SEIU Local 26 Window Cleaners

2010: 4 window cleaners died in just a few years, making MN window cleaning one of the most dangerous occupations in the country, including union member Fidel Sanchez. Window cleaners proposed new safety standards in the contract, which the company rejected, resulting in a lockout/strike for two weeks. Window cleaners stayed unified, engaged in civil disobedience arrests at Gavidea commons food court. At the end the window cleaners won all the safety standards they proposed, and $3 raises, family healthcare, and protected their pension. Today journeymen make over $25/hour.

SEIU Local 26 Retail Store Cleaners

2011: CTUL, a worker center that is a long time community partner with SEIU26, launched a campaign to stop wage theft of cleaners at retail stores like Cub, Target and Best buy, with a 9 day hunger strike.

2014: retail cleaners began the first of 5 one day strikes to stop wage theft and raise standards.

2017: 500 retail cleaners made history when they won a first union contract (the first market wide master in the country).