

## ***Announcing the Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation***

Railroad Workers United now has a “sister” organization. The Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation (RWELDF) was set up last year to serve as the education and legal arm of RWU. The Foundation was recently recognized by the federal government as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit charitable foundation. RWELDF is dedicated to educating and defending railroad workers interests across North America and providing them with the tools they need to win.

In recent years, RWU has considered the prospects of raising funds to help pay the expenses of educational projects like conferences and workshops, literature and other media and to assist our members and railroad workers in general. RWELDF will work very closely with RWU and augment the work of the “parent” organization. According to the Department of the Treasury, “We have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are tax deductible under Section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the code.”

RWELDF is set up to provide grassroots education and leadership development programs that help railroad workers understand the issues they face, to build unity and solidarity among railroaders, and ensure democracy and transparency in our unions. These programs are to be grounded in the traditions

of solidarity participatory democracy that lie at the heart of all progressive social movements. Whether it be sponsoring a conference on rail safety, assisting railroad workers to attend various educational functions, distributing literature, audio-visual materials and more, RWELDF will be there to help build the power of the railroad workers’ rank & file movement.

Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation’s work will be made possible by the generous donations from railroad workers, family members and retirees, as well as from supporters who share our vision of a labor movement that uses rank-and-file power to fight for all working people.

In the coming years, we hope to gain the support of progressive, pro-labor community/social change foundations. Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation does not and never will solicit or accept funding from any employer-related or anti-labor sources.

For more information about tax-exempt organizations, including Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation, go to [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org). Our Federal I.D. is 37-1711643.

To show your support for our efforts to build unity, democracy and solidarity among railroad workers, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to RWELDF through Pay Pal or credit card. See the RWU website at [www.railroadworkersunited.org](http://www.railroadworkersunited.org) RWELDF.