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# Still Frozen in Time: Ontario's Social Assistance Rates

Monday, Oct. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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## CO-HOSTS:

**Sandy Shaw**

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Director, Hamilton Roundtable  
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## SPEAKERS:

**Dr. Naheed Dosani**, Lead Palliative Care Physician, Founder, Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH), Inner City Health Associates.

**Dr. Dale Guenter**, Co-Founder, Hamilton Shelter Health Network Hamilton: The effect of poverty on health and the spread of Covid-19 (video)

**Angela Browne**, Managing Director, Paralegal Firm: Helping people deal with the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

**David Galvin**, Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits (Hamilton): Social assistance recipients disadvantaged by virtual hearings of the Social Benefits Tribunal

**Ingrid Palmer**, Child Welfare Political Action Committee & Former youth in CAS care: Family breakdown linked to poverty

**Dr. Elaine Power**, School of Kinesiology & Health Studies, Queen's University: Co-author of "It's not a food issue; it's an income issue"

**John Stapleton**, Senior Policy Advisor to Ontario Social Assistance Review Committee: The Cost of Poverty in Ontario

**Laura Cattari**, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction: Inflation of Food Prices

**Deirdre Pike**, Senior Social Planner, Social Planning & Research Council (Hamilton): Host for "The Price is Wrong!"

**Calvin Huber**, Lived experience with Ontario Works (OW); now receiving ODSP (video)

**Tamra Smith**, Lived experience with OW and ODSP: "It could happen to you!"

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