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Dear CPAG supporters,

Please find attached the **CPAG Annual Report for 2006-07**. Financial members, it is now time to renew your support, if you've not done so recently. Details of how to do this are on our website at <http://www.cpag.org.nz/about/donate/> - updating email and postal addresses is always good too. If you've not been a financial member before please consider supporting our work in this way: CPAG largely runs on volunteer expertise but it takes money to develop an organization which can maximize the reach of volunteers' efforts and make them sustainable.

### Breaking news –

**CPAG is calling for letters to the editor** of the NZ Herald, [letters@herald.co.nz](mailto:letters@herald.co.nz), following today's opinion piece by Brian Fallow (see below). Fallow writes "Twenty years of radical economic reform and the stronger growth that followed have left real incomes for the poorest 30 per cent of New Zealanders lower than they were at the outset."

The information comes from the Ministry of Social Development's recent Incomes report, which was the subject of CPAG's July 16 press release. The report presents a comprehensive picture of 'the rise of low incomes' in NZ from 1984-2004. There is still time to make sure it gets decent exposure in the media.

Be sure to include your name and contact details in your email or letter, and consider sharing it with us by sending it to CPAG Admin [admin@cpag.org.nz](mailto:admin@cpag.org.nz)

The link to the article is

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/466/story.cfm?c\\_id=466&objectid=10453829](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/466/story.cfm?c_id=466&objectid=10453829):

### **Brian Fallow: Poor get poorer ... and poorer**

NZ Herald 5:00AM Thursday July 26, 2007 [View as a single page](#)

Twenty years of radical economic reform and the stronger growth that followed have left real incomes for the poorest 30 per cent of New Zealanders lower than they were at the outset.

The gap between rich and poor has widened substantially from the egalitarian days of old; and the rate at which income inequality has grown is the fastest among developed countries.

These are among the revelations in a report on household incomes just released by the Ministry of Social Development.

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### **The CPAG press release:**

#### **[Investing in all children - in good times and bad](#)**

16 Jul 2007

An important new government report shows two key trends in family income poverty, in the two decades to 2004. One shows some improvement, the other does not. CPAG says increased government investment is essential, because relying on improved economic conditions alone is not sufficient to reduce poverty for the poorest children.

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