



CAMPAIGN 2000

END CHILD & FAMILY POVERTY IN CANADA

HOUSE OF COMMONS RESOLUTION, 1989

"This House ... seek(s) to achieve the goal of eliminating poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000."

- unanimously passed resolution of the Canadian House of Commons, November 24, 1989

CAMPAIGN 2000 DECLARATION

"We are committed to promoting and securing the full implementation of the House of Commons Resolution of November 24, 1989."

- commitment by national and community partners, Campaign 2000, November 24, 1991

NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS RESOLUTION, 2009

Twenty years after the original resolution was passed in the House of Commons, Campaign 2000 was instrumental in pushing for a new resolution, which was passed on Nov. 24th, 2009, as follows:

That, with November 24th, 2009 marking the 20th anniversary of the 1989 unanimous resolution of this House to eliminate poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000, and not having achieved that goal, be it resolved that the Government of Canada, taking into consideration the Committee's work in this regard, and respecting provincial and territorial jurisdiction, develop an immediate plan to eliminate poverty in Canada for all.

CAMPAIGN 2000 GOALS

1. We must raise and protect the basic living standards of families in all regions of the country so that no child in Canada must ever live in poverty.*
2. We must improve the life chances of all children in Canada to fulfil their potential and nurture their talent, and to become responsible and contributing members of Canadian society.
3. We must ensure the availability of secure, affordable, and suitable housing as an inherent right of all children in Canada.
4. We must create, build and strengthen family support and community-based resources to empower families to provide the best possible care for their children.

CAMPAIGN 2000 is a national campaign to build support for the 1989 all-party resolution to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000. It is a non-partisan movement to ensure all political parties commit to national policies which support a comprehensive life cycle approach to address child poverty.

Partners in Campaign 2000:

- * support the mission statement, principles and goals of the Campaign.
- * help with the Campaign by distributing information and holding public education events, particularly around the time of the release of our Report Card (November each year).
- * contribute to the Campaign within their organizational capacity. This may be financial, time or in-kind service, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.
- * are publicly identified with Campaign 2000.
- * meet at least yearly with local MPs or MPPs/MLAs to identify concerns around child poverty, and the leadership role for the federal government.
- * develop strategies re: meetings with local MPs or MPPs/MLAs and other decision makers to identify concerns around child/family poverty, and the leadership role for the federal government.
- * National partners attempt to attend partners meetings in Ottawa and/or in some other place when resources allow, and are prepared to meet with MPs and Ministers on Parliament Hill.
- * Each national partner currently provides financial support to Campaign 2000 as a financial contribution to the Campaign, as do several community partners. Campaign 2000 also relies on in-kind contributions from its partners.
- * The community partner contact brings together groups of different sectors in the community to profile the issue of child/family poverty.

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