Lakewood Regional Medical Center makes $18 million a year by outsourcing our jobs to subcontractors that pay poverty wages.

Lakewood Regional subcontracts housekeepers and cafeteria workers to Sodexo, which makes $1 billion a year by paying us just pennies above minimum wage.

Wages are so low that many full-time workers — some of us the sole support for our families — need to collect and recycle cans to pay for basic necessities.

Despite working 40 hours or more a week cleaning and disinfecting the hospital and providing meals for patients and their families, many of us cannot afford the hospital’s health insurance for our families, and qualify for public assistance programs like Medi-Cal and Food Stamps.

Sodexo’s low wages, high turnover, and chronic short staffing are also undermining Lakewood Regional’s infection-control standards.

Understaffing prevents us from cleaning the hospital in accordance with its own standards. This year, the Leapfrog Group — a national nonprofit hospital-safety organization — gave the hospital a “C” for patient safety. Lakewood scored three times worse than average for life-threatening MRSA infections. (For more info, see reverse.)

WE DEMAND BETTER WAGES AND BENEFITS AND INCREASED STAFFING.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Tell Sodexo and Lakewood Regional: Now is the time to end poverty wages!

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INFECTIONS

Lakewood Regional averages $18 MILLION in annual profit. Meanwhile, the hospital is experiencing high levels of infection while understaffing its infection-control programs.

77% of staff report being understaffed at least once a week.
43% of infection-control staff report working without pay in order to complete assignments.
57% of infection-control staff report having to take shortcuts to complete duties on time.

LRMC scored three times worse than the average hospital for MRSA infections.

Putting Patients at Risk?

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