

ELIMINATING CHILD POVERTY IS JUNE CALLWOOD'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS.



"When you see an injustice, you have the responsibility to act."

June Callwood (June 2, 1924 – April 14, 2007)

WE OWE IT TO HER TO SEE THE JOB THROUGH.

June Callwood Children's Day – June 2, 2009

On June 2, Ontario celebrated June Callwood Children's Day, proclaimed in honour of a remarkable woman and her tireless efforts to end child poverty. June believed that all children deserve access to the basic necessities of life. We think she'd be eager to see the progress that has been made on the issue that was so close to her heart.

Making a real difference in children's lives.

Last December, the Ontario government introduced their Poverty Reduction Strategy, a comprehensive plan to reduce poverty in this province by 25% over 5 years. That would

lift 90,000 children out of poverty by 2013.

Significant investments are already being made in crucial areas such as affordable housing and the Ontario Child Benefit. An inter-ministerial Results Team will monitor progress. Communities across the province are rolling up their sleeves to do their part. And new anti-poverty legislation, passed last month with unanimous support from all parties, ensures that poverty reduction will continue to be Ontario's priority.

A good start. And a long way to go.

The foundation has been laid, but real work still lies ahead. An effective Poverty Reduction Strategy must provide long-term solutions to

affordable housing, early learning and child care, good jobs and social assistance that allows for dignity and opportunity. And it must include a willing federal partner who actively assumes a place at the table.

A brighter future for all of us.

Ontario has turned a corner on poverty. We have the means and the mandate to make life better for low-income families throughout the province. For the one in ten Ontario children living in poverty today, that means real change, real support and real hope for a better tomorrow.

June Callwood wouldn't have settled for less. Neither will we.

THE JUNE CALLWOOD CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD POVERTY

It's a matter of conscience

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