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MAY 2025

ROUND UP



We had some special guests join us at our Youth Drop-ins, held every other Tuesday at Sutton District High School from 3:30-5:30pm!

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

[Georgina Community Events](#)

[Newmarket Community Events](#)

KEY DATES

MAY 7

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

MAY 8

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP
DR. JM DENISON SECONDARY SCHOOL
NEWMARKET, STARTS AT 6:00PM

MAY 9

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL
MAPLE LEAF PS, NEWMARKET|6:00-7:30PM

MAY 10

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP
NEWMARKET PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWMARKET, STARTS AT 1:30PM

MAY 13

YOUTH DROP-INS
SUTTON D.H.S | 3:30-5:30PM

MAY 13

CASINO RAMA & MARIPOSA BUS TRIP
ORILLIA| \$40 BUS FARE: 12-4PM

MAY 15

QUICK ACTION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

MAY 16

CHAIR YOGA
MAPLE LEAF PS, NEWMARKET | 6:00-7:30PM

MAY 21

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

MAY 27

MANDARIN & MICHAELS BUS TRIP
NEWMARKET | \$40 BUS FARE: 12 - 3PM

MAY 27

YOUTH DROP-INS
SUTTON D.H.S | 3:30-5:30PM

MAY 30

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL
MAPLE LEAF PS, NEWMARKET|6:00-7:30PM

MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28: GFC COMMUNITY LUNCH!
THE LINK, SUTTON: 12-1:30PM

New Strategic Plan!

Welcome Letter

Dear Partners, Clients, and Stakeholders,

As the Executive Director with Routes, I'm filled with gratitude and purpose. Through many conversations with our teams, partners, volunteers, and clients, two things have become clear: we're a trusted lifeline in York Region, but we've strayed from what makes us truly exceptional.

Our strategic planning consultations with you reaffirmed this—Routes is vital for social connection and independence, yet there's untapped potential for even greater impact.

Routes began as a pioneer in rural community transportation, but our impact transcends providing rides. **We strengthen human connection by being the vital link that enables participation, belonging and independence, creating a community where everyone feels valued and supported.**

We are the place where strangers become friends, where isolation transforms into connection, and where every person is welcomed with genuine warmth and dignity.

It's in this spirit that we now embrace a purposeful evolution—one that honors our roots while boldly stepping into the future. With renewed clarity and commitment, we are embarking on a journey to 2030 that will unlock our fullest potential and deepen our community impact and pillars of **Building Bridges, Broadening Reach and Thriving Together.**

These pillars uphold our greatest aspiration and a shared vision: **a York Region where every person thrives in a community of belonging, connection, and opportunity.** I invite you to join us in ensuring that in York Region, no one ever journeys alone.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Jordan Prosper
Executive Director, Routes Connecting Communities



[Check out our new strategic plan here!](#)



Volunteer Spotlight: Bob & Sandra A.

Tell me about yourself

Bob and I have lived in Newmarket for 25 years. Our 3 children are all grown and flown and we were looking for a volunteer job that we could work together at.

How has Routes impacted you?

Routes is an organization that is diverse in their ability to help in the community from transporting people in need, to helping individuals with their income taxes.

What is your favorite memory with Routes?

Routes has given us this volunteer opportunity to allow us to volunteer together while helping fundraiser for Routes and the community.



What are your goals for the future?

Bob and I enjoy working together and meeting new people. If we can help in any small way, we are happy to participate.



Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new Food Delivery Drivers
Julia & James!

Welcome new client drivers Piri &
Tom!

Welcome

By The Numbers - March



1,133
Rides



948
Riders



47 New
Clients

Volunteer Call!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

routes
connecting communities



Become a volunteer driver and help York Region residents who need assistance due to financial, physical, mental, or social challenges get to their life necessities. You get **reimbursed for your mileage at \$0.53/km!**

CONTACT US:

 www.routescc.org

 info@routescc.org

 905-722-4616

MUST HAVE/ OBTAIN:

- Valid 'G' license
- Access to a vehicle
- VSC
- Proof of insurance






FOOD SUPPORT IN GEORGINA



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11am | May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Free Bus Fare



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

Pay-What-You-Can Lunch | \$5 Bus Fare

12-1pm | May 14, 21, 28

\$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout Avail.



