

# Vote for a Poverty Free Ontario June 12



*Bruce Grey*  
**POVERTY  
TASK FORCE**

## ASK YOUR CANDIDATES:

What will your party do to ensure that low wage workers are not forced to live in poverty?

What will your party do to curb the growing number of low-wage jobs in Ontario?

What will you do to ensure that highly profitable corporations are paying their employees a decent wage?

What will your party do to bring back good, decent paying full-time jobs to Ontario?

## Ontario's low-wage workers deserve a raise

Workers in Ontario find it difficult to find a good job. Jobs have become more insecure, part-time and temporary, offering low wages and little to no benefits. The lack of stable and decent employment results in many workers and their families having to live in poverty. Poverty costs the health care and criminal justice systems up to \$79 to \$95 billion dollars a year, according to Canada without Poverty. Investing in poverty prevention costs less and has a greater impact.

Almost 40% of people earning \$10.25/hour wage are women, visible minorities and immigrants over the age of 25.

A person working full-time at the current minimum wage of \$10.25 would earn less than Ontario's poverty line.

The United Way of Bruce Grey calculated that a living wage in the City of Owen Sound is \$13.21 and in Bruce Grey is \$15.11.