

ENOUGH TO THRIVE ON

Equitable Recovery = A Better Normal

People with **insufficient income** face **impossible choices** every single day.

People living with low income do not have the resources to recover well from the COVID19 pandemic. **Income security** is just the start to "a better normal". Especially for Indigenous people, women, people living with disabilities or other barriers related to employment and social exclusion.

Almost **1 in 5 children** across Grey & Bruce live in a low-income household.

A **living wage** is the hourly wage a worker needs to meet their families' basic needs. In Grey and Bruce Counties, pre-pandemic, this comes to **\$ 18.39/hour**.

Traditional food charities try to meet emergency needs but are not a permanent solution to food insecurity. **1 in 6** Canadians who visit food banks are employed.



9.3% of people in Bruce County and **11.4%** in Grey County spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

The vacancy rate in Grey Bruce is **1.7%**.

A sustainable and equitable food system must address climate change. It must include all people to ensure a positive impact on the environment.

Almost **60 tons** of food has been diverted locally in a Grey Bruce foodrescue.ca pilot.

Investing in income security solutions for all:

- Honours the spirit and intent of the Report of the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada**.
- Protects housing as a human right and ensures **affordable housing**, that which costs no more than 30% of household income, under the **National Housing Strategy**.
- Promotes the **respect, dignity, and inclusion** of all people to feed their families as stated in the **Food Policy for Canada**.
- Ensures **equitable access to health services** to maintain physical and mental health which is critical under the **Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy**.
- Ensures people can participate in reducing **climate change** by including climate change adaptation into all Federal poverty reduction strategies.

Learn more about **Canada's strategies** and the work of the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force at: www.povertytaskforce.com/resources



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