

POVERTY IS REAL

IN ELGIN - ST. THOMAS

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.

OUR STRATEGY

Poverty to Possibility

VISION

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

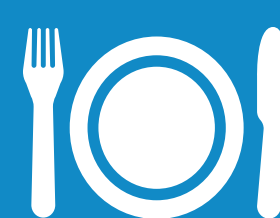
MISSION

To address the root causes of poverty

FOCUS



Housing



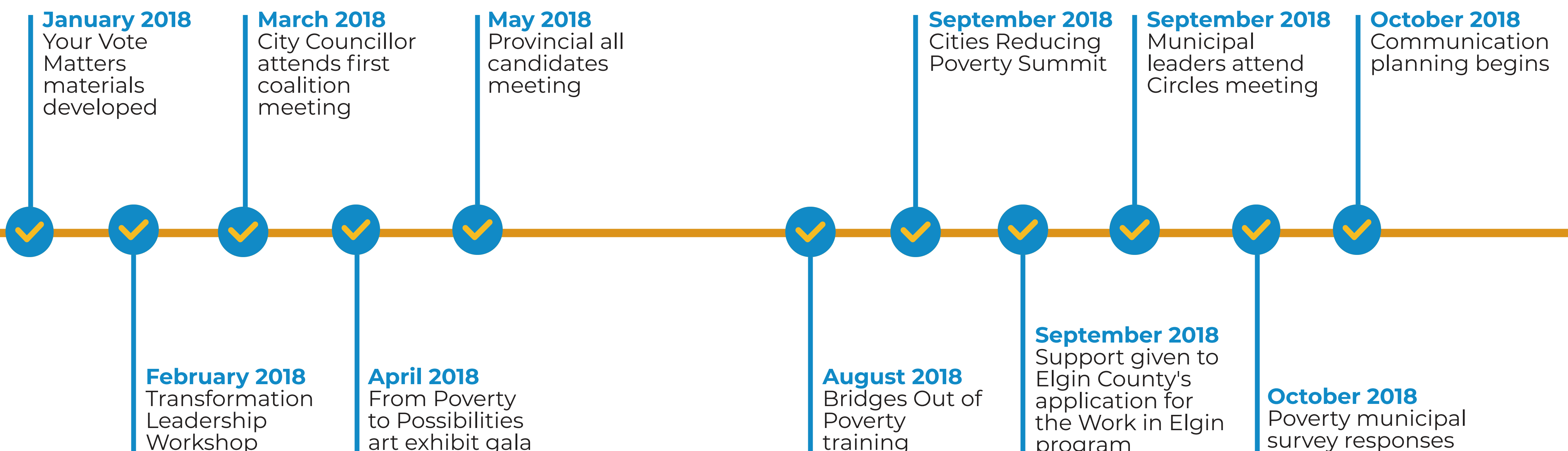
Food Insecurity



Transportation



Income Security



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. The coalition is currently a member of Cities Reducing Poverty, a National Network that offers support to increase the success of local efforts to end poverty.

OUR FOCUS



Housing

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



Transportation

Everyone has access to safe, reliable and affordable transportation options.



Food Insecurity

Everyone has access to safe, reliable and affordable transportation options.



Income Security

Everyone has access to a Living Wage, employment options, banking services, protection from fraud and predatory lending, and the ability to build savings and assets, improve credit ratings and reduce debt.

ENGAGE



EDUCATE



ADVOCATE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

From Poverty to Possibility Art Exhibit

This art exhibit displayed photographs of local people, places and things that represented poverty, hope and change. The project was a collaboration of the Poverty Coalition and the Elgin-St. Thomas Public Art Centre to help bring about awareness to poverty in Elgin-St. Thomas.



Your Vote Matters Project

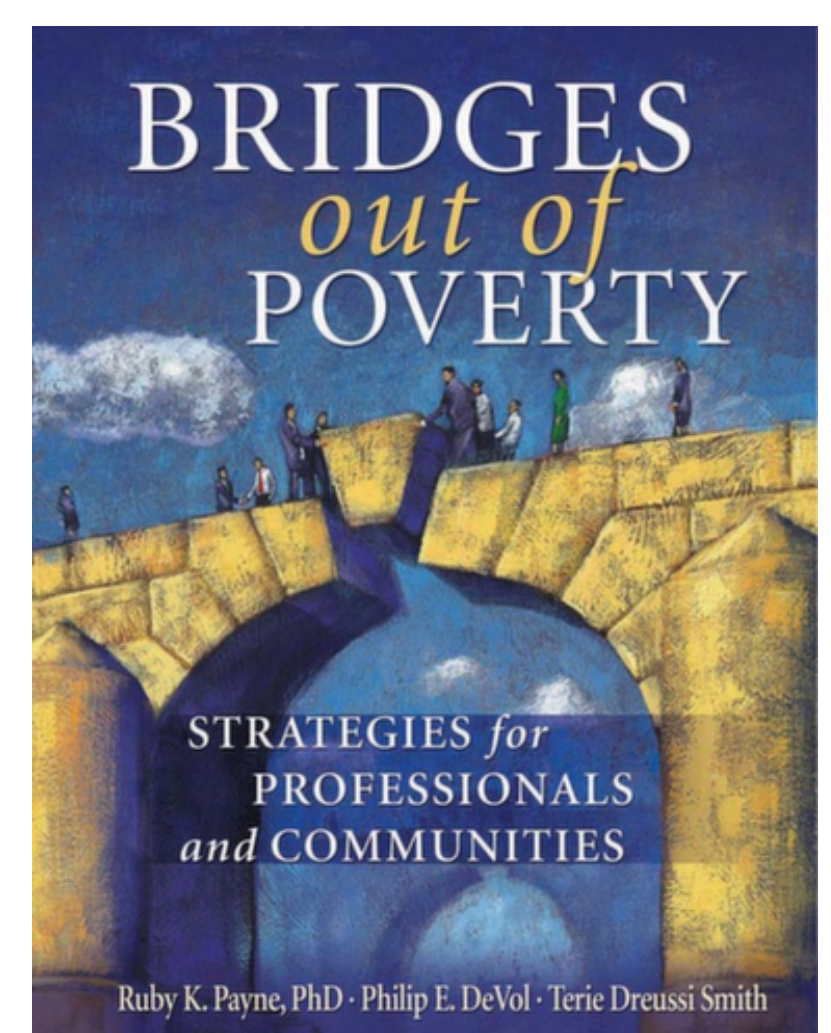
Throughout the year, the poverty coalition planned activities to create awareness of the importance of voting and civic engagement. Resources for voters and community partners were developed. Community events were planned to bring local leaders and community citizens together to talk about poverty and local solutions.

Transformational Thinking Conference

This local event was an opportunity to bring community members together to talk about new ways of thinking and community innovation in order to solve complex social issues such as poverty and transform the way we work.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Bridges training is for individuals who are interested in learning more about the social and economic impact that poverty has on individuals and our community. The poverty coalition hosted a training session this year with over 60 people who participated.



Elgin - St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

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