

# Santa Says: Time to Share

***"Business is Business!  
And business must grow  
regardless of crummies in tummies, you know."***  
—The Lorax, Dr. Seuss

## **Business is Business**

**Loblaws** owes almost \$40 million in deferred, unpaid taxes. Food drive sponsors **Ault** owes over \$45 million and **Domtar** over \$101,000,000.

**Loblaws'** third quarter profits rose by 21% in 1997.

**Loblaws'** parent company, **Weston Industries**, gave the maximum allowable contribution to the **Harris Tories**, whose cuts have dramatically increased hunger and homelessness.

Weston is home to one of Canada's 8 billionaires, **W. Galen Weston**, whose personal net worth of \$1.3 billion ranks him in the group of the 50 richest Canadians. These 50 individuals' total wealth is equal to that of 5 million low-income Canadians.

Weston President **Richard Currie** makes \$1.4 million a year, received a \$1 million bonus in 1996, and holds \$15 million in stock options.

Every time you buy food at **Loblaws** to donate, **Loblaws** makes a profit from your generosity. Given that **Loblaws** is the exclusive grocery chain involved in the food drive, their "charity" seems more a marketing gimmick than an attempt to end the causes of hunger.

## **Crummies in Tummies**

**506,000** children in Ontario and their families *officially* live in poverty.

**44%** of food bank recipients—**20%** of them children—go without food at least once a week, and many must go without necessities such as winter coats to afford food.

More than **71,000** **Metro** children—more than could fit in the **Skydome**—live in homes needing food bank assistance.

**Welfare** recipients have been told by to live on a \$90 per month food budget.  
**Weston** President **Richard Currie** grosses approximately \$116,666.66 per month. To end hunger, we must end greed!  
Phone (922-2500) or fax (922-0803) Mr. Currie and demand real action to end the causes of hunger.

**For more information, contact Toronto Action for Social Change at 651-5800.**