

# Let Them Eat Cake: Poor and Hungry In Ontario



## Come to a Town Hall Meeting:

*Discuss with our expert panelists the link between poverty and illness, the serious consequences of inadequate social assistance rates, and the recent cuts to the special diet benefit made by the McGuinty Liberal government.*

### **Moderator:**

Joan Lesmond, President, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)

### **Panelists:**

- Dr. Dennis Raphael, PhD – *Health policy expert and author of “Social Determinants of Health: Canadian Perspectives”*
- Dr. Tara Kiran, MD, CCFP – *Family physician working with low income families*
- Kathy Hardill, RNEC – *Street nurse and long time homeless advocate*
- Two social assistance recipients - who will speak about their struggles and the impact of the special diet benefit on the lives of their families.

Join us **Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Hospital Auditorium**, 30 Bond Street, Toronto (Queen Street entrance - by TTC go to Queen Subway Station and walk a half block east to the hospital)

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