

Santa Says: Time to Share

*“Business is Business!
And business must grow
regardless of crummies in tummies, you know.”*

—The Lorax, Dr. Seuss

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<p>Loblaws owes almost \$40 million in deferred, unpaid taxes. Food drive sponsors Ault owes over \$45 million and Domtar over \$101,000,000.</p>	<p>506,000 children in Ontario and their families officially live in poverty.</p>
<p>Loblaws' third quarter profits rose by 21% in 1997.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Loblaws' parent company, Weston Industries, gave the maximum allowable contribution to the Harris Tories, whose cuts have dramatically increased hunger and homelessness.</p>	<p>More than 71,000 Metro children—more than could fit in the Skydome—live in homes needing food bank assistance.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Welfare recipients have been told by to live on a \$90 per month food budget.</p>
<p>Weston President Richard Currie makes \$1.4 million a year, received a \$1 million bonus in 1996, and holds \$15 million in stock options.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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