



Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.

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The Homeless Hub - Homeless Hub Podcast [A "must" listen - Ed.]

Putting Food Insecurity on the Table

It's the debut of the Homeless Hub Podcast! Our first episode sees us speaking with Dr. Valerie Tarasuk of the University of Toronto about food insecurity, food banks, and what needs to be done to ensure all Canadians know where their next meal is coming from, and that they can afford it.



[Click here to listen to the full podcast at the homelessshub.ca website](#)

January 4, 2014

The Hamilton Spectator - Opinion - Dennis Raphael

The issue is not poor children but family poverty

The last few weeks have seen much hand wringing about the continuing high levels of child poverty in Canada. Various solutions are offered such as increasing the basic benefits provided to parents of low-income children, improving educational practice, as well as a hodgepodge of measures designed to make living in poverty more palatable (e.g., free dental care for poor children, removing recreation fees, etc.)

These seem to me to be half-measures all designed to somehow "help" children who find themselves living in poverty. To my mind these proposals are misguided at best and dangerous at worst. The problem of child poverty is primarily a problem of family poverty, which is itself a result of the unequal distribution of income and wealth amongst Canadians.



[Click here to read the full article at the thespec.com website](#)

December 27, 2013

The Chronicle Herald - Rylan Higgins

We're failing to address family food insecurity

There is much truth in the recent statement by Industry Minister James Moore that the federal government is not responsible for feeding Canadians. That Canada has no national programs aimed at reducing food insecurity makes this clear.

Indeed, the federal government, whether we like it or not (and I don't), is not responsible, as Moore implies, for hungry children - or hungry adults, for that matter - and has never, to my knowledge, claimed to be. The question is whether as a society we are comfortable with this policy regarding food insecurity.

[Click here to read this opinion piece at thechronicleherald.ca website](#)

January 9, 2014

The Georgia Straight - Trish Garner - Commentary

Donating isn't a long-term solution for poverty and hunger

My twins started kindergarten last September. By the end of the year, they had taken part in two food bank drives and multiple bake sales to raise money for all sorts of good causes. I am glad that the school is fostering a sense of social responsibility and that my children are thinking about others. However, I am concerned that the only solution they are learning to address issues of poverty and hunger is to donate. The slogan of our schools has become "bring your money".



[Click here to read the full comment at the straight.com website](#)

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CBC- Windsor - Senator Hugh Segal

Guaranteed Annual Income

Would a guaranteed income program mean the end of food bank dependency? We spoke to Senator Hugh Segal. (Runs 6:39)

**Windsor
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Social Science Research Network - Abstract/Download

How a Guaranteed Annual Income Could Put Food Banks Out of Business

The government could go a lot further toward the reduction of poverty in Canada by building on the success of its income supports for seniors, and making them available to poor Canadians of all ages.

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