013 June General Membership meeting, President Ehret presented Joe’s wife Anne and son Anthony with a plaque in recognition of Joe and their family’s gift to the members of Local 194.

Contributions can be made to the “Joseph E. Hopkins Jr. Union Leadership Training Fund” and mailed to IFPTE Local 194, P.O. Box 790, Milltown, NJ 08850.