



THE BIG'S BUDDY

The Newsletter of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Listowel and District
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What a great success!!!

Our **Second Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction** was held at Parkview Gardens in Listowel on September 25, 2004. With the help of the community and the businesses in Listowel and surrounding area, we were able to raise just over \$12,000. This money will be used to provide activities for our current Big Brother and Big Sister Matches and kids on the waiting list, as well as to assist in expanding our current In-school Mentoring program.



DOUG GILMORE

We had over 130 'silent' and 25 'live' auction items for the 185 participants to bid on. Plus, many enjoyed winning door prizes. The participation in the auction was amazing and our thanks go out to all donors (listed on the back page). Special thanks also goes out to Doug Gilmore for providing the auction service and some comic relief throughout the evening.



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BIG EVENT – The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Listowel and District second annual auction was a huge success, Sept. 25, raising just over \$12,000 for the organization. Dave Shantz, a prison chaplain and former big brother, was the guest speaker. From left are: back row - Mr. Shantz's former Little Brother Eric Ellis, Mr. Shantz, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Listowel and District president Diane McCoag and executive director Bob Pilon; in front - Clarene Reick (Mr. Ellis' mother) and Susannah Shantz (Mr. Shantz's wife).

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year continues to be a busy one for Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Listowel. Our second annual fundraising dinner and auction was a huge success, and I would like to personally thank the board and our executive director Bob Pilon for all the hard work they put into this event.

Our Big Brothers and Big Sisters Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, November 28. All Littles and waiting list kids, along with Bigs, are invited for a great dinner, carol sing and entertainment.

Next year's Bowl for Kids' Sake event will take place on April 17. The next Buddy newsletter will have more information about this.

We hope we can count on the many groups that participated this past year to return and help us out again.

Until then, thanks for all your help and have a good holiday season.



Diane McCoag,
President

"GO CYCLONES GO"
Attention Matches and Littles
 Reminder - tickets are available to the remaining regular season games of the Jr. 'B' Cyclones for the matches, and/or kids on the waiting list. Call the office and speak to Becky or Bob, 291-6762.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In-school Mentors, Board Members, Big Brothers and Big Sisters are all needed.

For more information, please call the

Big Brothers and Big Sisters office at 291-6762 or stop by at 305 Main St. W., Listowel

2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Diane McCoag - President
 - Joanne Sanders - Director
 - Peter Martin - Director
 - Bob Pilon - Executive Director
 - Dina Kritzer - Secretary
 - Pauline Sibeon - Director
 - Dave Lavender - Past President
 - Becky Logan - Caseworker
- Please consider joining our board. Many hands make light work and fresh ideas expand the horizon.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the BBBS Canada Annual Meeting in July the membership voted to accept a very ambitious plan for the organization over the next ten years. In the blueprint long term strategic plan the organization has set a goal of serving 100,000 children by 2013. At present there are 18,000 children matched with adults in one-to-one programs, but the challenge will be to find matches for the 10,000 kids on the waiting lists. As the largest volunteer organization in Canada offering mentoring programs for children, the commitment is that 'Every Child in Canada Who Needs a Mentor Has a Mentor'. As one of 170 member agencies servicing more than 300 communities nationwide the challenge is somewhat daunting. However, at the local level we can certainly do our part, but we really need the community to come forward and volunteer their time for a very worthwhile cause in serving our children through mentoring. Our greatest need right now is for Big Brothers or Couples to be matched with the three Little Brothers on our waiting list. However, we do have some new Little Sisters coming into the program, and an unlimited need for In-School Mentors throughout the local area, particularly, at Central, Eastdale, Wallace, Elma and Howick schools. We hope to expand the ISM program to other schools in North Perth and area next year.

Why support our programs??

- Mentored children
 - show greater self-reliance
- are less often sad, fearful, angry, frustrated and anxious
 - have more favourable attitudes toward school
 - have better overall academic performance
- are more likely to get along with parents, peers and siblings
- are 46 percent less likely to initiate alcohol and other drug use

SO SHARE A LITTLE MAGIC - VOLUNTEER

In-School Mentoring - just one hour a week during the school year.

BIRTHDAYS
DECEMBER
 Albana - Dec. 25
 17 years old

FEBRUARY
 Megan - Feb. 8
 12 years old

ANNIVERSARIES
NOVEMBER
 Megan and Cathy - 3 years

Caseworker Report

It's hard to believe that five months has already passed by since starting as the new Caseworker here at Big Brothers Big Sisters Listowel. Over the months I have spent my time getting to know the Bigs and Littles, and getting a good handle on the Traditional program. Recently, my efforts have been put towards a very important aspect of the program, the waiting list. We currently still have three little boys on the waiting list. These boys have been waiting very patiently for a man to come forward. They need and want someone that they can count on and spend time together as friends. Steven age 11, Eddie age 8, and Adam age 14, are three young boys who love to do typical boy stuff, playing sport such as soccer, Nascar racing, going out for pizza, and just plain hanging out! While being on the waiting list, these boys have missed out on positive experiences and a male bond because we have not had any inquiries from men in our community. In our recruiting efforts, we have been going out to local service groups in hope to interest male volunteers. To men out there, we desperately need you to come forward! All it takes is a couple hours a week to make a life long difference in a child's life. Remember Big Brothers/Big Sisters gain as much from the relationship as the Littles, but you need to come forward to be able to experience this! On a more positive note we have a new Big Sister to our program, Mandy Sprout. We are excited to have her, and will hopefully have her matched to a Little in the near future. We also have two new Little Sisters, Tayleiah and Courtney who have just recently come into our program and looking forward to being matched.

As I continue my time here at BBBS Listowel, I look forward to meeting more new faces and new volunteers. I have truly enjoyed my first few months and look forward to my future experiences. Being able to work with children and making a difference in the lives of people is definitely rewarding. I am very proud to work for an organization like this and to see all the support we continue to receive from the community! Thank You!

Becky Logan, Caseworker

First Tuesday of each month

Big Brothers Board
meeting, 7 p.m.

November 28
Big Brother Big Sister

Christmas Party

November 29
Santa Claus Parade
2 p.m.

January 2005
Bowling for Kids Sake
Campaign Lunch Party



Big Brothers and Sisters would like to extend our appreciation to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations to our Second Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction held September 25, 2004.

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