



# Mentoring Matters

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## Celebrating Our Success

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington has lots to celebrate

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington has three major accomplishments to celebrate ~ **30 years of providing high quality volunteer based mentoring programs to the children of Clarington, a third consecutive National Growth Award and receiving Accreditation.**

After almost a year of preparation, meetings and a visit from two professionally trained Accreditors in late March, Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington received Accreditation. To receive accreditation, the accreditors consulted with agency volunteers, parents, board members and funders, reviewed financial records and assured that sound fiscal management practices and a strategic plan were in place.

A review process to ensure maximum child safety and organizational excellence was introduced more than 25 years ago and this process recently evolved into the National Accreditation Process. The Accreditation certificate is granted upon approval of agency practices in the areas of child safety, service delivery, and organizational excellence.

Thank you to Donna McAllister, Nancy Harris, Karin Murphy, Lisa McNee Baker, Allison Edwards, Lori Terry and Jill Brennan for serving on the Accreditation Committee. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the interview process and helped build the Strategic Plan.

**It's a three-peat!** For the third consecutive year, Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington received a National Growth Award. The National Growth Award, which recognizes our success in providing mentoring to more children, was presented at this year's National Convention.

On June 5th, former volunteers, Littles and staff joined present BBSC members to celebrate our **30th Anniversary**. Festivities included a cake cutting ceremony, games, face painting and "Pepper the Clown" for the kids and volunteer recognition awards presented by agency staff and Mayor Jim Abernathy.

Since its incorporation on January 17th, 1977, Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington has been providing the highest quality, volunteer-based mentoring programs to the children of Clarington. We couldn't continue to do this without the continued support of the Clarington community. Thank you to everyone who has lent their support to our agency. ***Thanks for Sharing The Magic!!!***



One of our Mentee poses with InSchool Mentor, Warren McCarthy and Board President, Karin Murphy.



**Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington**  
**11th Annual**  
**Golf Tournament**  
**Friday September 21, 2007**  
**Newcastle Golf & Country Club**  
**2429 Golf Course Road, Newcastle**



MC - Joe Tilley,  
Sports Anchor, CTV  
News - Toronto

**Cost \$130.00 per Golfer before August 15th &  
 \$145.00 after August 15th**

**Golfers Receive:**

- ⌈ 18 holes of best ball golf, with golf cart
- ⌈ Team Photos
- ⌈ Starter Packages
- ⌈ Early Registration Lunch

generously donated by



- ⌈ Roast Beef Dinner (catered by Steamers)

**Golfers have the Chance to win prizes for:**

- ⌈ Top Team
- ⌈ Most Honest
- ⌈ Skill Contests

**Hole in One Prizes:**

- ⌈ 2007 Buick Allure
- ⌈ Golf Trip to Palm Coast
- ⌈ 36 Nike Golf Ball
- ⌈ Titanium Forged Nike Driver

Sponsored by

**Jeff Stewart**



- ⌈ Hawaiian Trip for Two

Sponsored by



**Thank You** to the following for their corporate sponsorship: Scotiabank ~ Drywall Local 675 ~ Ontario Power Generation ~ Carpenters Local 397 ~ International Union of Painters and Allied Trades ~ Meadwestvaco Packaging ~ Municipality of Clarington ~ Bank of Montreal ~ Veridian

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To register for golf or for more information call Jennifer at 905-623-6646

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington commits to delivering the highest quality, volunteer-based mentoring programs to the children of Clarington.

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Mentoring Coordinator: Susan Kime  
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 Linking Lifetimes Coordinator: Grace Moores

## Linking Lifetimes

Local carpenter, Andy Tielmans lent his talent and time to show a few kids involved with the agency how to build a birdhouse. The kids got the chance to use the tools in Andy's workshop, learn a new skill and take home a beautiful birdhouse that they built with their own hands.

The Linking Lifetimes Program matches Senior Volunteers (age 55+) with local children aged 7-15 years. Volunteers mentor through one of three programs: In-School Mentoring, Bi-Weekly Activity Nights at the Beech Centre and Grand Mentoring Program, whereby a Senior Mentor and Child visit a home-bound senior once a week as a part of their outing.

Senior Citizens have many talents and gifts to share with the community. Children benefit from mentoring from their grandparents; however, there are many children who don't have grandparents in their lives and these children still need an opportunity to connect with older adults. If you have a skill or talent, a life experience to share with a child or have an interest, enthusiasm and genuine concern for children, we are looking for you.



