

MEDIA ADVISORY November 17, 2017

## Release of 2017 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Canada

OTTAWA – Campaign 2000 will release its annual national Report Card on Child and Family Poverty on **Tuesday**, **November 21**, **2017 at a Joint Media Conference in Ottawa**.

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 21, 10:00 to 10:30 am

Location: The Charles Lynch Press Conference Room, Room 130-S, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

Interview Opportunity: English and French spokespeople participating & available for comment Representatives of all parties have been invited to attend the release

Speakers at the media conference:

Anita Khanna, National Coordinator, Campaign 2000 Joe Gunn, Executive Director, Citizens for Public Justice

Linda Woods, Project Lead, Bread Not Stones of the United Church of Canada

A youth speaker

The 2017 report card marks 28 years since the unanimous House of Commons resolutions to end child poverty in Canada by the year 2000 and eight years since the House voted "to develop an immediate plan to end poverty for all in Canada". The national report release is coordinated with several Campaign 2000 partners releasing provincial report cards in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Alberta will be releasing its provincial report card shortly after Nov. 21.

Prior to the Ottawa media conference, Campaign 2000 will present its report card findings to MPs and Senators at a Breakfast event on Parliament Hill. The event is hosted by the All-Party Anti-Poverty Caucus and has been planned in partnership with Bread Not Stones of the United Church of Canada and Citizens for Public Justice. The event, Taking Action to End Child & Family Poverty, will mark the UN's Universal Children's Day with a panel and discussion. All report cards will be available at www.campaign2000.ca on November 21, 2017.

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