

September 2025

routes

ROUND UP



Some of our dedicated volunteers and Routes team at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!

ROUTES ROUND UP

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

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KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER 3

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

SEPTEMBER 4

A DAY OF MEDITATIVE MAKING
LORETTO MARYHOLME COTTAGE, KESWICK
10AM-3PM

SEPTEMBER 9

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

SEPTEMBER 13

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET BUS TRIP
TORONTO | \$30 BUS FARE | 12-2:30PM

SEPTEMBER 17

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

SEPTEMBER 17

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

SEPTEMBER 20

ART ON THE FRINGE FEST BUS TRIP
UXBRIDGE | \$35 BUS FARE | 12:30-4PM

SEPTEMBER 20

AURORA FARMERS MARKET
TOWN PARK, AURORA | 8-1PM

SEPTEMBER 20

NEWMARKET FARMERS MARKET
RIVERWALK COMMONS, NEWMARKET | 8-1PM

SEPTEMBER 23

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

SEPTEMBER 23

GARDEN TASTING WITH THE GFC
THE LINK, SUTTON | 6:30-8PM



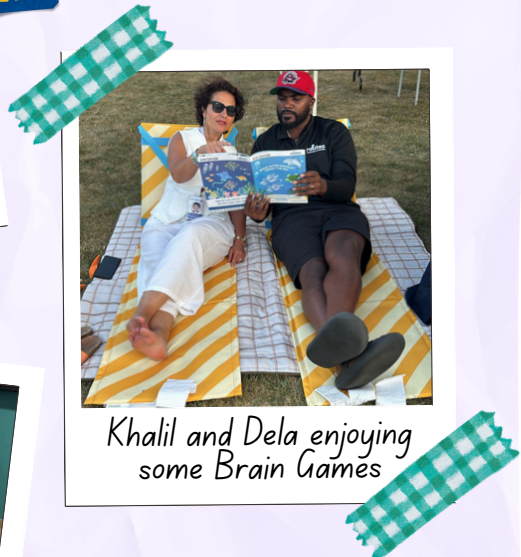
Community Lunch
12-1:30 PM

The Link, Sutton

September 3, 10, 17, 24

Summer Highlights at Routes

ROUTES =SUMMER= 2025



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic



Our volunteer appreciation picnic took place at Anchor Park in East Gwillimbury, and we were happy to see many of our dedicated volunteers, board members, staff team, and their families join us for a pleasant afternoon. The event was a great chance to show our gratitude and enjoy some time together.

Attendees took part in fun activities like yard games and had opportunities to win prizes from our raffle baskets. Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch with a variety of desserts. We extend our thanks to all our Routes volunteers. They are the backbone of our organization and play a key role in our mission to support the community. Without their commitment, dedication, and willingness to help others, Routes would not be as successful as it is today.

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us, we are already looking forward to next year's picnic!



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=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/harvest-dinner-good-food-collective-tickets-1537277561569?aff=oddtcreator)
(*Plus applicable fees)

For more information, contact
info@goodfoodcollective.ca



Volunteer with setup or clean-up: Email
Carolyn@routescc.org

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

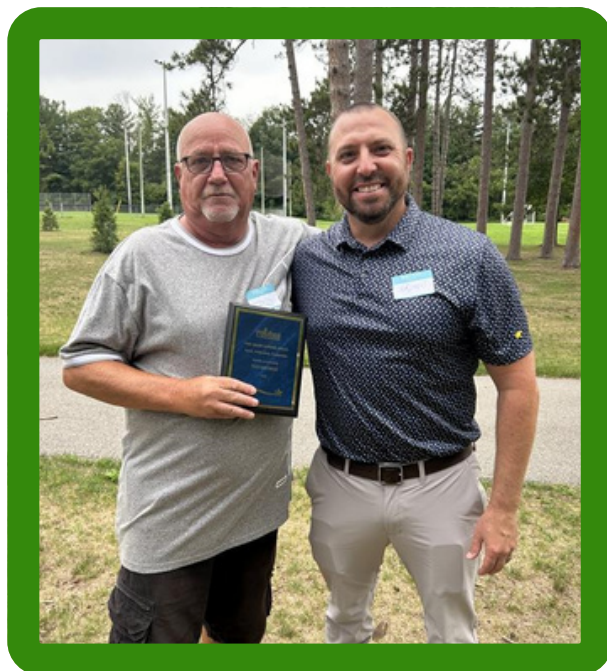
- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Display of company logo on a table

SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

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

Helen Almond Award Winner - Ted G

This year, we are proud to recognize Ted George as the recipient of the Helen Almond Award for his outstanding dedication, compassion, and community spirit.



