

routes

August 2025

ROUND UP



Routes and TIRP at the Pepperlaw Car Show on July 26th

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

[Georgina Community Events](#)

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KEY DATES

AUGUST 5

BREAKFAST AT THE LINK
THE LINK, SUTTON | 8:30-9:30AM

AUGUST 6

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET GEORGINA
THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

AUGUST 10

GEORGINA FARMERS MARKET
THE LINK, SUTTON | 9-2PM

AUGUST 14

EAST GWILLIMBURY FARMERS MARKET
CIVIC CENTRE, EG | 2-7PM

AUGUST 16

YOUTH HOUSING JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM
OLD TOWN HALL GALLERY, NEWMARKET
12-4PM

AUGUST 19

BREAKFAST AT THE LINK
THE LINK, SUTTON | 8:30-9:30AM

AUGUST 20

NEWMARKET HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
DINNER
CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEWMARKET
3:30-7PM

AUGUST 20

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET GEORGINA
THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

AUGUST 23

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC
ANCHOR PARK, EAST GWILLUMBURY
1PM-3PM

AUGUST 23

SWISS CHALET & SUMMERFEST BUS TRIP
NEWMARKET | \$40 BUS FARE | 12:30-4PM

AUGUST 28

BINGOWORLD BUS TRIP
NEWMARKET | \$20 BUS FARE | 3:15-6PM

AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27: GFC COMMUNITY LUNCH!
THE LINK, SUTTON: 12-1:30PM

Transportation coordinator Spotlight: Michelle G

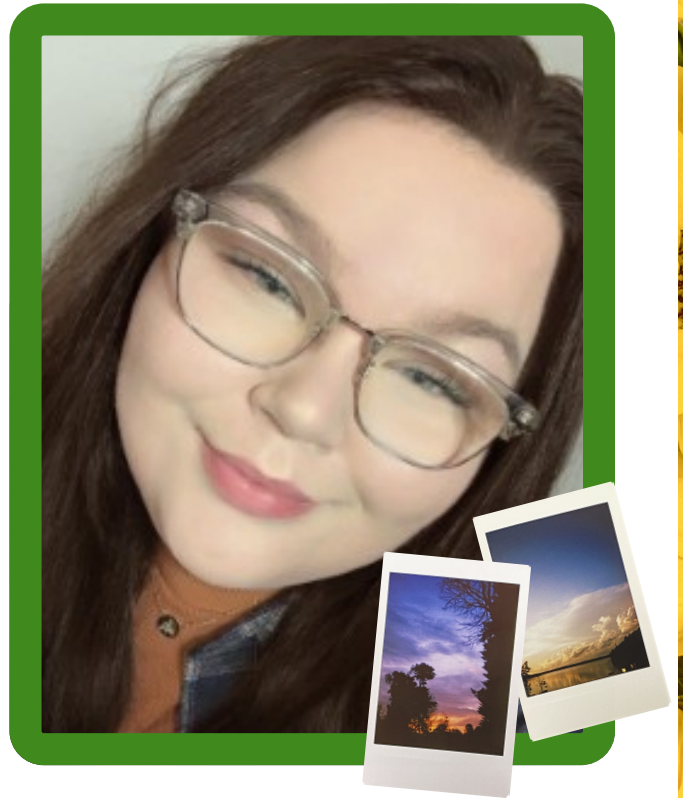
Tell me about yourself

I've lived in beautiful Georgina all my life, and I absolutely love the sense of community here—it's truly like nowhere else. Growing up surrounded by such a close-knit and caring community is what first sparked my passion for non-profit work. Being able to give back to the place that's shaped me feels incredibly meaningful, and it's what continues to drive me in my career.

When I'm not in the office, I enjoy photography as a creative hobby. Lately, I've been especially drawn to instant photography (I just bought the Fujifilm Evo and I love it!) I enjoy the unique challenge of capturing a moment in just one shot. There's something really special about the imperfection of it; it feels like a memory frozen in time, something tangible you can hold onto.