If you are interested in learning more about the program, know a person who may be interested in becoming a mentor with this program or know a child who could benefit from this program please call Grace Moores at 905-263-4340.

## Making a Difference

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington is fortunate to have great support from the community. This year we received amazing support from many businesses, service clubs and individuals.

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| Trillium Foundation                       | Funding for the In-School Program           |
| HRSDC Job Creation Program                | Funding for the Event/Volunteer Coordinator |
| Gary Major, Rhilium Technology            | IT Support                                  |
| United Way of Oshawa-Whitby-Clarington    | \$45,000                                    |
| Royal Bank –Durham Market                 | \$5,000                                     |
| Roy North                                 | \$500                                       |
| Lions Club of Courtice                    | \$500                                       |
| OPG Employees & Pensioner's Charity Trust | \$448.64                                    |
| John & Patti Stewart of Jus' Chilling     | \$250 plus camp supplies                    |
| Joyce Campbell                            | \$200                                       |
| Patients and Staff of Bowmanville Dental  | \$105                                       |
| Vikrant Sudan                             | \$100                                       |

Thank you also to Dom's Auto Parts, Bowmanville Taxi and Courtice Price Chopper for the donation of event tickets.



**Three Cheers for our Volunteers — Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray!** Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington would like to thank our many volunteers who give their time and share their experience to bring the magic of mentoring into the lives of Clarington's children. Whether you serve on a committee or mentor a child, you are making a difference and we thank you!

The agency is always looking for more volunteers. **You are our best recruiter!** If you know of someone who would enjoy sharing with a child, joining a committee or volunteering at an event -tell your story. If they want to get involved ask them to call us at **905-623-6646**. Some of our kids have been waiting far too long for a match. Spread the word ... Children are waiting in Clarington.

## Champions of Change

The 2007 Champions of Change Leadership and Sports Camp had another successful summer of sun and fun. This year the camp was lead by the Camp Directors, Amy Hoskin and Hayley Knapp with assistance from counselors Stephanie Shepherd, Laura Tansley, Krista Passant and Neale Aziz.

There was a variety of activities for the campers to enjoy which connected them to the community while fostering leadership characteristics. Guests included Constable Armstrong and partner MAKO from the K9 Unit, Shelly from the Durham Deaf Services, Dennis Deeley who demonstrated Tie-Dyeing, Jungle Cat World's Safari Camp and the Jays on the Road. Campers experienced field trips to Camp Kawartha, Found Family Farm, OPG, Toronto Zoo and the Ontario Science Centre. Campers also displayed their leadership skills and connected with the community by visiting residents at the Whitecliffe Terrace. Thank you to local businesses, service clubs and individuals who donated their time and efforts to the camp to help make this year's camp such a great success.



Campers enjoy a game of basketball.

**Royal Bank Donation** - Kathy Martin, Bowmanville Branch Manager, Barry Lockwood, Durham Regional Vice President and Iris Rapkoski, Courtice Branch Manager presented Karin Murphy, Board President and Susan Kime, Mentoring Coordinator with a \$5,000 cheque for the In School Mentoring Program



## Durham Cruisers' After School Program



On July 7th, The Durham Cruisers Motorcycle Enthusiast Club held their 5th Annual Poker Run. The bikers' ride began at Mackie Harley Davidson and the drive continued throughout the country side ending at Spoiled Sports in Courtice. During the tour, participants made stops collecting cards hoping to make the best poker hand. At Spoiled Sports, there was live music, a barbecue, kid activities, raffle draws and a silent auction. There were many winners, but the big winners will be Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington and the Veterans Honour Foundation.

In the past the Durham Cruisers have sponsored the Durham Cruisers' After School Program and the Christmas Party. They have also provided many of the activity supplies for the Afterschool Program.

The Durham Cruisers Afterschool Program will commence again in September. The program will be based at the Big Brother & Sister house at 23 Scugog Street, Bowmanville each Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm. There are also plans to have a satellite program at "Jus' Chilling" in Courtice. The participants will have the opportunity to work in the computer lab, play board games, read books, do arts and crafts, play pool, watch movies, play Play Station 2 and hang out with their peers. If you would like more information about the program, please give Darlene a call at 905-623-6646.