SHOP & SOCIAL TRIPS



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10am-12pm or 12pm-2pm | May 1, 15, 29

\$10 Bus Fare (Georgina residents only)



GIANT TIGER/NO FRILLS

10am-1pm | May 8, 22

\$10 Bus Fare | (Georgina residents only)



EAT AND SHOP



CASINO RAMA + MARIPOSA MARKET

12-3pm @ Casino Rama

3-4pm @ Mariposa Market (Orillia)

Tues. May 13 | \$40.00 Bus Fare



MANDARIN + MICHAELS

INCLUDES LUNCH, BEVERAGES EXTRA

12pm-1:30pm @ Mandarin

1:30-3pm @ Michaels

Tues. May 27 | \$40.00 Bus Fare



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@routescc.org

May 7

**SEAFOOD ROLL OR EGG SALAD
ROLL SPRING SLAW**

Sponsored by:

**Natalia Zammiti &
Cedarvale Lodge**

YRFN Fresh Food Market
Mothers Day Celebration!



Mother's Day



May 14

**MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN
& RICE**

Sponsored by: York Regional
Police

Free Spirit Fest talk and
ticket giveaway!

Police Week



May 21

VIETNAMESE NOODLE BOWL

Sponsored by: Community
Living Georgina

YRFN Fresh Food Market
Community Living Month
Celebration



May 28

SPRING FRITTATA PLATE

Sponsored by: York Region
Community Safety

Local Food Week Ontario



CONTACT:

(905) 722-4616

info@goodfoodcollective.ca

goodfoodcollective.ca

E-Transfer: finance@routescc.org

Add message "GFC Lunch"

Quick Action Grants - Georgina!

Quick Action Grants

GEORGINA



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROJECT?



PAST
PROJECT!

We are providing **\$4,000 resident grants** and **\$7,500 agency grants** to organize initiatives in Georgina that support employment and/or mental well-being!



THE TIMELINE

Applications open: April 10, 2025

Applications due: May 15, 2025 @ 4PM

Applications due by email to karenw@routesc.org

Projects must be completed by:

September 30, 2025 for resident projects
and **March 31, 2026** for agency projects

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Attend an information session for help with your application!

April 14 2025, 4:30PM-5:30PM

April 28, 2025, 11:30-12:30PM

Email Karen for more info or to register for an info session: karenw@routesc.org



QUICK ACTION GRANT APPLICATION:
www.linkinggeorgina.ca/quick-action-grant/

Quick Action Grants - Newmarket!

Quick Action Grants NEWMARKET



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROJECT?



PAST
PROJECT!

We are providing **\$4,000 resident** grants and a **\$7,500 agency grant** to organize initiatives in Newmarket that support housing stability and/or mental well-being!



THE TIMELINE

Applications open: April 10, 2025

Applications due: May 15, 2025 @ 4PM

Applications due by email to khalil@routescc.org

Projects must be completed by:

September 30, 2025 resident projects
and **March 31, 2026** for agency projects

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Attend an information session for help with your application!

April 14, 2025, 11:30-12:30PM

April 28, 2025, 4:30-5:30PM

Email Khalil for more info or to register for an info session: khalil@routescc.org



QUICK ACTION GRANT APPLICATION:

www.linkingnewmarket.ca/quick-action-grant/

Service Fee Update!

Thank you for riding with Routes!



Fee-For-Service Updates

Effective May 1, 2025, we are updating our prices! Please note the following changes:

In-Town: \$15 flat fee, up to 2 hours.

Out-of-Town: \$3 + \$0.55/km, up to 2 hours.