What motivated you to apply for this position?

In my previous role as Program & Transportation Coordinator for Skills Training Centre (GTTI), I had the opportunity to collaborate with Routes for three years on the Quest Bus project. Through that experience, I got to see firsthand the incredible work Routes does and the lasting impact it has on our community. I always admired the passion and care that went into every initiative. When this position opened up, it felt like a natural next step; a seamless and exciting transition into a team I already knew, respected, and was genuinely excited to be part of!



What's something you're curious to learn more about as you settle into the role?

I'm really curious to learn more about the background operations that keep an organization like Routes running smoothly—from funding models and partnerships to how we measure long-term community impact. I'm especially excited to get to know our incredible volunteers on a deeper level. They're the heart of what we do, and I'd love to better understand their experiences, motivations, and the different ways they contribute. I think there's so much value in hearing their perspectives and learning how I can best support and collaborate with them moving forward!

AUGUST QUEST BUS TRIPS

FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11am | August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Free Bus Fare



GOODFOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Bus Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout
12-1pm | August 6, 13, 20

SHOP, SOCIAL & WELLNESS (GEORGINA ONLY)



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10am-12pm or 12pm-2pm | Aug. 7 & 21 | \$10 Bus Fare



ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP - THE MURC

AQUATIC DROP-INS: LANE SWIM, THERAPY POOL, OR AQUA STRETCH

Tuesday Weekly: Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, | 10:30AM-1PM | Free Bus Fare

Must be Registered | Apply Now: forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc

Applications accepted on rolling basis! New drop-in each month.

Comes with **FREE** Rec Pass | For Seniors 55+ in Georgina

SCAN ME



ADVENTURE AWAITS – TAKE THE QUEST!



SWISS CHALET LUNCH + NEWMARKET SUMMERFEST

LUNCH, VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES AND MORE!

12:30pm-4:00pm

Sat. August 23 | \$40.00 Bus Fare | Includes Lunch!



BINGO WORLD NEWMARKET

BINGO, SLOT MACHINES & A CAFE WITH DAILY SPECIALS

3:15pm-6:00pm

Thurs. Aug. 28 | \$20.00 Bus Fare | Bingo Packages start at \$40

Bingo World is a charitable gaming hall; Routes earns shares by volunteering there to fund our programs.



PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!

CALL 905-722-4616 x 1

TO RESERVE A SEAT!

PROJECT FUNDED BY:



Call our office to book your space on the bus,
or reach out about rentals and advertising!

Good Food Collective Menu



Globally Inspired Meals with Homemade Flavour & Local Ingredients

20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton | Wednesdays 12-1:30PM | \$5 Transportation avail. upon request

Dine-in: Pay-what-you-can | Takeout: Minimum \$8 (reservations due by 4PM Monday)

Interested to sponsor a lunch? Reach out to Carolyn at carolyn@routescc.org

August 6

ANTIPASTO CHICKPEA SALAD

Sponsored by: Scotia McLeod,

Dessert sponsored by: Colin

Carter

YRFN Fresh Food Market



SCOTIAMCLEOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



August 13

BIG MAC SALAD

Sponsored by: Farm Credit Canada

International Youth Day



August 20

COLD ASIAN NOODLE SALAD WITH CHICKEN

*VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Sponsored by: EM Ice Cream Fundraising

YRFN Fresh Food Market

World Humanitarian Day



August 27

CLUB WRAP WITH CEASAR SALAD

Be Kind to Humankind Week



CONTACT:

(905) 722-4616

info@goodfoodcollective.ca

goodfoodcollective.ca

E-Transfer: finance@routescc.org

Add message "GFC Lunch"

Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new Client Drivers
Hans & Jessica, and Friendly
Caller Madisynn!

Welcome

By The Numbers - June



1,172
Rides



923
Riders



43 New
Clients

Volunteer Call!

