

International Women's Day 2019

Poverty is gendered



Women,* often leading lone-parent families, are more at risk of living in poverty. We know the systemic reasons for this:

Gender pay gap

Racialized women earn 58 cents for every dollar non-racialized men earn

Non-racialized women earn 69 cents for every dollar non-racialized men earn



Lack of access to universal child care

Child care responsibilities often fall upon women and become a barrier to employment

Ontario has the highest child care fees in Canada



Widespread gender-based violence

Over
21,000

police-reported cases of intimate partner violence in Ontario in 2017**

Over 6,000 women and children across Canada sleep in shelters on any given night because home is just not safe



Urgent action is needed to lift women out of poverty

Reduce the gender pay gap - it is a **violation of human rights**. All women have the right to equal pay for equal work



Ensure all families have access to **universal child care** - high quality, accessible and affordable

Adequately fund support services for survivors of gender-based violence across Canada and invest in prevention efforts.



Women perform the majority of unpaid care work in society, are strong community leaders and make essential contributions to our economy. Women are resilient and dynamic in their everyday lives – yet they must battle daily for their rights in every facet of society. Let's support the women in our lives year round by supporting positive policy change to lift them up.

*In our work, we use women inclusive of trans women and those who self-identify as femme/feminine non-binary

**Police-reported incidents comprise only a small proportion of actual incidents of violence against women. According to Statistics Canada, fewer than one-third of incidents are reported.