

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 [www.footprints4autism.org](http://www.footprints4autism.org). Click on the Make a Donation button. To contact our team to make a donation call (905) 420-0388 ext. 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.



## FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism - Pickering

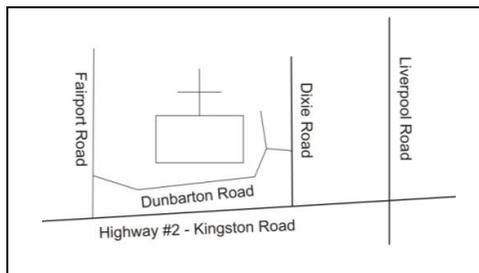
Dunbarton-Fairport United Church  
1066 Dunbarton Road, Pickering ON L1V 1G8

**Saturdays: 9AM-1PM and 1 PM-5 PM**

To enroll your child, contact:

**(905) 420-0388 ext. 1**

**[pickering@footprints4autism.org](mailto:pickering@footprints4autism.org)**



## FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism - Whitby

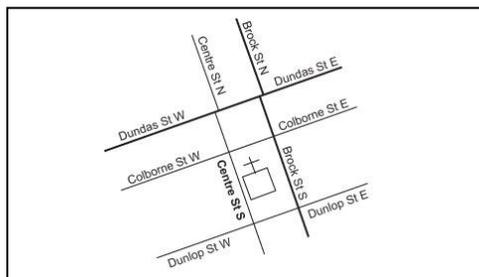
St. Mark's United Church  
201 Centre Street S, Whitby ON L1N 4V7

**Saturdays: 9 AM-1 PM**

To enroll your child, contact:

**(905) 420-0388 ext. 4 or 5**

**[whitby@footprints4autism.org](mailto:whitby@footprints4autism.org)**



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



Serving Durham Region with  
locations in Pickering & Whitby

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# FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism

**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

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

# Respite in a happy and safe environment

## Together We Hang Youth Social Program



Our youth program launched in 2015 with financial support of Durham Community Foundation that continues today. It is a social program for youth on the Autism Spectrum and their peers. Program is held at the Whitby Public Library on available Mondays from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

Contact us at [whitby@footprints4autism.org](mailto:whitby@footprints4autism.org) to learn more about this program.

## Camp Great Strides

FOOTPRINTS has been running half-day, and full-day, Summer and Christmas Break Camps since 2011.

In 2014, we received additional funding from Unity for Autism and their continued support makes this program accessible to our community.

We are pleased to offer full-day and half-day options, Monday to Friday for four weeks of Summer camps and two weeks of Christmas camps. We have also opened our camps up to families in the community in addition to FOOTPRINTS' families.



## Child and Youth 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:

- Online submission of an application form
- References check
- Minimum age requirement of 14 years to shadow and assist with programming
- Child-care volunteers must be a minimum of 16 years of age
- 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

**Apply on our website to become a volunteer or contact us at [volunteer@footprints4autism.org](mailto:volunteer@footprints4autism.org) (905) 420-0388 ext. 2**