

# ENOUGH TO THRIVE ON

## Income Security Solutions for Strong Communities

Basic needs are increasingly out of reach for people living on low-income, and people with **insufficient income** face **impossible choices** every single day. For people living with disabilities, further barriers related to employment, social exclusion, and higher cost of living make it even more difficult to thrive without comprehensive supports.



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

After the 1.5% rate increase in October 2018, a single person receiving Ontario Works will still be well below the poverty line with only:

**\$ 732/month**

On average, **1,949 households per month** access Ontario Works in Grey County and Bruce County in 2018.



In 12-month period, men with the lowest incomes are

**67% more likely to die**

than their wealthiest counterparts.



**Inadequate social assistance costs us all.**

Past cuts to social assistance have led to increased health care costs, deteriorating mental health and a further dependence upon charities to fill the gap.

### Investing in sustainable income security solutions for all:

- Creates **social support networks** that meet the needs of modern communities.
- Puts money directly into **local economies**. Money in the pockets of the lowest income earners is spent on necessities quickly and close to home.
- Promotes the **respect, dignity, and inclusion** of all people.
- Honours the spirit and intent of the Report of the **Truth and Reconciliation** Commission of Canada.
- Improves our **health**. Income has a lot to do with our health, and societies with less unequal distributions of wealth are healthiest.

### Did you know..?

Income security solutions that include adequate social assistance would strengthen our communities?

