



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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Toronto Star - Carol Goar - Star Columnist

More spin than substance in poverty reduction plan

Anti-poverty advocates have learned to welcome crumbs from the Ontario Liberals.

That is what they got in the five-year poverty reduction strategy unveiled by Deputy Premier Deb Matthews last week. The 56-page blueprint consisted of recycled promises, long-term goals, soothing language and self-congratulations (despite the fact she fell far short of her last five-year target.)



But social activists lauded the government for its good intentions, its comprehensive framework and its long-sought acknowledgement that homelessness is a provincial responsibility.

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

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The Independent - Jon Parsons - Columnist

The myopia of charitable giving

Last week, people of the province were shocked to learn the story of Lewis Kearney, a St. John's man who appeared in court to answer charges of theft for taking \$40 worth of food from a local grocery store.

Kearney, who relies on income support totaling \$115 per week, turned to crime when government subsidies for heat and light bills were cut and his financial situation became impossible.

Outstretched hand

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

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CTV News

Neighbourhood food bank says no thank you to Kraft Dinner

An Ottawa food bank is saying no thank you to Kraft Dinner, hot dogs and dozens of other items deemed unhealthy.

Parkdale Food Centre co-ordinator Karen Secord says everybody deserves good-quality food - even those who can't afford it.



"I don't want canned stew, Alpha-Getti, Kraft Dinner, pop, chips, candy," Secord told CTV Ottawa.

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

September 18, 2014

Global NEWS - Jennifer Palisoc - Reporter [National media finally "gets it"! - Ed.]

GTA food banks no longer the temporary solution they were meant to be

When times are tough, many families turn to food banks.

"Four million Canadians are living in households where there's a struggle to afford the food that they need," said Valerie Tarasuk, a professor of nutritional science at the University of Toronto. "That is a big problem."



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

September 2, 2014

Haliburton Echo - Chad Ingram [Local media already has! - Ed.]

Increase food security, reduce poverty

Increasing food security in Haliburton County will help reduce poverty in the municipality and developing a food charter and action plan could be part of the solution.

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

August 14, 2014

Kingston Heritage - Bill Hutchins

Hunger in the City: "Startling" report counts the need

There may be more hunger in the city than you think.

A new study reveals nearly one thousand people rely on food assistance every day.

Kingston's food providers have unveiled their first ever report that paints a "clear and startling" picture of food insecurity.

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

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