

Release of 2016 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Ontario

MEDIA ADVISORY

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TORONTO, ONTARIO – Ontario Campaign 2000 will release its annual provincial Report Card on Child and Family Poverty on Thursday, November 24th in Toronto.

When:	Thursday, November 24, 12:30pm-2:00pm (presentation at 1:15pm)
Where:	Queen's Park, Toronto, Rm 228/230 (Turning The Tide Against Poverty Event)
Photo Opportunity:	Multi-faith event, with people at discussion tables
Interview Opportunity:	English and French spokespeople available from 12:30pm-1pm and 1:30-2pm
MPPs:	MPPs have been invited to the event

2016 marks the **half-way point of the Ontario government's second Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS)**. It has been 27 years since the unanimous House of Commons' resolution to end child poverty in Canada by 2000.

The 2016 Ontario report card, entitled **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW: Ontario Children Can't Wait** provides the latest statistics on child and family poverty in Ontario and clear recommendations for provincial government action to end child and family poverty. The report will be launched at the Turning The Tide Against Poverty Event (an event hosted by ISARC-Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition). **Presentation will be at 1:15pm, interviews will be available between 12:30pm-1:00pm and 1:30pm-2:00pm.**

Speakers at the press conference/event:

- Jessica Mustachi, Ontario Coordinator, Campaign 2000
- Parent, with lived experience of poverty
- Léonie Tchatat, Présidente et Directrice Générale, La Passerelle – I.D.É. - Porte-parole français disponible
- Heather McGregor, Chief Executive Officer YWCA Toronto

Ontario Campaign 2000's Report Card is being released in coordination with the 2016 National Report Card and report cards from provinces across the country including; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. Ontario provincial and national contacts are listed below. **Reports will be available at www.campaign2000.ca on November 24th 2016.**

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