Ted's journey with Routes began as a client, relying on our transportation services to visit his wife during her palliative care. Grateful for the support he received, Ted quickly found ways to give back. What started with posting program flyers soon grew into a deep commitment to serving the community. Since then, Ted has become a vital part of Routes—delivering over 600 hot meals in 2024 and 2025, supporting the GFC kitchen and lunch program, and encouraging local businesses to get involved through take-out lunches and sponsorships. He can often be found representing Routes at community events, proudly acting as an ambassador for our programs.

Ted is admired for treating everyone with respect and dignity, and for embodying the values of Routes in all that he does. His positive attitude, leadership, and tireless efforts to alleviate hunger and strengthen community connections make him a truly deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulations, Ted, and thank you for your unwavering dedication to Routes and the community we serve!

Donor Spotlight: Ivy H

Ivy H is one of the generous community members who donated to the Routes Community Fundraiser. Thanks to Ivy and many others, we can continue our mission to connect community members with vital transportation services.



What inspired you to make a charitable contribution to the Routes organization?

I have worked in community and disability services/advocacy for over 30 years. I have personal connections and "chosen family" who have used and benefit regularly from Routes services including their volunteer drivers for special appointments.

Why is fostering connection important to you, especially in the context of building community?

Being isolated, vulnerable or marginalized in today's society can be debilitating for someone. A small act of kindness or support can be a game changer for someone that feels lost in a world that has forgotten to be kind and look after each other. With my small counselling office in Sutton and my volunteer outreach with the homeless, I see and witness the stories of people that are struggling, have been tossed aside or forgotten by those around them. We need to do better! If we can build community connections it's a win-win for everyone involved.

SEPTEMBER TRIPS

FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11:00AM | Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 | Free Bus Fare | Call (905) 596-0557



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Bus Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout
12:00PM-1:00PM | Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24

SHOP, SOCIAL & WELLNESS (GEORGINA ONLY)



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10AM-12PM or 12PM-2PM | TUESDAYS Sept. 2, 16 & 30 | \$10 Bus Fare



ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP - THE MURC

TAI CHI, SWIMMING & MORE AVAILABLE

Thursday Weekly: Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 | 12:45PM-3:15PM | Free Bus Fare

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

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

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

ADVENTURE AWAITS – TAKE THE QUEST!



ST. LAWRENCE MARKET - NEWLY RENOVATED!

12:00PM-2:30PM

Sat, Sept. 13 | \$30.00 Bus Fare

Thank you to the Province of Ontario for keeping this trip affordable!



ART ON THE FRINGE FEST & WHITE FEATHER COUNTRY STORE

GREAT FOOD, VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES AND MORE!

12:30PM-4:00PM

Sat, Sept. 20 | \$35.00 Bus Fare



PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!

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

PROJECT FUNDED BY:



Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new Volunteer Drivers
James and Dan, and Friendly
Caller Sarvat

Welcome

By The Numbers - July



1,282
Rides



1060
Riders



42 New
Clients

Routes Perch Spotlight



At this year's annual Painted Perch Festival in Jackson's Point on August 9th, Routes proudly won first place in the business fish category. Summer student Renee did a great job painting the Routes perch! A big thank you to Steve Jacobson for making this incredible community event possible each year and giving Georgina residents the chance to showcase their talents!

