

December 2025


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ROUND UP



Ted, Lorena, Sophia and Bella rocked it at the Keswick Santa Claus Parade!!

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

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KEY DATES

DECEMBER 3

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET

GEORGINA

THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

DECEMBER 4

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET | 6-

8PM

DECEMBER 12

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET

KESWICK

90 WEXFORD DR | 12-1PM

DECEMBER 17

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET

GEORGINA

THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

DECEMBER 18

NEWMARKET HEIGHTS

COMMUNITY DINNER

CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEWMARKET |

3:30-7PM

DECEMBER 18

FREE BADMINTON SESSION

JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET |

6:00-7:30PM

DECEMBER 18

THE MANDARIN & SHOPPING AT
MICHAELS

NEWMARKET | \$40 FARE | 12:00-
3:00PM



Community Lunch | 12-1:30 PM

The Link, Sutton

December 3, 10, & 17

Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new client driver
Jonas B!

Welcome

By The Numbers - October



1,836
Rides



1,128
Riders



48 New
Clients

Call for Volunteers!

VOLUNTEER
With Us

Join us today and make a
difference in your
community.



- CLIENT DRIVERS
(MILEAGE REIMBURSED)
- FOOD DELIVERY
DRIVERS
- FRIENDLY CALLERS
- BINGO VOLUNTEERS
- EVENT SUPPORT

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Click here to
volunteer with us!

Volunteer Spotlight: Lorrain R

? Tell us about yourself!

I have been living in York Region most of my life and love that there is a real sense of volunteerism here. I first volunteered when I was still in middle school by helping one of the kindergarten teachers to create sensory cards for the kids. That gave me an appreciation of my own skills and the knowledge that I had something to give to others. Then, I saw that many other people performed services with their skills, even if they were only using the most basic of their skills, like sorting. In high school and university, I could see the need.

As a mum, I took my kids to volunteer with me on neighbourhood clean-ups and at the Aurora Food Bank. My kids are grown now, and I found Routes.



? What is your favourite memory with Routes?

I don't feel like I do very much for Routes. I drive groceries to people who are not able to get to the food bank. It is so simple and yet, I seem to get lots of thanks. My best memory, although rather recent, was to take some fresh produce to The Link in Sutton. There was a whole team of people to put the food together in Newmarket and pack it into my car. Then, when I arrived, there was another whole team waiting for the food and waiting to serve the community. Just amazing the way everyone worked together.

? How has Routes impacted you?

In the future, I'd like to convince some of my colleagues to experience the wide benefits of volunteering, including a sense of purpose and community, a view of our residence as a team to help each other and the strong connection we get when helping as a member of a team.



2025 Client Satisfaction Survey Results!



CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

WHAT ARE WE DOING WELL?



97% of clients feel Routes staff and volunteers are caring

97%



90% of clients feel Routes services make them feel more connected in their community

91%



93% of clients would recommend our services to others and their loved ones

93%

We've heard your feedback - that more drivers are needed to meet community demand. We're proud to share that we've increased the number of volunteer drivers by 24% since last year! This is a wonderful step forward, but the need continues to grow - and we're always looking for more caring drivers to join our team.

TESTIMONIALS:

"No one with Routes ever makes me feel guilty or ashamed for needing help, I don't feel like I need to prove my need or desperation. I feel immense relief and gratitude after interacting on the phone or in person. Each positive experience makes it less terrifying to approach for the next time I need to ask for help. Genuinely has made it possible for me to survive for many months this year, being able to access the generous assistance of the food pantry through delivery."

"From the minute you walk in the door you feel welcomed and valued"

Want to help drive change? Apply to become a volunteer today!



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QuestBus Trips!

DECEMBER QUEST BUS TRIPS

FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11:00AM | Fridays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Free Bus Fare | Call GFP to Book: (905) 596-0557



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Bus Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout

12:00PM-1:00PM | Wednesdays: Dec. 3, 10, 17



SHOP, SOCIAL & WELLNESS (GEORGINA ONLY)



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10AM-12PM or 12PM-2PM | Thurs, Dec. 11 & Mon, Dec. 22

\$10 Bus Fare



ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP: TRIPS TO THE MURC

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 NOW!

Apply here: forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc or call: 905-722-4616

Applications accepted on rolling basis! Different drop-in each cohort.

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

ADVENTURE AWAITS – TAKE THE QUEST!