Volunteers needed

*Do you want to be a part of a great team of
volunteers and gain hands-on experience?
Look no further!*

**We are looking for Wednesday
community lunch helpers to support with:**

- Clearing dishes after lunch
- Washing dishes and utensils
- Back-of-house tasks

Starting July 16th

Wednesdays 11:30-2:00

The Link, 20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton

Students welcomed!

**INTERESTED? EMAIL:
CAROLYN@ROUTESCC.ORG**



Georgina Fresh Food Market

GEORGINA FRESH FOOD MARKET

Drop by and enjoy our affordable fresh fruit and vegetable market. The market includes beautiful produce, veggie tastings and more! This space is open to all and designed to make it easier to access fresh produce.

**CASH
CREDIT
DEBIT**



**Bring a
reusable
bag!**

DATES:

Wednesdays

July 9 & 23

Aug 6 & 20

Sept 3 & 17

TIME:

11:30 am –

1:00 pm

PLACE: The Link
20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton

CONTACT: For market related questions, please contact YRFN
at: MarissaW@yrfn.ca or (905) 841-3101 ext 209

For more information, check out our website: www.yrfn.ca



Harvest Dinner



**Join us for a Harvest Dinner in support
of the Good Food Collective**

OCTOBER 24, 2025: 6-9PM

**AT THE LINK
20849 DALTON RD, SUTTON**



**\$45 PER
TICKET***



**TABLE
OF 8 FOR
\$320***

**SCAN
ME!**



Tickets available at Eventbrite by
scanning the QR code,
or visit
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/harvest-dinner-good-food-collective-tickets-1537277561569?aff=oddttdtcreator>
(*Plus applicable fees)

For more information, contact
info@goodfoodcollective.ca



Harvest Dinner



HARVEST DINNER

SCAN ME!



OCTOBER 24, 2025: 6-9PM
AT THE LINK
EVENT TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR
\$45 EACH ON EVENTBRITE
(+APPLICABLE FEES)

CALL FOR SPONSORS

PARTNERSHIP SPONSOR - \$1000+

- Prominent placement of the company logo on event materials
- Tickets for 2 guests
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

DINNERWARE AND PARTY RENTALS - \$500

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

WINE AND BEER SPONSOR - \$250

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

TABLE SPONSOR - \$50

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Display of company logo on a table

SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

To become a sponsor, contact
info@goodfoodcollective.ca
by September 26th, 2025

TLC Breakfast at the Link

Breakfast at The Link

8:30-9:30 AM

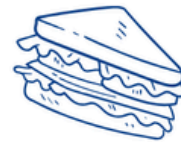


Items range in price from \$1.50 - \$5.00

Pay what you can options available

Menu items may include

- Breakfast sandwiches
- Cereal
- Seasonal Fruit
- Yogurts
- Overnight oats
- Smoothies
- Breakfast bars
- Tea and coffee
- June 10 & 24
- July 8 & 22
- August 5 & 19



Eat in or Take-out At The LINK café 20849 Dalton Rd, Georgina ON

TLC Breakfast at the MURC



The Learning Café



Pop-up Breakfast

The MURC lobby, Keswick

9:00-11:00 AM every Wednesday

Do you need a healthy and energizing breakfast at your recreational activities? Make sure to stop by The Learning Café pop-up breakfast!

Menu items may include

- Elpida coffee
- Tea
- Fruit
- Muffins
- Breakfast bars
- Cereal
- And more!



Volunteer Picnic - Save the date!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ROUTES 2025

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Anchor Park

88 Doane Rd, East Gwillimbury, ON

Join us to recognize the valued efforts of all our volunteers!

