

## **\$10 MINIMUM WAGE — NOW**

### **WHAT IS THE MINIMUM WAGE IN ONTARIO?**

The minimum wage in Ontario today is \$8 an hour.

If you are working to escape poverty in Ontario – working hard at a full-time job making minimum wage you will not make it over the poverty line.

A single parent working full-time at minimum wage in Ontario would have an income \$6676 below the poverty line.

Today's minimum wage earners receive 20% less in real wages (adjusted for inflation) than they did 30 years ago.

If minimum wages increased at the same rate as Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) the minimum wage would be \$12.44 per hour.

The Campaign to raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour would enable a single person working full-time in a large urban centre to reach the poverty line.

Start the clock at midnight New Year's Eve and compare Canada's best paid CEOs to the average minimum wage earner. By the afternoon of January 2<sup>nd</sup> the CEO has made as much as a full year's wages for a minimum wage earner.

The Ontario government under the McGuinty Liberals recently voted themselves a 25% salary increase. The raise alone is more than a full year's income of a worker earning minimum wage in Ontario.