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Celebrating our Own on International Women's Day 2020

On this International Women's Day, and throughout the rest of March, CUPW is celebrating women whose struggles have shaped what CUPW is today. Women make the union stronger each day, and we've come a long way so far in our efforts to make CUPW more representative, more effective, and safer for women and all non-male-identifying postal workers.

The National Women's committee is launching a campaign to recognize and show gratitude to some of the trailblazing women whose expression of their feminism and their trade unionism have made a lasting impact on our union. The committee selected eleven women to recognize this year.

We're recognizing Monique Allard, Deborah Bourque, Alice Boudreau, Lynn Bue, Joyce Firman, Cindi Foreman, Caroline Lee, Lucie Monette, Marion Pollack, Jan Simpson, and Lorraine Tew.

The work of these sisters has helped shape the history of our Union and we are happy to share their stories. While the next generation of Women leaders emerge, they too will face challenges and many of the same barriers we've fought for years. It is only by celebrating our victories, against patriarchy and advancing women's rights and gender equity that we have claimed our space over time.

Recognition

Beginning on International Women's Day and for the rest of March we'll commemorate these sisters and their achievements on facebook and twitter, and in a landing page on cupw.ca.

Also throughout the rest of March, all outgoing mail from the national office will feature a mock stamp commemorating Joyce Firman, one of the first female letter carriers in Ontario.

The last element is a postcard campaign. We're producing a postcard to recognize the women who are making a positive impact in your local

or any part of CUPW. Members can use the Trailblazers postcard, which will be available to locals, to send messages of gratitude and respect to your sisters who have inspired you, empowered you, and made the union better for you and your co-workers.

Where do you come in

Send the postcard and recognize some influential sisters. Work with your local women's committee – or get one going! it's a good access point to union activism – you can make your union stronger and help advance our work. Share and engage with social media campaign – give us your thoughts and tell your own stories, recognize sisters who have shaped your life in the union.

Help us celebrate this side of our union, and help us continue the fight for a more equitable union and a more equitable society.

In solidarity,

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