

MARCH 2025

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ROUND UP



Community Love & Connection day celebration on Valentines Day!

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

[Georgina Community Events](#)

[Newmarket Community Events](#)

KEY DATES

MARCH 5

TAX CLINIC
THE MURC, KESWICK | 4-7PM

MARCH 5

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

MARCH 7

TAX CLINIC
PEFFERLAW LIBRARY | 10AM-2PM

MARCH 9

HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR
RAY TWINNEY, NEWMARKET | 1-3:30PM

MARCH 10

GREAT BLUE HERON CASINO BUS TRIP
PORT PERRY \$35 BUS FARE: 11AM-2PM

MARCH 12

TAX CLINIC
THE LINK, SUTTON | 10AM-2PM

MARCH 9

LETS GET WALKING
NEWMARKET LIONS HALL, 2PM

MARCH 18

TAX CLINIC
KESWICK LIBRARY | 10AM-2PM

MARCH 19

FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE36- BUS
FARE: 10AM-2PM

MARCH 23

THE LINK SPRING MARKET BUS TRIP
KESWICK \$10 BUS FARE: 10AM-1PM

MARCH 26

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

MARCH 26

TAX CLINIC
THE LINK, SUTTON | 4-7PM

MAR 5,12,19,25 & GFC COMMUNITY LUNCH!

THE LINK, SUTTON: 12-1:30PM

Volunteer Spotlight: Allison S.

Tell me about yourself

I am the mother of an amazing daughter, son-in-law and 12 month old grandson—don't get me started on him! I am working with the Ontario Public Service when I retired. Allowed me the time to get more involved in my community with a heavy emphasis on volunteering. Volunteering with a food bank "introduced" me to Routes

How has Routes impacted you?

Working at the food bank! Let me explain. We had clients who were unable to access the food bank due to transportation issues. It was such a great feeling to be able to introduce clients in need to such a straightforward solution. Their relief was almost palpable! I still get to do that and it feels so good each time. I get to help from a different angle now and seeing the two organizations knit together a plan for someone in need is amazing.



What is your favorite memory with Routes?

It has helped me realize how lucky I am to be able to be part of 2 grassroots organizations working together to help others in need. But it has also highlighted how much is still to be done

What are your goals for the future?

Building on the last question, I am looking for other opportunities to help enhance the lives of vulnerable members of our community.

**Volunteers
needed**

By The Numbers - January



**1,526
Rides**



**953
Riders**



**42 New
Clients**

Volunteer Call!



**The Routes CC
Board Needs You!**

**JOIN OUR BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

As a Director on our Board, you will have a meaningful role in steering the future of the organization and positioning resources as we move forward in line with our NEW Strategic Plan.

Visit our website to learn more and apply.



Apply Now!

Please forward your resume to:
boarddirector@routescc.org



MARCH FOOD SUPPORT IN GEORGINA



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

9am-11am | Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 | Free Bus Fare



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

Pay-What-You-Can Lunch | \$5 Suggested Dine-In
12-1pm | Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 | \$5 Bus Fare | \$8 Takeout Avail.

SHOP & SOCIAL TRIPS



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10am-2pm | Thurs. March 6 & 20
\$5 Bus Fare (Georgina residents only)



GIANT TIGER/NO FRILLS

10am-2pm | Thurs. Mar. 13 & 27
\$5 Bus Fare | (Georgina Residents Only)

REFER A FRIEND: BRING A NEW CLIENT TO QUESTBUS ON ONE OF THE TRIPS BELOW FOR \$10.00 OFF YOUR TICKET (LIMIT 1 PER PERSON)



GREAT BLUE HERON CASINO & WHITE FEATHER COUNTRY STORE | PORT PERRY

11am-2pm | Mon. Mar. 10th | \$35 Bus Fare



THE LINK: SPRING MARKET AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SUTTON SHOPPING

10am-1pm | Sun. Mar. 23 | \$10 Bus Fare
Black River Coffee, Sutton General Store, Village Traditions,
High Street Bistro, Papa Luigi's & More!

PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!
CALL 905-722-4616 x 1
TO RESERVE A SEAT



PROJECT FUNDED BY:
Ontario



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@routesc.org

March 5

TURKEY STEW LOADED WITH VEGGIES

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION



GEORGINA



March 12

BANGERS, BEANS & MASH

COLIN CARTER DESSERT
VAUGHAN COMMUNITY
HEALTH: DIABETES INFO

PERFORMANCE BY
CONNORS MUSIC AND
BOLD STEPS

SCOTIAMCLEOD CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



March 19

TUSCAN VEGETABLE SOUP WITH GARLIC BREAD OR FRESH BUTTERED BUNS

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET



GEORGINA



March 26

TRINIDAD LENTIL DHAL WITH NAAN AND FRIED CABBAGE

GUEST CHEF: YRFN

SPRING CELEBRATION



United Way
Greater Toronto



CONTACT:

(905) 722-4616

info@goodfoodcollective.ca

goodfoodcollective.ca

E-Transfer: finance@routesc.org

Add message "GFC Lunch"

Tax Clinics in Georgina!

TAX CLINICS

For low income families and elderly residents in Georgina.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Income must be below \$35k per person
- ✓ Must be a resident of Georgina
- ✓ Must bring valid ID and all slips applicable to the 2024 tax year

Clinic Dates & Locations:

Wed March 5th, 4-7pm (The MURC, Keswick)
 Fri March 7th, 10am-2pm (Pefferlaw Library)
 Wed March 12th, 10am-2pm (The Link, Sutton)
 Tues March 18th, 10am-2pm (Keswick Library)
 Wed March 26th 4-7pm (The Link, Sutton)

Clinics will be drop-in and appointment based. Register by email at incometax@routescc.org or by phone at 416-258-9778.



Contact Us
416-258-9778



Visit Our Website
www.routescc.org



Our Location
20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton



Partner With Us



Brain Games Booklet Advertising

Activity booklets provided for free to seniors in York Region, to support mental well-being & healthy brain aging.

\$550 - Inside Cover (Full Page) Ad

\$475 - Full Page Ad

\$250 - ½ Page (Horizontal) Ad

\$150 - ¼ Page Ad

\$100 - Sponsor a Puzzle



Community Lunch Sponsorship

We serve ~150+ people a nutritious, globally inspired meal with homemade flavour & local ingredients every week.

\$200 or In-Kind Donations

- Verbal thank you at the lunch
- Listed on the monthly flyer

\$500 Sponsorship

- Verbal thank you at the lunch
- Listed on monthly menu flyer
- Logo on monthly menu flyer
- A social media post

\$1,000+ Sponsorship

- Verbal thank you at two lunches
- Listed on monthly menu flyer
- Logo on monthly flyer
- A social media post
- 5–10-minute keynote speech during lunch



Quest Bus Advertising

Our accessible bus empowers locals to access food supports in Georgina. We also ensure that isolated seniors can enjoy social trips to support their mental well-being.

- **Advertise for \$750/quarter**
- The Quest Bus **travels 6,000km/quarter** across York Region, Toronto, and the GTA, supporting more than 1,800 riders in 2023.

Get thousands of eyes on your business through a 5' x 2' sign on both sides of the bus & our online network.

routesc.org/advertise

Program Spotlight!



CONTACT US!

 **CALL (905) 722 - 4616 X 3**
 **CHANTEL@ROUTESCC.ORG**



BOOK THE QUESTBUS FOR YOUR NEXT GATHERING!

**PERFECT FOR WEDDING
PARTIES, FAMILY
CELEBRATIONS, GROUP
OUTINGS, AND MORE!**

**AVERAGE RENTALS
RANGE FROM \$400-\$800
DEPENDENT ON DURATION & DISTANCE****



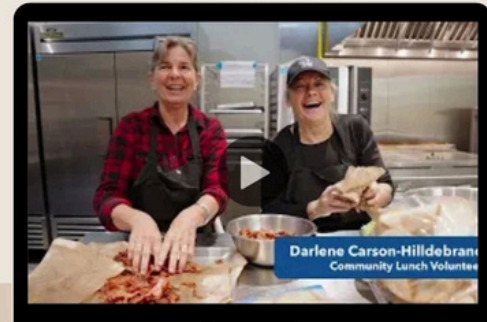
Check out our promotional videos on Youtube!



