

# **Food Allergy Canada Speakers**

(Ontario Only) Areas not listed below may be available upon request.

Please contact speaker directly.

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Barrie Area	Annette Brennan	annette.g.brennan@gmail.com
Durham Region (Pickering East	Mary-Jo Wheeldon	rescueplus@rogers.com
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GTA & Surrounding Area	Annette Brennan	annette.g.brennan@gmail.com
(Includes Markham, Thornhill,	Ron Caldwell	cmr@cogeco.ca
Richmond Hill, Newmarket,	Angelina Del Duca	angdelduca@yahoo.com
Aurora, Etobicoke,	Mary-Jo Wheeldon	rescueplus@rogers.com
Mississauga)	Kirsten Weldon	rescueplus@rogers.com
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	Ron Caldwell	cmr@cogeco.ca
Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener,	Susan Karai	thekarais@gmail.com
Waterloo		

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Barrie, Durham Region, Peel			
Region, Halton, Hamilton,			
Niagara			



# **About our Speakers**

#### **Annette Brennan**

In 1989, Annette's son, Jason, was diagnosed with a severe life threatening food allergy. The lack of public awareness about Anaphylaxis inspired Annette to join the Speakers Bureau at the Food Allergy Canada. Speaking mainly to school staffs, Annette saw a need to expand the education and awareness of anaphylaxis to the students. She worked with a team to develop an educational program for each of the elementary student divisions. She has since delivered these educational programs to thousands of educators, students and child care centre staff.

#### **Ron Caldwell**

Ron is a retired educator who is well aware of the challenges of anaphylaxis as both his wife and daughter have life threatening food allergies. He has been with Food Allergy Canada's Speakers Bureau since 2006. His presentations are informative and engaging and he enjoys working with varied audiences such as childcare centres and elementary and high school staff and students.

### **Angelina Del Duca**

Angelina is a Teacher with the TDSB, has her ECE, and is the mom of a child who is anaphylactic to Tree Nuts and Peanuts. Through her experience, she is able to speak from both an educator and parent perspective. She has been volunteering with Food Allergy Canada since 2007 and is the former Co-Chair of the Toronto Anaphylaxis Education Group.

## Mary-Jo Wheeldon

Mary-Jo has been with Food Allergy Canada's Speakers Bureau since 2007. Mary-Jo has also been educating First Aid students about anaphylaxis since 1990. Being anaphylactic, Mary-Jo has first-hand knowledge of the challenges of anaphylaxis, and a passion for educating.