

# More Cheese, Please campaign seeks support in fight against child poverty

More than 46,000 York Region residents lined up at local foodbanks last year, and most of the hungry were children, a report shows this week.

The York Region foodbank network is trying to end child poverty through Campaign 2000 - "More Cheese, Please" directed at the federal government to end the need for foodbanks.

"York Region children living in poverty and facing hunger need you to advocate on their behalf. Child poverty is often a hidden pain; you won't see these kids playing hockey, taking

swimming lessons, going to nursery school. But you'll find their moms and dads at the local food bank," a release states.

York Region Food Network chairman Jenifer Clarke said York's foodbank representatives and anyone interested are encouraged to attend the network's general annual meeting on Thurs., June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aurora United Church to hear Colin Hughes.

Hughes, a community worker with Toronto's Children's Aid Society, will present the More Cheese, Please

strategies to end child hunger.

The network has asked more than 425 groups to help lobby Ottawa against poverty and hunger in Canada.

The group is urging people to cut up a macaroni and cheese box and send a home-made 'postcard' - no postage needed - to the federal Conservatives stating you want an end to poverty.

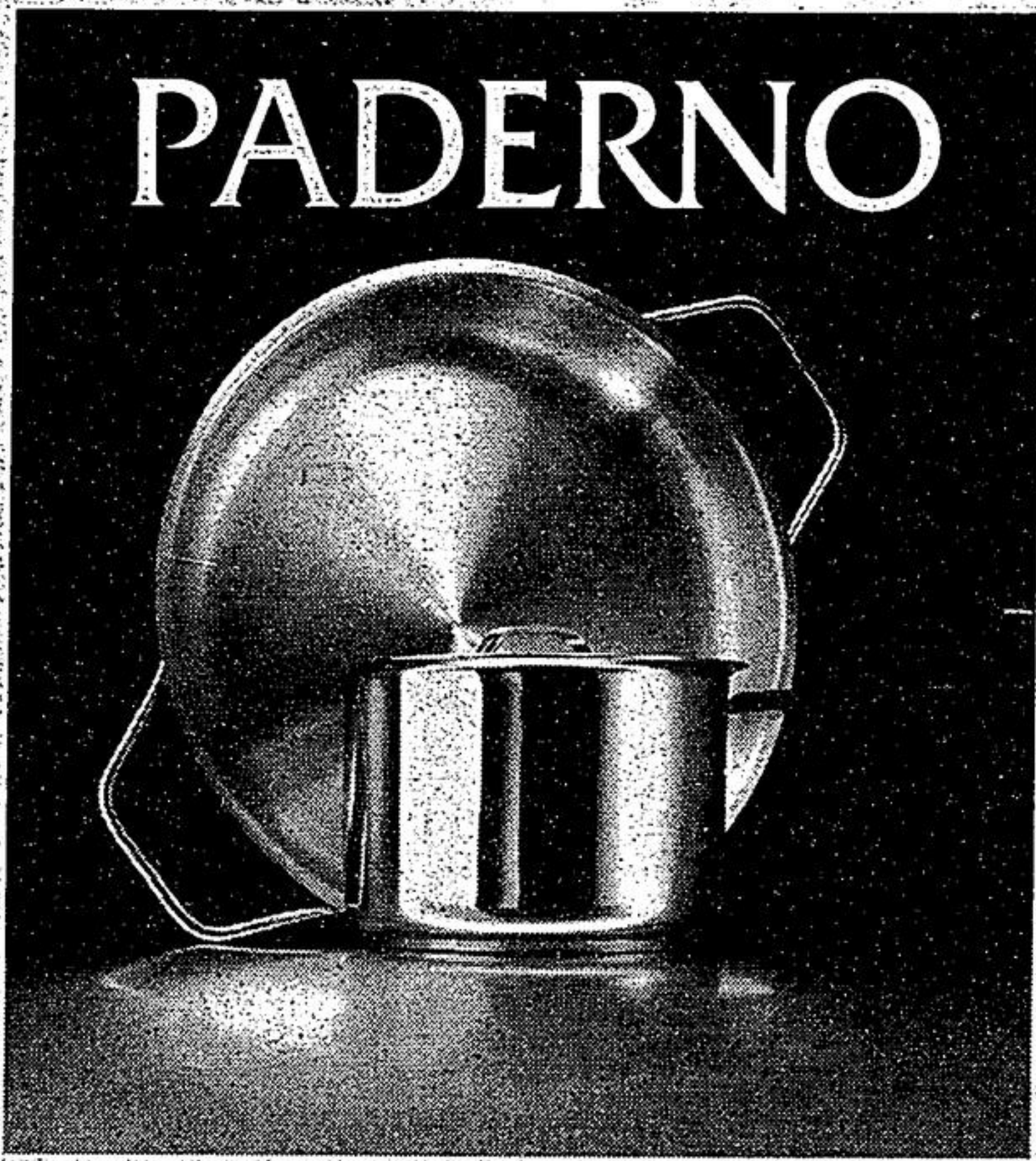
They ask the 5 by 7-inch postcard be sent to Office of the Prime Minister, Langevin Block, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2.

## Liddle watercolor available in Latcham Gallery raffle

A \$600 original watercolor by local artist Lyn Marnoch Liddle could adorn your home for \$2. The Latcham Gallery is offering the painting - entitle Coach House Studio - as a fundraising prize through the sale of raffle tickets. Organized by the Latcham Gallery Volunteer Fund Raising Committee, the raffle will help generate funds for the institution's future endeavors.

The painting will be on display in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library/gallery lobby until July 3 where the \$2 raffle tickets (or \$5 for three) can be purchased.

Tickets are available at Main Street's Freckles and Graylane Boutique. The draw takes place during the annual Strawberry Festival on July 3 at 4:30 p.m.



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