Food Insecurity

in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark 2023

1 in 7 households in LGL are living with food insecurity















Food Insecurity = inadequate/insecure access to food due to lack of money

It is caused by poverty.

When money is tight.....

People cut food budgets to pay for other expenses

They skip
meals and buy
cheaper, less
nutritious foods



Risk of:
- infection

Health care co

poor mental health

What does a monthly budget look like when living with food insecurity?



We need income solutions to address food insecurity. What can YOU do?

- **Educate Yourself:** visit <u>www.healthunit.org/wp-content/uploads/Addressing Food Insecurity in LGL.pdf</u> and <u>https://www.odph.ca/centsless</u> to learn more
- **Advocate:** Write to your MP or MPP to advocate for basic income guarantee, and increases to minimum wage and social assistance
- **Support** companies that pay their employees a living wage
- **Share** these messages

