

ROZI ROTI FOOD BANK • DURHAM REGION

Two Years of Community Impact

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 — SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

250K+

MEALS DELIVERED*Meals figure reported by Rozi Roti Impact.*

\$0

**IS WHAT WE
STARTED WITH**

Halal food, delivered free to the door — open to anyone in need,
regardless of faith, culture, race, and background.

**2**Years of home
delivery**100%**Halal food
support**\$0**Cost to the
household**7**Community
collection points**Pickering
→
Bowmanville**Across Durham
Region

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“Rozi is a livelihood. Roti is bread. A person needs both.”

The idea the organisation was founded on — and the reason a mission that began by teaching people to earn could grow into a food bank without ever changing its purpose.

A note on the numbers in this report

Every figure here is one Rozi Roti can currently provide evidence for. Where a metric has not yet been compiled from operating records, this report says so plainly rather than estimating. Nothing in these pages is invented.

01 • OUR STORY

From skills to supper

Rozi Roti did not begin as a food bank. It began with a conviction that people are not short of ability — only of opportunity.

2022

Pakistan

A mission begins — teaching digital skills so people from less-privileged backgrounds could earn a living online.

~1,300

Trained

People have been trained through that wider work. *Reported by the organisation.*



The mission grows

The work reaches Durham Region, where the need in front of it is more immediate: food.

2024

The Food Bank

Rozi Roti Food Bank launches — halal, delivered free to the door, open to anyone in need.

Why food, and why this way

There were food banks in Durham. For many households they did not quite work. Reaching one without a car could mean two buses and a long walk home carrying bags. And for families who keep halal, the shelves often held food they could not use.

So Rozi Roti built something to fit the gap:

A halal food bank that comes to you.

And one that opens its door to anyone in need, regardless of faith, culture, race, and background.

The name says it

Rozi — livelihood.

Roti — bread.

From the beginning the organisation held both halves together: a person needs a way to earn tomorrow, and something to eat tonight.

Two missions, one purpose

Livelihood

The first work taught people to earn — skills that outlast any single act of charity.

Food

The Durham work meets the need that cannot wait for a course to finish.

Dignity

Both were built so nobody has to trade their self-respect for help.

The digital-skills programme is a separate initiative from the Food Bank. Its figures appear here as origin context only and form no part of Food Bank impact numbers.

02 · IMPACT DASHBOARD

Two years at a glance

The verified position today — and an honest account of the numbers still being compiled from our operating records.

2

Years

of halal home delivery across
Durham Region

7

Collection points

community locations where
neighbours drop off food

5

Municipalities

host our collection network today

100%

Halal food

every item, every delivery

\$0

Cost to household

no fee, no charge, no catch

**PICKERING
→
BOWMANVILLE**

Service area

communities right across Durham

250K+

MEALS DELIVERED

Across the communities Rozi Roti serves — the
number this whole operation exists to produce.

Reported by Rozi Roti Impact.

\$0

is what we started with

No founding grant, no seed funding, no
reserve. Everything that followed was built
out of donated food, donated money and
donated hours — given by people who live
here.

Service model, food standard, service area and collection network are drawn from Rozi Roti's published information. The meals figure is reported by the organisation. Detailed totals for households served, deliveries, volunteer hours and donations are being compiled from operating records.

03 · WHAT WE STAND FOR

Halal food. Open door.

Two commitments that define how the Food Bank works — and one common misunderstanding worth correcting.

100% HALAL

food support — every item, every box

Open to anyone who needs support — regardless of faith, culture, race, and background.

The halal standard is what makes this service usable for households other food banks cannot properly serve. The open door is what keeps it a community service rather than a service for one community. Both are true at once, and neither is negotiable.

ZERO COST

to the household

Supported households receive their food assistance without paying anything for it. No fee at intake, no charge on delivery, no cost recovered later. Groceries arrive at the door and that is the end of the transaction.

Built around dignity

There is no queue to join and no public collection point, so nobody has to be seen asking for help. The delivery driver knows the address — nobody else does.

That privacy is not a courtesy. For some households it is the reason they ask at all.

“Food is a right, not a privilege.”

The principle behind the delivery model, the halal standard, and the open door.

04 · THE COMMUNITY MODEL

How a donation becomes a dinner

Seven steps between a neighbour's generosity and a family's kitchen table — every one of them carried by volunteers.