### TOP 10 Reasons to join the Alumni Program

10. Stay connected with a cause you support
9. Hear from other alumni who share their experiences with Big Brothers Big Sisters
8. Access great benefits and discounts
7. Hear all news and events from Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies
6. Be informed of upcoming agency events
5. Inspire and encourage others to become involved
4. Share your own story
3. Be recognized for your role as a mentor
2. Opportunity to reunite with your Big or Little should you ever lose touch.
1. Help serve more Children!



**BIG BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CLARINGTON**

celebrates its

**30<sup>th</sup> Pearl Anniversary**

with their

**2007 Gala Event**

Fine Dining ~ Silent Auction ~ Dance

on

**Saturday November 17th, 2007**

**Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex**

**2440 Highway #2, Bowmanville**

(Highway 2 & Highway 57)

Tickets are \$60 per person. Tickets go on sale September 12th.

Call BBSC at 905-623-6646 for more information.



**Thank You!**

Big Brothers & Sisters would like to send a sincere thank you to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation for providing camp space at Camp Tamagouche in Nova Scotia

for Littles: Ryan, Caitlyn, Dylan, Autumn, Jamie-May and Hailey.

Every year local children are selected from each of the communities in which a Tim Hortons store operates to attend camp, giving thousands of children the opportunity to attend one of the camps. The camp experience is designed to give children confidence in their abilities, pride in their accomplishments and the chance to gain a positive view of this world and their future in it.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our local Tim Horton's Stores who have made this wonderful experience available to our Littles!

**Welcome New Matches**

- Karen Cullen - Isabelle C.
- Amie Blackmore - Kelsey C.
- Yvette Brice - Jade C.
- John Stafford - Kurtis W.
- Florence Stevenson - Autumn C.

**Happy Anniversary!**

**June**

Dennis D.-Callum H. 1 year

**July**

Mark Ulch -Chase M. 4 years  
Pam Graham-Tiffany W. 1 year

**August**

Erasmio Stano - Lucas S. 5 years  
Matthew Hunt - Travis Andrews 2 years  
Pam Fraser -Taylor R 1year

**September**

Tamara Thomas -Jessica M. 5 years  
Ron Hooper -Nicholas P. 4 years



**Applause Applause** - Each month we recognize a volunteer who has made a positive contribution to the agency. The following volunteers have been recognized for their generous contributions to the agency and our mentoring programs.

**May - John Edwards June - Kristine Huges- Beck July - Don Munro**

We would like some input from our Littles, Moms, teachers, etc. about who you think is deserving of Applause Applause. Please send a quick email to [bbsclarington@aol.com](mailto:bbsclarington@aol.com) and share your story.

## September is Big Brothers & Sisters Month

### Looking for a meaningful relationship? September is Big Brothers & Sisters Month

With 14 children in Clarington currently on the waiting list eagerly looking for friendships with adult mentors, there's no time like the present to get involved.

Finding a meaningful friendship is not as tough as you might imagine and more rewarding than you ever thought possible. The first step to becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is just a mouse click away by visiting [www.sharealittlemagic.ca](http://www.sharealittlemagic.ca) For the mentors, it's an enjoyable and meaningful opportunity to make a profound difference in the life of a child. For the child, it's a chance to make a new friend and spend a little time with an adult who can open a whole new world of experiences.

The relationships that develop are truly magical and are a great way for a child to gain self-confidence and self-esteem and get advice on some of the tough challenges they need to deal with. September is Big Brothers Big Sisters month and will be celebrated right across Canada. Please join us in helping to spread the word about the power of mentoring!



**From noon Saturday August 25th to noon Sunday August 26**

KX96 radio personalities Pete Walker and Carolyn Ellis have both volunteered to camp out on the top of a 30' Hydraulic Scissor Lift for eight hours. A third volunteer (to be confirmed) will also take an eight hour shift. **That's a full 24 hours.**

The lift, courtesy of **The Rental Hub** in Bowmanville, which will be positioned between **Kelsey's** and **McDonalds** at Clarington Place, will go up at noon on Saturday, August 25th and will have one of the three celebrities camped out at the top of the lift until noon Sunday, August 26th. The purpose of **Klimbing for Kids' Sake** is to promote awareness of Big Brothers Big Sisters programs and help raise money for Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington. There will be activities going on throughout the day.

**Come out to be part of the action! Show your support for Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington.**

#### Upcoming Events

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| <b>Klimbing For Kids' Sake</b>               | <b>August 25th –26th</b> |
| <b>Golf For Kids' