

We,
 Companions of
 The Order of
 Canada, regard the rising levels
 of child poverty in this
 country to be a national
 crisis. We call on all
 citizens, and all levels
 of government to make
 the lives of children a
 priority. The well-being
 of Canada's children is
 a sacred trust that
 we ignore at our peril.



Child poverty is alive and well and living right here in Canada.

For most Canadians, child poverty is something that happens in some other country, thousands of miles from us. But for one in five Canadian kids, **that's one million four hundred thousand Canadian children**, the reality of child poverty hits far closer to home. Unfortunately, their voices are rarely heard. The Campaign Against Child Poverty, a non-partisan coalition united and dedicated to effecting change, has asked for our help to arouse the conscience of the nation. For more information, visit the CACP website at www.childpoverty.com. Let's work together with these Companions of The Order of Canada to make the elimination of child poverty a national priority.

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