Powered by people, not payroll



Why we verify

We check **each and every application**. A dedicated team reviews the documents and speaks with the household directly. It is how limited food reaches defined need — and how donors know exactly where their giving goes.

Why we sort

Dates checked, contents balanced, every item halal. The difference between a bag of tins and a week of usable meals.

Why we deliver

No pickup, no lineup, no cost. Durham is spread out — delivery removes the barrier that quietly excludes families without a car.

And our vehicles carry no food bank branding. Nothing on the car, nothing on the box at the door. No neighbour needs to know a family is being helped.

05 • SERVICE AREA

Across Durham Region

From Pickering in the west to Bowmanville in the east — wherever in Durham the need is.

The Durham corridor we serve

Pickering in the west to Bowmanville in the east



Service-area diagram, not a scale map. Municipality order follows the Lake Ontario corridor. Collection-point counts from Rozi Roti's published drop-off list — reported.

Who hosts our collection points



Source: Rozi Roti published drop-off locations · Reported

Where the food comes from

Donations reach us from right across the community — and three groups carry more of it than people expect:

- Local businesses
- Schools
- Retirement homes

Alongside mosques, community organisations and individual households across Durham.

Food given in Durham stays in Durham.

Collected here, sorted here, delivered to households here. Every collection point is a local business or community organisation — so the generosity of this community stays inside it.

06 • THE PEOPLE

Powered by people

A box of groceries arriving at a door looks simple. Behind it sit six groups of people, each doing work the next one depends on.



Verification Team

Reviews every application and confirms eligibility with care and confidentiality. Their work is why limited food reaches the households that most need it — and why donors can trust where their giving goes.



Delivery Volunteers

Load routes and carry food to doorsteps across the region, in summer heat and Durham winters alike. They are the part of Rozi Roti that families actually meet.



Sorting & Packing Volunteers

Sort donations, check dates and build the boxes — making sure what arrives is balanced, usable and halal. Unglamorous, essential, and the difference between tins and meals.



Donor Group

Individuals and families whose giving sustains the operation month after month. Recurring support is what lets us promise a household the *next* delivery, not only this one.



Core Team

Coordinates operations, verification, partnerships, communications and administration — holding the parts together week after week.



Community Partners

Mosques, local businesses and community organisations who host collection, run drives with us, open doors and spread the word.

**“Nobody here is paid to care.
That is exactly why it works.”**

The Food Bank is volunteer-run and donor-funded. Specific team sizes and volunteer hours are recorded internally and will be published once compiled.

07 • COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A community that shows up

Rozi Roti has never worked alone. Mosques, local businesses and community organisations have carried this alongside us.

COMMUNITY & FAITH ORGANISATIONS

Islamic Society of Ajax — Masjid Quba

Ajax

Iqra Masjid — Durham Islamic Centre

Whitby

Islamic Centre of Bowmanville

Bowmanville

INDEPENDENT LOCAL HALAL BUSINESSES

Pak Halal Meat & Grocery

Oshawa

Habib's Halal Market

Oshawa

Bismillah Meat Market

Pickering

GROCERY COLLECTION LOCATIONS

FreshCo — Simcoe & Winchester

Oshawa

FreshCo — Taunton

Oshawa

FreshCo — Hwy 2 & Kendalwood

Whitby

Who gives — and it is not only households

Beyond individual donors and mosques, three groups contribute a substantial share of what reaches our shelves.

Local businesses

Independent grocers and shops that host bins and give stock.

Schools

Student-led drives that bring volume — and teach generosity early.

Retirement homes

Residents and staff collecting for neighbours they may never meet.