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



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

September 3

CABBAGE ROLL STEW

Sponsored by: Councillor Dale Genge

YRFN Fresh Food Market

GrandParents Day

National Piano Month with Darryl Briggs



September 10

MOROCCAN SPICED LENTIL SOUP WITH AN ORANGE AND BEET SPINACH SALAD

World Alzheimer's Month

John Howard Society



September 17

RATATOUILLE

Sponsored by: Farm Credit Canada

YRFN Fresh Food Market

John Howard Society

Mid-Autumn Festival



September 24

THREE SISTERS SOUP WITH BANNOCK

Partially sponsored by: Town of Georgina

Equity & Diversity Advisory Committee

National Truth and Reconciliation Day



CONTACT:

(905) 722-4616

info@goodfoodcollective.ca

goodfoodcollective.ca

E-Transfer: finance@routescc.org

Add message "GFC Lunch"

GFC Garden Tasting

Garden Tasting with Good Food Collective



 **The Link**

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

 **Adults**

Registration required

quick pickle recipe - you can even bring samples from your own garden to use!
This program is in partnership with Good Food Collective and
Town of Georgina. Register on Eventbrite starting Tuesday,
August 26 at noon to reserve your spot.

georginalibrary.ca



Breakfast at the Link

SEPTEMBER
DATES ADDED

Breakfast at The Link

8:30-9:30 AM

- June 10 & 24
- July 8 & 22
- August 5 & 19
- September 9 & 23

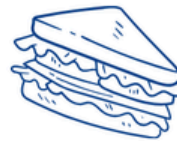


Items range in price from \$1.50 - \$5.00

Pay what you can options available

Menu items may include

- Breakfast sandwiches
- Cereal
- Seasonal Fruit
- Yogurt
- Smoothies
- Breakfast bars
- Tea and coffee



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

Back-to-School Supply Event



The Back-to-School Supplies Event on August 26th provided access to various school supplies, enabling families and students to start the school year confidently and well-prepared. The impressive turnout of attendees highlighted the community's need for school supplies. Besides offering supplies at the event, we have also prepared eight kits so far to donate to local classrooms to support students throughout the year.

We'd like to give a huge thank-you to everyone who has already donated supplies, and we recognize that every contribution makes a significant impact. We are continuing to seek donations for items to include in classroom kits through our Amazon storefront or by email at karenw@Routescc.org to arrange a donation drop-off.

DONATE HERE



Donate to Support Local Classrooms

WE'RE ON A MISSION TO FILL GEORGINA'S CLASSROOMS!

We can reduce barriers to school supplies, hygiene products and more for local youth. Help us to Fill classrooms so our youth are supported all year long!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Amazon Wishlist
LINK

DONATE VIA AMAZON
WISHLIST OR EMAIL
KARENW@ROUTESCC.ORG
TO ARRANGE A
DONATION DROP OFF



Program Spotlight

J.J. Martyn & Doris Keppler co-host :

A DAY OF MEDITATIVE MAKING

Stitch & Draw by the Lake

Register now for this Free Intimate Event

Thursday, September 4, 2025

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Cottage at Loretto Maryholme
379A Bouchier Street
Keswick

Take a break from the rush of daily life and come spend a nourishing, artful day on the shores of Lake Simcoe. Set in the serene surroundings of nature, this workshop combines meditative stitching and intuitive, neurodivergent-informed drawing to support mindfulness, healing, and creative exploration.

Apply by August 28th to:

wellbeingworkshopsontario@gmail.com

Successful applicants will be notified

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United Way
Toronto & York Region



Georgina Unbound
Expanding opportunities

York Region



J. Martyn
MIXED MEDIA ARTIST



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!

50/50 Raffle



50/50 RAFFLE

JACKPOT UP TO \$500

IN SUPPORT OF ROUTES
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

\$5 COST PER TICKET, CASH ONLY

200 tickets for sale. Grab yours at the Routes office or
the GFC Community Lunch from September 2nd - 24th

The winning ticket will be drawn September 26th
10:30 - 11:30am

Winner will be contacted via telephone

LOTTERY LICENSE #876558



Impact Snapshot - July



JULY 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



1,282

CLIENT RIDES



90

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES



11

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



1,361

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS



342

BUS RIDES



38

FRIENDLY CALLS



201

VOLUNTEERS



626

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 30,917 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 23
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 29 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



THIS MONTH WE
WELCOMED
42 NEW
TRANSPORTATION
CLIENTS!

TESTIMONIAL

It was hard for me as a senior to ask for help especially from someone from the younger generation. I have worked & been housed all my life & never thought I'd be homeless. Without this program, I would still be sleeping in my truck"

- Housing Client



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