



**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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December 27, 2012

Diana Bronson - Food Secure Canada

### **Canadians need a national food policy, not a food industry business model**

Christmas can bring out the best in us. We're encouraged to think of others and remember the holiday season's humble beginnings. Some invite the lonely to share a meal, while others volunteer at their local food banks.



If the crass commercialism is hard to avoid, at least we can console ourselves by shopping for others. And then there's always a moment when the Dickensian ghost of Christmas future descends upon us, encouraging shifts in behavior.

For those of us concerned about Canada's food policy (or lack of one), the ghost is already here and it has a clear message. Change course, it says, before it's too late.

[Read the full article at rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca)

December 19, 2012

Toronto Star - Elaine Power, Graham Riches and Valerie Tarasuk

### **Corporate tax breaks are not the answer to hunger in Canada**

Could a corporate tax break help feed hungry Canadians? Ottawa is now considering a proposal by Food Banks Canada allowing food businesses donating surplus food to food banks to write off up to twice the cost of producing the food. It sounds like a win-win-win proposal.



... The first problem is that it gives tacit government approval to a charitable â€œsolutionâ€ to hunger. But food banks are not a solution to this problem.

[Read the full article at The Star's website](http://thestar.com)

December 14, 2012

CBC Radio - On The Island - Vancouver Island

### **The case for closing food banks**

Do food banks perpetuate poverty? Two community activists talk about our growing dependence on them, and how to shut them down.

**On The  
Island**

[Listen to the interview on the CBC website](#)

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York Region Media Group

### **Food banks nibble at problem of hunger**

The news that more Ontarians than ever are using food banks comes at an opportune time.

The contrast between have and have-not is never starker than when our good fortune is on display in piles of gifts under Christmas trees and at gatherings where the tables are practically groaning with the abundance of food and drink on them.

[Read the full article at the York Region Media Group's website](#)

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