

## **Election Day 2006**

2006 has been a remarkable political year for our country and our local. On Election Day, more than 1,000 Local 32BJ members volunteered in 5 states and Washington, D.C. and more than 3,000 volunteered throughout the entire election season. For the first time, we had an impact on dozens of local, state and national elections in all of these places on the same day, and we helped turn the tide in Congress. It was our first run at this kind of activity as "regional local" and it only worked because of the combined efforts of our leaders, staff, member political organizers and activists.

### **Connecticut**

Connecticut became a national priority this year and Democrats upset two sitting Republican Members of Congress. Our work helped Chris Murphy beat Rep. Nancy Johnson. Although John DeStefano lost his run for Governor, he continues to be our strong ally as Mayor of New Haven.

### **Maryland**

Our candidates for Governor, Martin O'Malley and U.S. Senate, Benjamin Cardin, both won narrow elections.

### **New Jersey**

Our friend, Robert Menendez, was re-elected in a tough campaign for U.S. Senate. Several County Executives who are working with us to raise wages for janitors in their areas were re-elected as well.

### **New York**

We made a lasting impression on the new Governor, Eliot Spitzer, with some 700 volunteer members on Election Day.

### **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania was one of the most watched states in the country all year and we helped oust anti-union Rick Santorum from the Senate and elect Bob Casey. We also brought in 3 new Democratic members of Congress and helped bring Democrats close to control of the State Assembly.

### **Washington, D.C.**

Adrian Fenty completed his remarkable run for Mayor. His victory will open real opportunities to win economic development policy and organizing victories in Washington.