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July 2025

ROUND UP



Georgina optimist pride and YRP at the June 4th GFC community lunch!

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

[Georgina Community Events](#)

[Newmarket Community Events](#)

KEY DATES

JULY 5

PROPERTY OWNERS EXPO
RAY TWINNEY COMPLEX, NEWMARKET
1:00-3:30PM

JULY 6

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

JULY 8

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

JULY 9

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

JULY 15

GATEWAY CASINO BUS TRIP
INNISFIL | \$35 BUS FARE | 12-3PM

JULY 16

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

JULY 22

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

JULY 23

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

JULY 24

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

JULY 26

ST. JACOBS FARMER'S MARKET BUS
TRIP
WOOLWICH | \$40 BUS FARE | 12-3PM

**JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: GFC COMMUNITY
LUNCH!**
THE LINK, SUTTON: 12-1:30PM

Community Fundraiser



A Ride. A Meal. A Connection.

Together, we can move our communities forward.



\$25

provides 2 local rides for residents within their local community.



\$50

provides 4 residents with accessible transportation within their local community.



\$100

provides 10 community members access to local shopping and food supports on the QuestBus.



\$250

provides 50 food deliveries to families in York Region who cannot otherwise travel to a food bank.

Dear Routes Volunteers,

Thank you for being part of our first-ever spring community fundraiser.

Over the past month, our community came together – sharing stories, spreading the word, and supporting one of Routes most essential programs: transportation. Thanks to this collective effort, thousands of dollars were raised in support of more client rides, more food deliveries, and more meaningful moments of connection across York Region.

Whether you made a donation, shared the campaign with family and friends, or simply showed up in the many ways you always do – you helped move lives forward.

At Routes, affordable, reliable transportation is more than convenience – it's a pathway to connection and belonging. We believe that no one should have to choose between paying for a ride to a medical appointment and meeting their basic needs. That is why client rides and food deliveries are – and will remain – a cornerstone of Routes charitable work: it plays a vital role in building more connected, compassionate communities across York Region. We are proud to be mission-driven, volunteer-powered, and focused on the well-being of our community. Because of you, more people in our community will get to where they need to go.



If you haven't yet had the chance to give, there's still time. Your support continues to make a real difference. You can reach out to me directly, or visit our website at routescc.org/donate. From all of the staff at Routes: thank you.

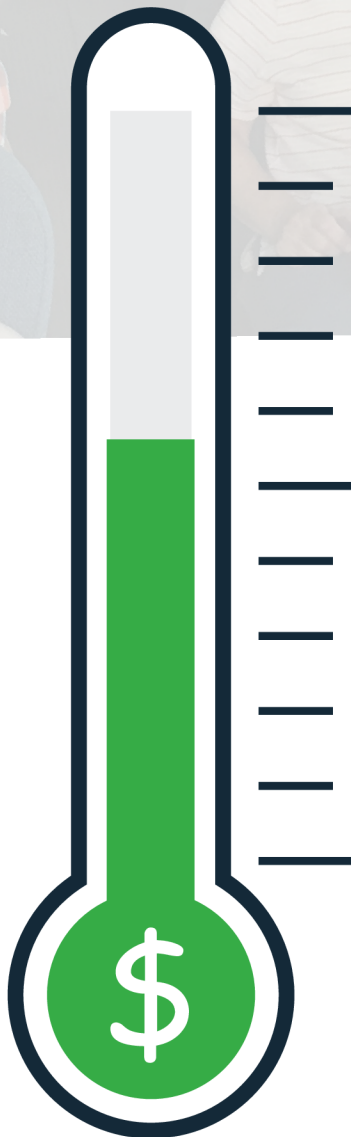
With gratitude,
Jordan Prosper
Executive Director

Community Fundraiser

100 Giving \$100 Challenge

We're asking 100 supporters to take the lead with a \$100 gift, helping more people across York Region access one of Routes core programs: transportation services.

GOAL
\$10,000



180+ Volunteers & Ambassadors

4,000 Questbus rides to social trips and food supports

648 Rides in our staff-operated accessible vehicle

13,900 Volunteer-driven rides and food deliveries

284,975 Kilometers driven in 2024

“

Routes has been available in times of food and travel insecurity. I've benefitted from services for attending appointments, grocery shopping excursions, and food bank support. I can't even begin to express my gratitude.

”

- Transportation Client

MAKE YOUR DONATION.

www.routescc.org/donate



Every ride is more than a trip - it's a step toward staying connected to what matters most.

