



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 London Free Press - Norman DeBono

London anti-poverty activists asking business to find alternatives to food banks

London's anti-poverty advocates envision a future when there isn't a food bank and those in need get their food from grocery stores.

To help make that vision a reality, they're calling on business expertise for help, Jane Roy, co-executive director of the London Food Bank, said Thursday.

"Is there a creative way for folks who need cheaper food to get it where we all get it? We need people who think outside the box."



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October 14, 2014

Brooks Bulletin online - Local news for Brooks, AB

United Way to stop funding dairy program at Brooks Food Bank

Effective Jan. 1, 2015 the United Way will no longer fund the Brooks Food Bank Foundation's dairy program.

"They figure we're maintaining the problem (of food insecurity), that we're not coming up with a solution," said food bank manager Gwen Cameron.

The solution, the United Way explains, is to offer a program such as a bagged lunch or soup kitchen program which the United Way would likely fund.

"This program is viewed as one that only manages or maintains the issue of food insecurity and has no means to create a solution for these individuals," states Darren Lole, president of Southeastern Alberta United Way.

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October 7, 2014

Collette Yvonne

Giving Thanks at the Newmarket Food Pantry

Every time I donate a bag of potatoes or a jar of peanut butter, I feel I am adding my support to a stupid system. I am a fan of living wages and a guaranteed minimum income, not food banks. The problem of hunger is too big for community-based charities to solve, as food, hunger and poverty researcher Elaine Power wrote in the Globe and Mail. She added, it's time to hold our governments accountable to their obligation to ensure that all Canadians have a standard of living adequate for health and well-being.



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September 25, 2014

Toronto Star - Olivia Carville - Staff Reporter

Disability makes poverty likelier than ever

Being disabled is increasingly a trigger for poverty and hunger, according to a new report profiling food bank clients across the GTA.

The percentage of disabled people lining up at food banks has almost doubled since 2005, the Daily Bread Food Bank's Who's Hungry report states.



Disability beneficiaries receive so little money from Ontario's social welfare programs they are forced to live in poverty ...

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The Agenda with Steve Paikin - Panelists include Freedom90's Yvonne Kelly

Poverty Reduction Reboot

With a \$10.5 billion deficit, can Ontario really "realize our potential" to break the cycle of poverty even as food bank usage hits record highs? Can Ontario really end homelessness? That's the promise of a new poverty reduction initiative from Queen's Park. The Agenda gathers a range of experts to look at what it will take to transform poverty in this province.

Steve Paikin

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September 22, 2014

Western Catholic Reporter - Joe Gunn - Columnist

Chew on this! Canada's tax cuts take priority over ending poverty

My daughter just can't believe the poverty she has seen this past week...

She had just left for a six-month stint, along with 17 other young adults from Nicaragua and Canada, to live with host families, learn each other's customs and work with social agencies.

But my daughter wasn't on the line from somewhere in the Global South. She was calling from Hamilton, Ont.



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