



**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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Freedom90 - Trinity United Church - Newmarket - April 25, 2014

### **Turning the Tide on Poverty: From Charity to Advocacy**

You are welcome to attend the event we have planned for April 25th in the hope that we may learn about what has been done and what may be done to address the troubling problem of poverty in our community.

We know that there are hungry and homeless people in our community, and we are searching for ways to help them, because adequate food and shelter are basic human rights.



[Click here for some background on the April 25th event](#)

April 22, 2014

Fairlaw n Avenue United Church and Freedom90

### **Why do we still have food banks?**

Over 30 years ago, the first food banks in Canada opened their doors. They were described as a temporary measure to feed the hungry. They're still here.

Please join us for an interactive evening to explore what it's like to visit a food bank, the obstacles to using a food bank, alternatives to the food bank system and what you and your local community can do.



[Click here for details on the May 14th event](#)

April 16, 2014

The Homeless Hub - Isaac Coplan

### **Infographic Wednesday - Food Bank Use in Canada**

This infographic by Food Banks Canada was part of the HungerCount report. The report states that while there was a drop of approximately 40,000 food bank users between 2012 - 2013, there were 833,000 food bank users in Canada. This is 23% more than the number of people who accessed food banks prior to the 2008 recession.

[Click here for the full infographic/commentary at The Homeless Hub website](#)



April 11, 2014

The London Free Press

### **A better way**

The directors of the London Food Bank surprised the city this week by announcing they want to dismantle half the operations of the 27-year-old agency three years from now. Glen Pearson and Jane Roy want something to replace an outdated institution that was supposed to be temporary and isn't addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty.

[Click here to read the full article on The London Free Press website](#)

April 11, 2014

Catalyst - Brian Platt

### **Experts sound warning on looming food crisis in the North**

Aboriginal communities in Northern Canada are facing an impending health crisis due to food insecurity, according to a new report from a panel of Canadian experts.

The report says these Aboriginal households have double the rate of food insecurity compared to the average Canadian household, at 27 per cent compared to 14 per cent.



[Click here to read the full article at the Catalyst website](#)

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