

# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

17 OCTOBER



Elgin St. Thomas  
Coalition to  
End Poverty

# 12,515

people are living below the poverty line in our community.  
This number is more than the population of Aylmer, West Lorne, Port Stanley and Port Burwell combined.

## POVERTY COALITION STRATEGY

Poverty to Possibility

### VISION

No person in Elgin—St. Thomas will live in poverty

### MISSION

To address the root causes of poverty

### FOCUS



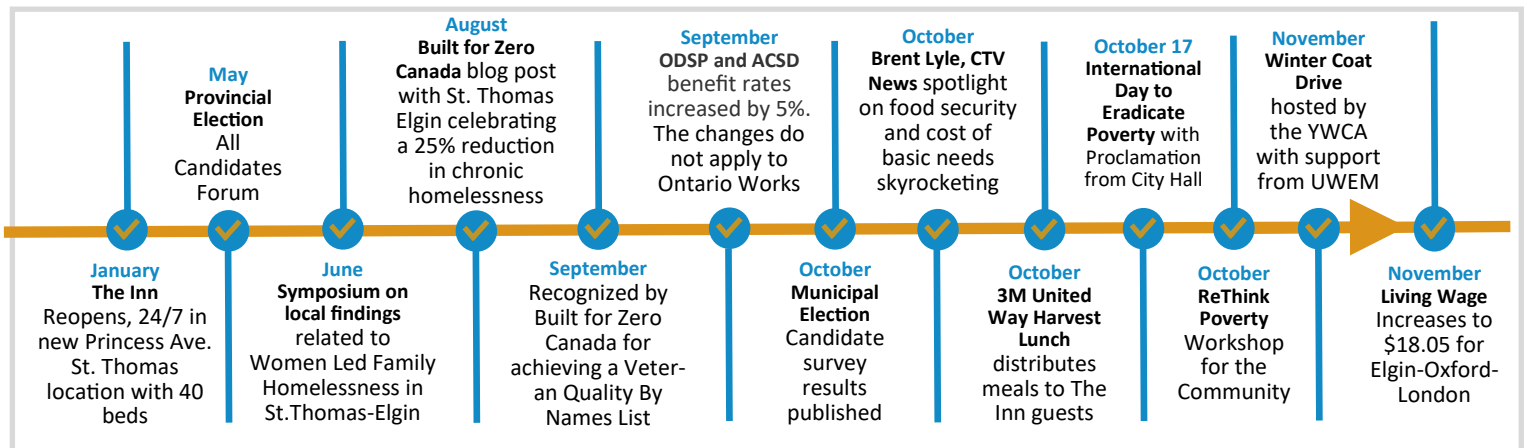
Housing Stability



Food Security



Income Security



Elgin—St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

2022 Progress Timeline

# WORKING TOGETHER

The Coalition to End Poverty is made up of Elgin St. Thomas citizens, agencies, businesses and government representatives. Our plans and projects align with the good work that's already being done in our community.

## OUR FOCUS



### Housing Stability

Everyone can find and maintain a safe and affordable place to call home.



### Food Security

Everyone has access to accessible, affordable, sufficient and nutritious food.



### Income Security

Everyone has access to a Living Wage and Employment Resources.

VISION



ADVOCATE



EDUCATE

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### The Inn (previously Inn Out of the Cold)

The shelter is providing emergency homelessness support to men and women in Elgin. They provide beds, meals, laundry, and clothing on site. They also work with a host of partner agencies to support those individuals in overcoming obstacles such as mental health and addiction, and in finding more traditional housing.

### St Thomas Food Providers Network

Membership of the Network was expanded to include those across Elgin County dealing with food security issues, with approximately 25 groups now connected to the network. By working together with the different members, the Network was able to make available an evening meal in downtown St. Thomas almost every day of the year for those in need. Over 12,000 meals were served over the course of the year. Meals included soups, stews, casseroles, salads, veggies, bread and fruit. Most often a sweet treat was provided as well. *Community Dinners and Lunches* began having sit down dinners once again at St. Thomas Anglican Church and the Salvation Army. The Network served 75 to 150 people each night at these meals.

### St. Thomas-Elgin is a Built for Zero Community

Built for Zero is an ambitious change effort helping a core group of leading communities to end chronic and veteran homelessness. As a Built for Zero Community, St Thomas Elgin receives support to adopt proven practices, utilize real time data to inform system improvement, and engage in resources from other communities, government leadership, and private & philanthropic sectors.

In 2022, St. Thomas Elgin achieved a 10% reduction in chronic homelessness in the month of July and a Quality Veterans By-Name List in the month of August.



In 2022, 119 folx moved off the By Names List into housing, comprising of 53% of the 226 referred within the year.

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