Volunteers should fill out the RSVP form by
August 9th to confirm their attendance:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2gNFqgQMpu>



Volunteer Satisfaction Survey



VOLUNTEER SATISFACTION SURVEY

We are looking for Routes volunteers to fill out a 5-10 minute long survey to better understand how to improve volunteer positions

- Volunteer Drivers
- Food Delivery Drivers
- Friendly Callers
- Board members
- Community Ambassadors
- GFC Volunteers

Your input is greatly appreciated!

[ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE](#)



Senior Shuttle

Free

NEW!

SENIOR SHUTTLE: THE ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

APPLY TODAY!

Join us for a month of FREE Town of Georgina drop in recreation programming and a FREE bus ride each week to get there!

Entry to the program is not guaranteed. Up to 20 spots available each month. You can join multiple cohorts.

Free Rec Pass for the month!

Free Transportation once/week!

Stay healthy, active & social!

Interested? Complete the application at the link below and let us know what activities we should focus on!

<https://forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc>



More Info:

info@routescc.org

905-722-4616 x 1



routes
connecting communities

PROJECT FUNDED BY:

Ontario

Apply here!

Program Spotlight



georginachessacademy@gmail.com



No age is too old for Chess

Seniors Drop-In Chess

Thursdays

Beginning July 10th, 2025

6:30 pm to 8:30pm

Georgina Community Church,

1816 Metro Rd, Jackson's Point

Georgina
Chess Academy
invites Seniors
for Chess,
no experience
necessary.
Free



Program Spotlight



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

August 23, 2025
The Link, Sutton

Finding a Way

A Pathway to Support
and Healing

Hosted by Danielle Cohen

Learn about mental
health resources
and strategies



11:00-3:00 August 23, 2025
SWAG-bags for the first 250 people

Prizes

**Mental health activities
and resources**

Kids area

Featuring CMHA,
Autism Unplugged,
Y Space, and more!

For more information, please contact
daniellecohen@live.com
Or check out our social media
  [@findingawaycommunity](https://www.instagram.com/findingawaycommunity)



Program Spotlight



YOUTH HOUSING JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

**Connect with changemakers,
explore real solutions to Canada's
housing crisis, and develop the
skills to advocate for your
community.**

**AUGUST
16TH**

12PM - 4PM

**NEWMARKET OLD TOWN
HALL GALLERY
(460 BOTSFORD ST.)**

**OPEN TO HIGH-
SCHOOL STUDENTS
ONLY!**

Only 50 spots available, sign up below!



Join us for a day of learning, discussion, and action!

4 Volunteer Hours Available, Free Refreshments



Program Spotlight!



Ontario
Trillium
Foundation



Fondation
Trillium
de l'Ontario

An agency of the Government of Ontario
Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

HOUSING SUPPORTS NAVIGATION PROGRAM

Concerned about maintaining your housing?

Facing eviction?

Unsure how to speak with landlords or find
available rentals?

Need support accessing services?



GET FREE SUPPORT WITH...



FINDING RENTALS

Utilizing resources to find
vacant rental opportunities
within your budget &
desired locations.



GATHERING/COMPLETEING DOCUMENTS

Gathering necessary
documents required by
landlords & support filling
out/submitting documents.



REACHING OUT TO LANDLORDS

Communicating with
landlords to schedule
house viewings & discuss
rental details.



SERVICE NAVIGATION

Getting connected with
additional supports &
resources that best assist
your current needs.

SCAN QR CODE FOR REFERRAL FROM



905 - 722 - 4616



housinginfo@routescc.org

Impact Snapshot - June



JUNE 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



1,172

CLIENT RIDES



60

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES



16

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



1,199

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS



256

BUS RIDES



20

FRIENDLY CALLS



198

VOLUNTEERS



474

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 23,455 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 19
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 65 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



THIS MONTH WE
WELCOMED
43 NEW
TRANSPORTATION
CLIENTS!

TESTIMONIAL

"Volunteering as a driver with Routes has been a great way to give back. I enjoy the one-on-one connections, and it feels good knowing I'm helping people get to important appointments and services they rely on."

- Routes Volunteer Driver



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