

FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism is a registered charity dedicated to supporting families with children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

FOOTPRINTS does not receive any funding from the provincial or federal levels of government and relies on donations and grants from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain and expand its programs in Durham Region. As a registered Canadian charity, all donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Donations can be made on-line at <https://footprints4autism.org>. Click on the Make a Donation button. To contact a staff member about making a donation call 905-420-0388 ex. 3.

Thank you!

On behalf of the families and children we serve – thank you to our champions. You truly are making a difference to families living with Autism in our community. Visit our website to read more about our donors.

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FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism Pickering

Dunbarton-Fairport United Church
1066 Dunbarton Road, Pickering ON L1V 1G8

Friday evenings: 5pm - 8pm (bi-weekly)

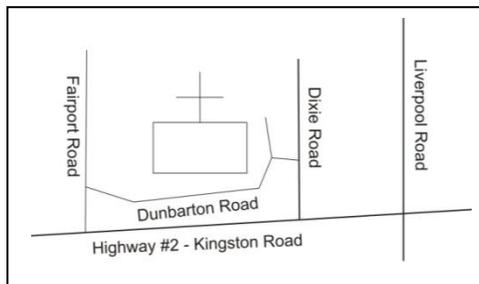
Saturdays: 9am - 1pm (weekly)

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To enroll your child, contact:

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pickering@footprints4autism.org



FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism Whitby

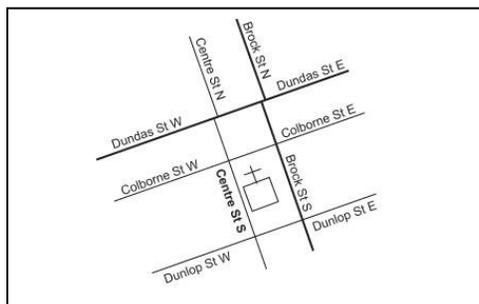
St. Mark's United Church
201 Centre Street S, Whitby ON L1N 4V7

Saturdays: 9am - 12pm (weekly)

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FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism is a volunteer-driven charity dedicated to providing respite care for families with children aged 13 years and under diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



Serving Durham Region with
locations in Pickering & Whitby

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FOOTPRINTS 4 AUTISM: Respite in a happy and safe environment

FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism is making a difference by providing the precious gift of time.

A gift that allows parents, siblings and caregivers to tend to other needs without the additional demands of caring for their child with Autism.

Run as a weekly program for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), FOOTPRINTS provides a few precious hours of respite for their families and caregivers. The program is staffed by trained volunteers under the guidance of qualified Program Supervisors.



Program Highlights

- One-to-one support by a trained volunteer
- Skill, age, and sensory appropriate activities and equipment
- Social interaction with other children
- Imaginative play and physical activity incorporated into each session
- Affordable Friday evening and Saturday sessions
- Camp Great Strides: Summer and Christmas school-break half and full-day sessions

New for Youth: Together We 'Hang'

In 2015, with financial assistance from the Durham Community Foundation and space provided by the Pickering Public Library, FOOTPRINTS launched Together We 'Hang', a social program for youth on the Autism Spectrum and their peers. We were able to run the program again for 24 weeks in 2016, again thanks to the Durham Community Foundation and the Pickering Library.

Together We 'Hang' – Whitby Fall 2016

Together We 'Hang' for 12 weeks at the Whitby Public Library. Thank you to the Town of Whitby - Mayor's Community Development Fund and the Whitby Public Library.

Camp Great Strides

FOOTPRINTS has been running half-day, full week summer and Christmas Break Camps since 2011. Investors Group – Pickering were the founding sponsors and continued to fund the camps for four years. In 2014, we received additional funding from Unity for Autism to expand the camps from four to six camps.



Camp Great Strides 2016

It is with a tremendous amount of gratitude to Unity for Autism for their generous grant that we are very pleased to run four full-day or half-day, Monday-Friday Summer camps. We have also opened our camps up to families in the community in addition to FOOTPRINTS' families.

Child Support Volunteers

Children are supported one-to-one by trained volunteers providing companionship and supervision as the children play and interact with each other. Volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum of one volunteer shift per month, and attend all training sessions and workshops.



FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism follows the Volunteer Canada 10-step volunteer recruitment and screening process, which includes:

- Submission of an application form
- Minimum age requirement of 14 to shadow and assist with programming
- Child-care volunteers must be a minimum of 16 years of age
- Telephone screening interview
- In-person interview with Program Consultant
- Submission of a Police Records Check with Vulnerable Person Sector Screening
- Completion of a 'shadow shift' prior to acceptance as a volunteer
- Attendance at all orientation and training workshops.

To volunteer, contact:

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