WATCH NOW

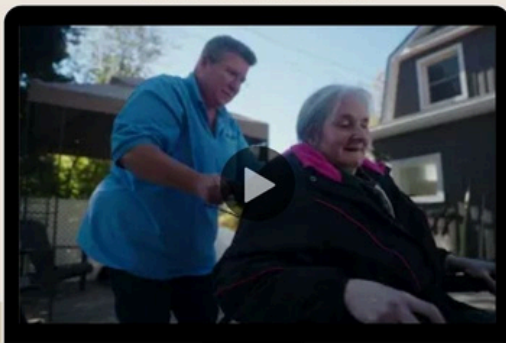
Routes Youtube Channel

EPISODE 01 - PROGRAMS
AND LUNCHES



Routes Youtube Channel

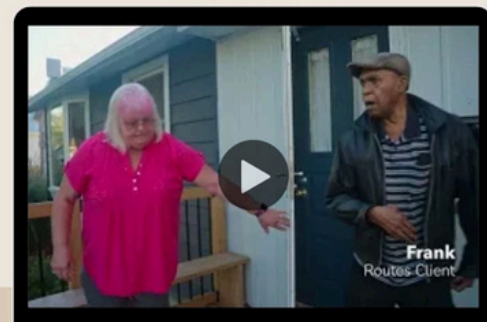
EPISODE 02 - SHARON
AND CHRISTINE



WATCH NOW

Routes Youtube Channel

EPISODE 03 - WENDY
AND FRANK



WATCH NOW

Program Spotlight!

Refer-A-Friend *IS HERE!*

Any volunteer that refers a friend to become a volunteer client driver will be awarded a \$100 Esso Gift Card IF: that referee remains a volunteer for 6 months AND completes min. 20 rides.

Once both conditions are met, the gift card is awarded.

Chat with any
Transportation
staff to apply!



Program Spotlight!

LET'S GET WALKING

Sundays this winter, Starting Dec 1st 2024

Jan 12th, Feb 2nd & March 9th 2025

Meet up Location/Time:
Newmarket - Near Lions Hall on Duncan Drive
at 2 PM

Contact Khalil for more info
or visit linkingnewmarket.ca
khalil@routescc.org
(905) 872-3659



Program Spotlight!



Let's Become Junior Chefs

From Scratch to Success!

For Kids



BE READY TO COOK YOUR NEXT MEAL

FEBRUARY TO MARCH 2025

Tuesdays:
February 11 &
March 4

**Taking place @ Maple Leaf
Public School - Meet us in
the Den (Classroom 128)
11 to 12:30PM**

Thursdays:
February 6,
February 20 &
February 27

What to Expect

- ✓ Quick, easy and safe practices for students
- ✓ Learning how to prep for cooking
- ✓ Exploring diverse, flavourful recipes that nourish both body and mind.



For more information contact Ms. Lilley

905 868-5326

155 Longford Drive - Newmarket

linkingnewmarket.ca

Program Spotlight!

CHAIR YOGA



Keep your mind healthy, practice balance and release stress through our chair yoga classes.

INSIDE MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

6:00-7:30PM

FEBRUARY 21, MARCH 21,
APRIL 25, MAY 16,

155 Longford Drive, Newmarket

FREE!



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Find our event calendar at
linkingnewmarket.ca

Program Spotlight!



FREE DROP IN BASKETBALL

HOSTED BY
PLAYFOREVER

A TYPICAL SESSION:

Basketball skill work, 4v4/5v5 & workshops catered
to high school students in York Region

SCHEDULE:

Thursdays 6 to 8 PM - January 9th to April 3rd 2025
No events on March 13th

ADMISSION:

Positive Attitude

LOCATION:

DR. J.M Denison Secondary School Cymnasium-
135 Bristol Road, Newmarket

(Entrance is located on the left side of the building near the field)

FOR MORE EVENT INFO, GO TO [LINKINGNEWMARKET.CA](https://linkingnewmarket.ca)



Program Spotlight!

YOUTH DROP IN

HOSTED BY 360 KIDS POP-UP

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FOR YORK REGION
HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS**

MARCH 6

Budget Bites Part 1

Learn about
how to
prepare a meal
for 4 with less
than \$10

APRIL 3

Budget Bites Part 2

Learn about
how to
prepare a meal
for 4 with less
than \$10

MAY 1

Movie & Video Game Night

Join us for a
movie & play a
few video games
with friends

WHERE:

**DR. JM DENISON SECONDARY SCHOOL
135 BRISTOL ROAD NEWMARKET - (CAFETERIA)**

WHEN:

6 TO 7:30 PM

Linkingnewmarket.ca



Program Spotlight!



MIND AT EASE YOUTH MEET UP

For Youth 12 and up

Food &
Health

Social
Media

Isolation vs
Socializing

Social Media
& Screen Time

Goal setting
Planning for the
future
Expectations

Habits/Routines

Family
Struggles

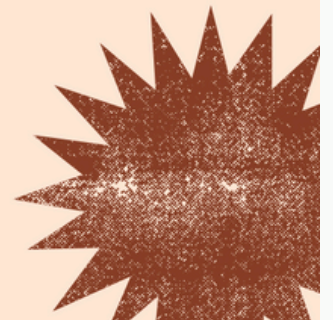
February 20

March 13

6-8 PM

Newmarket Public Library

438 Park Avenue



Program Spotlight!

Financial Literacy

For Youth 16 to 30

March 19th 1:30-2:30 PM -
360 Kids Youth Hub (130
Davis Dr Unit #18)

March 27th 6-7 PM - Dr. JM
Denison Secondary School
(135 Bristol Rd - Cafeteria)

Value each dollar and begin your pathway to financial wellness!



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connecting communities



York Region



Join our discussions on savings, investment options,
debt management and planning for the future.

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Program Spotlight!



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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.



REACHING OUT TO LANDLORDS

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



GATHERING/COMPLETEING DOCUMENTS

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



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

Program Spotlight!

Northern York
South Simcoe
ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

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Primary Care Clinic

NEW CLINIC IN KESWICK



DESCRIPTION:

Our Family Doctors and Nurse Practitioners provide comprehensive care including detailed assessments, diagnosis, and treatment for a variety of health conditions.



BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TODAY IF:

- You don't have a Family Doctor or Nurse Practitioner.
- You need access to safe, in-person, high quality-care.



LOCATION: 716 THE QUEENSWAY SOUTH,
KESWICK ON, L4P 4C9



OPERATING HOURS: MON-FRI 8:30AM TO 4:00PM



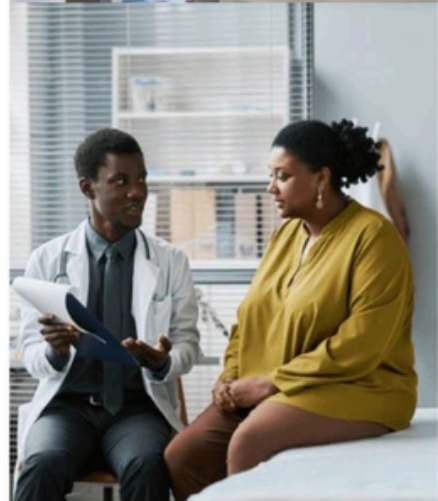
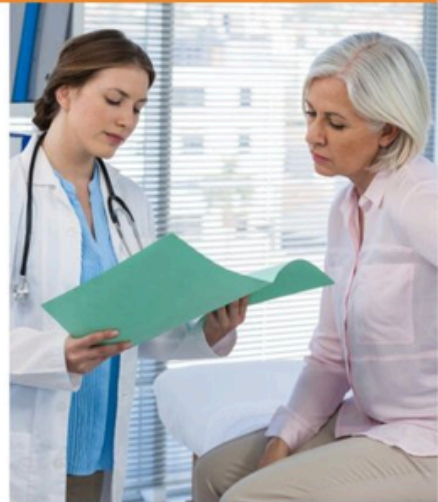
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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|----------------------|---------------|
| • Dec 23 | Regular hours |
| • Dec 24 to Dec 29th | Closed |
| • Dec 30 | Regular hours |
| • Dec 31 | Closed |
| • Jan 1 | Closed |



How to book an appointment:

Call 905-476-9110



Impact Snapshot - January



JANUARY 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



1,259

CLIENT RIDES



76

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES



12

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



1,284

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS



296

BUS RIDES



21

FRIENDLY CALLS



188

VOLUNTEERS



330

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 25,158 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 28
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 34 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



THIS MONTH WE
WELCOMED
73 NEW
TRANSPORTATION
CLIENTS!

TESTIMONIAL

I just wanted to say thank you for matching me with ... We talk regularly and it's amazing how much we have in common despite our age difference.

I hope you continue this program and that others can experience the connection that I am so grateful to have at a much needed time in my life. - Friendly CallsClient



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