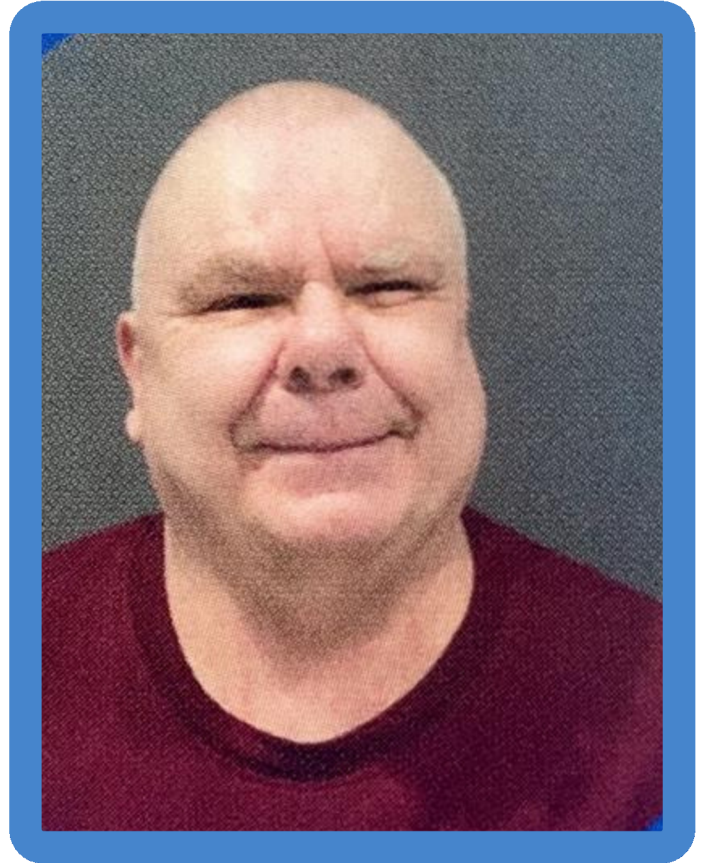
Client Spotlight: Raymond J

Tell me about yourself

Raymond moved to Willow Beach in 1997 with his sister. He really enjoys listening to music, reading audiobooks, and cooking delicious meals for himself.

How has Routes impacted you?

Since joining Routes over 20 years ago when his sister passed away, Raymond has enjoyed being able to go out into the community and do things like shopping and going out to lunch. He really appreciates having a kind and caring driver that helps him get to and from wherever he needs to go.



Do you have any goals for the future?

Raymond is hoping to use his experiences and perspectives to increase assistance for people with visual or auditory impairments. He wants to help people who need an extra bit of support to access the resources they need.



Welcoming new board members

Susan Bishop

Susan brings a customer-centric and results-driven approach, backed by a proven track record in designing and implementing cohesive, best-in-class people programs and practices. She is passionate about fostering an engaging and inclusive work environment where individuals are empowered to learn, grow, and achieve extraordinary personal and professional success.



Apryl Jones

A member of the Georgina community since moving here in 2011, Apryl, along with her husband Cameron and their beloved cat Tiggy, were quick to call the area home. Through her love of making connections with others and her eagerness in learning about local culture and history, she has cultivated a strong bond to the community so near to her heart. Committed to bringing community together and to give back, Apryl believes there is a place for everyone in Georgina and strives to create to an inclusive environment where everyone can be themselves and grow for their highest and greatest good.



Neissan Monadjem

Neissan acts as a catalyst, fostering the pursuit of a common vision in diversity and bridging gaps in technology, business, and ideation-deployment challenges among members. As founder of NGOs, member of many boards, and an entrepreneur, Neissan has created a scalable approach to corporate social responsibility both at the local and international levels.



Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new client drivers David,
Linda, and Jacky!

New Food Delivery Driver David!

Welcome

By The Numbers - May



1,228
Rides



1,039
Riders



51 New
Clients

Volunteer Call!



Call for Volunteers

WEDNESDAYS 9AM-1PM
THE LINK, 20849 DALTON RD

If you have a few free hours a week, we need your help with:

Food Prep*
Set-up and decor
Dish clean up
Front door greeting



Contact carolyn@routescc.org if you're interested!

*Food Handlers Certificate or willing to complete is an
asset for kitchen roles.