Double-Fare: Appointments lasting beyond 2 hours will incur a double fare.

Every additional stop will incur \$1 which is paid to the driver.

Clients who require the accessible van (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers) will see a \$10 flat fee to use the staff operated van.

Reminder

We require 3 full *business days* to book a ride.

Late cancellations within 1 full business day of a ride will face a 100% fee.



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Program Spotlight!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week Brunch!



Program Spotlight!



CONTACT US!

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



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

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



Program Spotlight!



Newmarket Community Action Table Presents

GRANT WRITING

WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY
MAY 8TH
2025**

Start at 06:00pm

DR. JM DENISON
SECONDARY SCHOOL
(CAFETERIA - NORTH
WEST ENTRANCE)
135 BRISTOL ROAD

**SATURDAY
MAY 10TH
2025**

Start at 1:30pm

NEWMARKET
PUBLIC LIBRARY
438 PARK AVE
(2ND FLOOR
BOARD ROOM)

Elevate your grant writing
skills at our upcoming
workshop. Connect with
community and build solutions!

CONTACT KHALIL FOR
MORE INFORMATION
(905)872-3659
KHALIL@ROUTESCC.ORG

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Program Spotlight!

YOUTH DROP INS

Sutton District High School

Open to all youth aged 12-18

Youth under the age of 12 are welcome to attend chess club

Join us every other Tuesday from

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 - June 10

May 13

Come play drop in basketball/volleyball
with the Town of Georgina Recreation

Learn how to play chess! Suitable for all
levels of players. Sessions will be running
until June 10.

May 27

Come play OUTSIDE games with the Town
of Georgina Recreation

Learn how to play chess! Suitable for all
levels of players. Sessions will be running
until June 10



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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York Region

Find our event calendar at
linkingnewmarket.ca

Program Spotlight!

LINKING NEWMARKET.CA

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL



6-7:30 PM

**MAY 9
MAY 30
JUNE 13**



Open to all - snacks and refreshments available !

**155 LONGFORD AVE. NEWMARKET
MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL (GYMNASIUM)**

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!



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 - March



MARCH 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



1,133

CLIENT RIDES



114

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES



10

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



1,227

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS



292

BUS RIDES



45

FRIENDLY CALLS



192

VOLUNTEERS



515

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 23,327 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 38
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 13 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



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

TESTIMONIAL

It was quite an exhilarating experience. Having to touch someone's life and make a positive impact in my clients life. It was also a good learning experience as we both learned from each other. - Friendly Calls Volunteer



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Impact Snapshot - Q1

2025 Q1 IMPACT REPORT

(JANUARY - MARCH)



Routes facilitates access to basic needs & essential services, enhances community engagement and improves social connections for York Region's most vulnerable residents.

Q1 Highlights



3,109

RIDERS



192

VOLUNTEERS



248

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES

3,650

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS

116

FRIENDLY CALLS



2,631

MEALS SERVED



224

TAX FILINGS



57

HOUSING CLIENTS



87

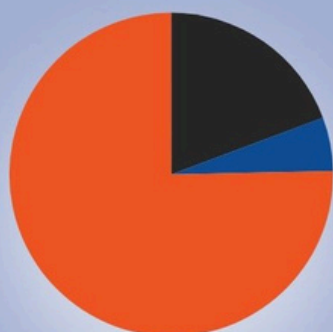
REFERRALS MADE



30

PEOPLE REHOUSED OR
MAINTAINED HOUSING

RIDE TOTALS

QuestBus
892 RidesAccessibility Van
248 RidesClient Rides
3,485 Rides

DISTANCE

69,755 KM

TESTIMONIAL

"After three long years of searching, countless obstacles, uncertainty, and just one viewing, I finally have housing. It still doesn't feel real, but it is, and I am so incredibly grateful. I truly couldn't have done this without the support of some amazing people. Thank you for advocating for me and sticking with me through every step. Your work matters more than you know." - Housing Client



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