$\Rightarrow 1.2$ million children in Canada experience poverty. If gathered into one area, they would create Canada's $4^{\text {th }}$ largest city.

- World Vision Canada, Always Among Us, 1995
$\Rightarrow$ Sixteen countries have lower child poverty rates than Canada.
- UNICEF, Child Poverty in Rich Nations, 2000
$\Rightarrow$ This House "seeks to achieve the goal of eliminating poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000."
- House of Commons resolution, November 24, 1989.

$\Rightarrow$ One in three children in Toronto is living in poverty.
- Toronto Campaign 2000, June 2003, Annual Report
$\Rightarrow 40$ percent of people being served by Canada's food banks are children under the age of 18.
- The Progress of Canada's Children, 2001
$\Rightarrow$ There are more than 1 million Canadian children living in poverty. - Statistics Canada, 2005
$\Rightarrow$ The average family in Canada spends 35 percent of its income on housing, clothing, and food.
- Campaign 2000, 2003 Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada
$\Rightarrow$ Despite a commitment made in 1989 by the federal government to eradicate child poverty by the year 2000, the number of poor children had increased between 1989 and 1999 by 39 percent.
- Campaign 2000, 2003 Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada
$\Rightarrow$ Canada has the greatest number of children, per capita, living in poverty within the 18 most industrialized countries.
- UNICEF, Child Poverty in Rich Nations
$\Rightarrow$ In the boom year of 2000, Ontario was home to 390,000 children defined as poor, a 41 percent increase over the decade.
- Ontario Campaign 2000, Toronto Star, March 26, 2003