MANDARIN

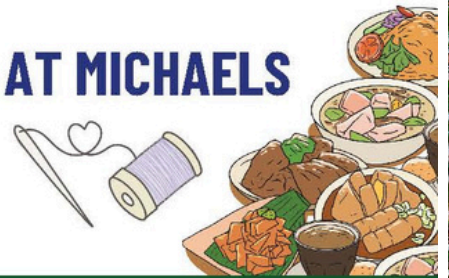
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THE MANDARIN & SHOPPING AT MICHAELS

INCLUDES LUNCH, BEVERAGES COST EXTRA

12:00PM-3:00PM

Thursday, Dec. 18 | COST: \$40



PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!

CALL 905-722-4616 x 1
TO RESERVE A SEAT!

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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 in sponsoring a lunch? Reach out to Carolyn at carolyn@routesc.org

December 3

MAC AND CHEESE WITH CAESAR SALAD

YRFN Fresh Food Market

Sponsored by:

Town of Georgina: Equity & Diversity Advisory Committee,
Sutton District High School
Craft Sale!



December 10

CRUSTLESS QUICHE WITH GREEN BEAN SALAD

Sponsored by: Kinette Club of Sutton and Sutton Seniors



Kin Canada
Kinette Club of Sutton



For the month of December, we will be collecting food donations for The Georgina Food Pantry!

December 17

HAM, LATKES, GLAZED CARROTS AND A SPECIAL DESSERT

YRFN Fresh Food Market
Christmas & Hanukkah celebration

Sponsored by: Scotia McLeod
Colin Carter and the
Salvation Army Georgina
Community Church

SCOTIAMCLEOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



GFC lunches will return from the holidays on January 7th, 2026



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HAPPY
Holidays!

E-Transfer: finance@routesc.org
Add message "GFC Lunch"

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:

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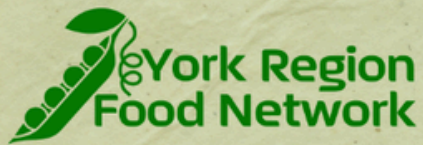
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Apply here!

YRFN Keswick Pop Up!



KESWICK AFFORDABLE FRESH FOOD MARKET

POP UP

**Bring a
reusable
bag!**

**CASH
CREDIT
DEBIT**



**Fridays,
Nov 14, 2025
Dec 12, 2025
12:00pm–1:00p
m**

**Ice Palace
Foyer
90 Wexford Dr.
Keswick**

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

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



YRFN Georgina Pop Up!

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

Sep. 3 & 17

Oct 8 & 22

Nov 5 & 19

Dec 3 & 17

TIME:

**11:30 am –
1:00 pm**

PLACE: The Link
20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton

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Drop-in Volleyball

LINKING NEWMARKET.CA

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL

6-7:30 PM
DEC 4 & MAR 12



THIS ACTIVITY IS PROVIDED BY



Open to Highschool Students - free snacks and refreshments available !

135 BRISTOL RD. NEWMARKET

DR. JM DENISON SECONDARY
(NORTH WEST ENTRANCE ONLY - FIELD PARKING LOT)

Weekly Ambassador Meet Up

Tuesdays Starting
September 30, 2025

6 - 7 PM

Maple Leaf Public School
155 Longford Drive, Newmarket (Classroom)
Snacks & Refreshments Provided



Badminton Session!



Linking Newmarket Presents

FREE BADMINTON SESSION

Join us on the court! Whether you're playing for glory or just love the game, this is your moment! Open to all ages

Thursdays Dec 18, Jan 22 & Feb 19

At 06:00PM – 07:30PM

Dr. JM Denison Secondary

135 Bristol Rd. Newmarket

(North West Entrance Only – Field Parking Lot)

THIS ACTIVITY IS
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FREE REFRESHMENTS!

Impact Snapshot - October



OCTOBER 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



1,502

CLIENT RIDES



66

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES



22

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



1,601

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS



368

BUS RIDES



29

FRIENDLY CALLS



207

VOLUNTEERS



677

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR CLIENTS
29,638 KM THIS MONTH!**



**THIS MONTH WE WELCOMED
48 NEW TRANSPORTATION
CLIENTS!**



Want to help drive
change? Apply to become
a volunteer today!

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TESTIMONIAL

"The weekly phone calls have truly been a bright spot in my week. It's comforting to know that someone cares enough to check in, chat, and just share a few laughs. I'm so grateful for this program and the wonderful people behind it". - Friendly Calls Client



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