Co-workers of the three railroaders who were killed in the wreck of CP Train #301 east of Field, BC on February 4th set up an online Go Fund Me fundraiser within hours of the tragedy. The effort was initiated to support the families of the three - Daniel Waldenberger-Bulmer, Andy Dockrell, and Dylan Paradis - who lost their lives when the long and heavy grain train they had just boarded on a steep grade, rolled away in sub-zero temperatures and derailed in western Canada just after midnight.

Within three weeks, over a thousand donors had contributed nearly $150,000! It is great to see railroad workers, family members and union locals all come together in such an outpouring of support for the victims and their families. Perhaps their efforts can act as a model for other railroaders who wish to lend support to their co-workers if and when tragedy strikes. An online “crowd sourcing” site like this one can be created in minutes at no cost. RWU encourages every railroad worker to consider such a noble and worthwhile effort in the unfortunate event that co-workers are lost on the job.