2024 Annual Report

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Click here to view the
full report





JULY QUEST BUS TRIPS

FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11am | July 4, 11, 17 (PM), 25 | Free Bus Fare



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Bus Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout
12-1pm | July 2, 9, 16, 30

SHOP & SOCIAL (GEORGINA ONLY)



GIANT TIGER & NO FRILLS

10am-1pm | July 3 | \$10 Bus Fare



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10am-12pm or 12pm-2pm | July 10 & 24 | \$10 Bus Fare



GLENWOODS PLAZA & FOOD BASICS

10am-1pm | July 31 | \$10 Bus Fare

ADVENTURE AWAITS – TAKE THE QUEST!



GATEWAY CASINO INNISFIL

12:00pm-3:00pm
Tues. July 15 | \$35.00 Bus Fare



ST. JACOBS FARMER'S MARKET

12:00pm-3:00pm (+ Rest Stops)
Sat. July 26 | \$40.00 Bus Fare



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!

Want to be a Housing Hero?

Join us at the Property Owner Expo!

July 5th, 1-3:30PM

Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, Newmarket



Breakfast Program

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

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@routescc.org

July 2

TERIYAKI RICE BOWLS WITH CHICKEN & TOFU

World UFO day



July 9

CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD WRAP

Sponsored by: Keswick Master

Mechanic

YRFN Fresh Food Market



July 16

BLT & SEASONAL GREENS

Capture the Sunset Week



July 23

COLD MEDITERRANEAN PASTA SALAD

Partially sponsored by:

Health Georgina

YRFN Fresh Food Market



July 30

HOT DOGS AND POTATO SALAD & WATERMELON

National watermelon month

International Friendship Day



CONTACT:

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info@goodfoodcollective.ca

goodfoodcollective.ca

E-Transfer: finance@routescc.org

Add message "GFC Lunch"

Helen Almond Award Nominations

Helen Almond Award Call For Nominations



This award was created in honour of **Helen Almond**, to recognize a community member who has gone **above and beyond** in showing their dedication to Routes, and the community.

Do you know someone who fits this description?

Nominate them for this award by completing the submission form OR visit our office to complete it in-person!

Scan the QR code or open the link below and fill out the nomination form!

[Submit a nomination here!](#)

Nominations due by:
★ **August 1st, 2025**



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Contact:

✉ emily@routescc.org
☎ 905-722-4616 ext. 4



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!

RSVP deadline August 9th

Fill out the RSVP form:

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



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



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PROJECT FUNDED BY:

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Apply here!

Brain Games Spotlight

FREE BRAIN GAMES BOOKLETS!

THE 6TH EDITION
IS HERE!



INCLUDES
CROSSWORDS,
SUDOKU, WORD
SEARCHES,
COLOURING, AND
MORE!

OCEAN THEMED!

VISIT THE ROUTES OFFICE AT THE LINK FOR A
FREE COPY OR REQUEST A MAILING!



RENEE@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**



DATES:

Wednesdays

May 7 & 21

June 4 & 18

July 9 & 23

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



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Georgina Fresh Food Market

Your Health, Your Community, Your Free Health and Wellness Education Series

10 in-person sessions | 4 virtual sessions | 2 special engagement events

FREE



**Northern York
South Simcoe**
ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM



IN-PERSON SESSIONS NEAR YOU

Keswick (MURC)

- Jun 18 – Caring for the Caregiver
- Sep 17 – Vaping & Youth
- Dec 10 – Advance Care Planning
- Mar 11 – Senior Wellness & Medications

Sutton (The Link)

- Jul 16 – Stroke Prevention
- Oct 15 – Indigenous Engagement
- Jan 14 – Building Healthy Kids
- Apr 15 – Intro to Ontario Health atHome

Pefferlaw (Lions Hall)

- Aug 16 – Street Festival Info Booths
- Nov 4 – Mental Health Crisis Support
- Feb 3 – Lung Disease
- May 5 – Navigating Home Care



JOIN FROM ANYWHERE VIRTUAL SESSIONS

AUG 20, 2025:
COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL
THERAPY FOR INSOMNIA

NOV 19, 2025:
YORK REGION PLAN TO
SUPPORT SENIORS

FEB 18, 2026:
MENOPAUSE
INFORMATION

MAY 20, 2026:
ARTHRITIS CARE &
RESOURCES



Learn more at <https://nyssoht.ca/Educationssessions/>

Program Spotlight!



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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 - May



MAY 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

MAY HIGHLIGHTS



1,228

CLIENT RIDES



86

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES

21

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

1,293

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS

334

BUS RIDES



48

FRIENDLY CALLS



194

VOLUNTEERS



522

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 24,820 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 24
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 45 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



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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