

Documentary filmmakers tell the stories of families facing poverty

Two new documentaries are exploring the struggles of several Canadian families coping with poverty, and the solutions they need to find adequate housing and food. RNAO has provided expertise and financial support to both.



Home Safe, produced by Sky Works Charitable Foundation, follows children and families in Calgary, Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton, and Toronto as they cope with the hardships and stigma associated with homelessness. RNAO member Cathy Crowe is lending her years of experience as a street nurse to the project as its executive producer. While the films based in Ontario cities are still in progress, the first instalment, which examines the affordable housing crisis in Calgary, was released last fall. For more information about the project, visit www.skyworksfoundation.org.

Poor No More, hosted by actress and comedienne Mary Walsh, introduces viewers to Canadians who have lost their jobs because of factory closings, or who have worked years for companies that offer little pay and no benefits. The film also examines how other countries such as Ireland and Sweden have taken strides to address poverty and have improved the lives of people living within their borders. For more information, visit www.poornomore.ca. RN

ABOVE: Rowan and Delilah, two of the kids featured in the Sky Works documentary, *Home Safe Calgary*.