How partners help



Collection points



Food donations



Food drives



Volunteer support



Donor introductions



Community outreach



Local connections



Distribution support



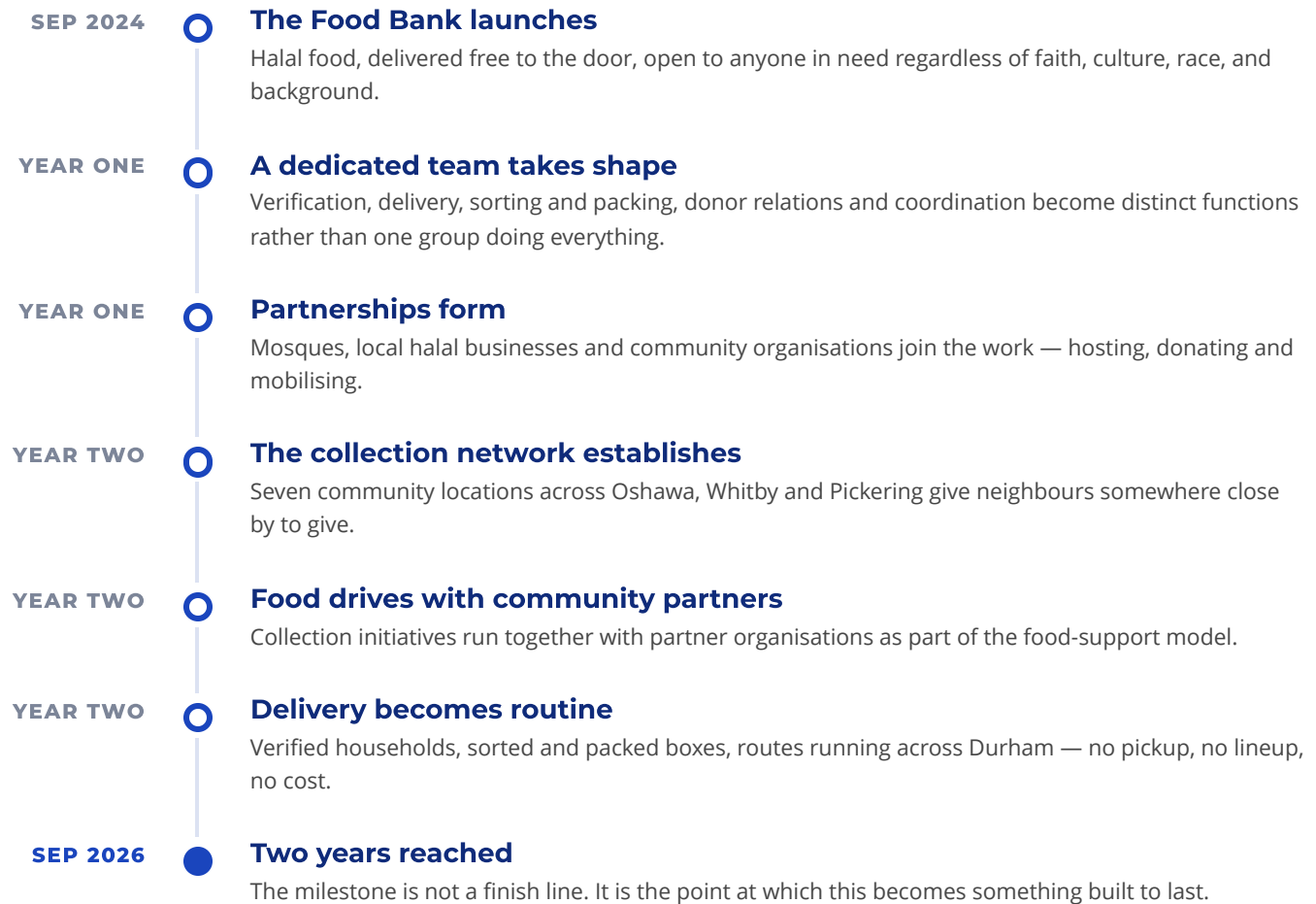
Community awareness

Rozi Roti has conducted food drives with community partners as part of its food-support model. Organisations are described by the role the evidence supports; no organisation is characterised as a formal partner beyond that evidence.

08 • THE JOURNEY

From launch to milestone

Two years, told as milestones rather than a diary of events.



Milestones only; individual event dates are not listed. Activity is included only where evidence supports that it took place — planned or cancelled activity is excluded.

Two years. One community. A continuing mission.

What was achieved

A working halal home-delivery food bank with verified intake, many collection points across Durham, and a volunteer operation that runs every week.

Who made it possible

Volunteers, a donor group, mosques, independent local grocers and community organisations across Durham Region.

Where we serve

All of Durham Region — from Pickering in the west to Bowmanville in the east.

What comes next

A home of our own

A dedicated facility would mean real storage, proper refrigeration, room for volunteers to sort and pack, and a delivery operation that can grow.

Recurring support

One-off generosity fills a shelf; monthly giving keeps it filled — and turns a promise of food into one families can plan around.

Telling the story properly

Publishing our two years of delivery, volunteer and donation records so this community can see exactly what it built.

Give monthly

A recurring gift lets us promise a family the next delivery.

Drop off food

Halal non-perishables, at any of our community collection points.

Volunteer

Sort, pack, verify or deliver. A few hours goes a long way.



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