

SUMMER 2025

# ROUTES NEWSLETTER

## Welcome, Mike!

Routes Youth Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Figliola as the new Director. Mike has significant executive experience in such roles as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Fire and Paramedic Chief, as well as other roles with First Nations.



“My primary ambition in coming to Routes is to help support our vision to further facilitate programming for youth, purposeful growth while operating within a responsible non-profit platform built upon the strength of our program and employees. I am excited to join our team and contribute to providing leadership in achieving our goal and a prosperous future”.

Mike looks forward to working with the Board of Directors, the staff, and community to deliver on Routes’ strategic direction, initiative and is committed to driving strategic objectives in a collaborative setting. His expertise, abilities and commitment will be the key in advancing Routes’ mission and ensuring future development which is sustainable.

## 2024-25 Re-cap!

### Programming Highlights

This school year our centre has been busier than ever with over 300 unique youth attending Routes! This year our youth have enjoyed a warm dinner and a snack everyday after school, totaling more than 4,000 meals served this school year. Youth at Routes have participated in workshops in partnership with the YMCA, Theatre of the Beat, Dundas Valley School of Art, Home Hospice Association, Hamilton Public Library and more! These workshops have connected our youth with their community, and allowed them to have fun and grow.

Our programming would not be possible without the help of our generous supporters. Thank you to the Dundas Legion, Carmeuse Dundas Operation, the Dundas Lions Club, the Dundas Lioness Club, The Routes Patrons Club, and all of our donors this year for championing our mission, and helping youth in our community thrive!



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## Message from the Board Chair

As summer kicks off, I'm excited to share a few updates and express my gratitude to the incredible community that surrounds Routes Youth Centre.



First, we're pleased to welcome Mike Figliola as our new Centre Director. He brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our team, and we are excited for what lies ahead under his leadership.

I'd also like to offer a sincere thank you to our Patrons Club members. Your support goes far beyond a donation—it's an investment in the lives of young people. Thanks to you, we're able to offer valuable, accessible programs that help youth build confidence, leadership skills, and lasting friendships—especially during the busy summer months when our programming is in full swing.

If you're not yet a Patron, we warmly invite you to join us. As a member, you're helping ensure Routes remains a safe, welcoming, and empowering space for youth across Dundas and the surrounding area. [Insert link or button: [Join the Patrons Club Today](#)]

Thank you for standing with us and supporting youth, every step of the way.

Warmly,  
Christina Romasz  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Routes Youth Centre

## THANK YOU, PATRONS CLUB

### June is Patrons Club month!

Since 2011, a group of generous donors have supported Routes through our Patrons Club. This club invites members to give \$500 annually as a way of building a strong foundation for all programming at Routes. This donation can be made in installments throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for the continuous support of this generous group. Your donations allow us to support our youth through meals, workshops, community outings, a space to build community with peers and so much more. Thank you, Patrons!

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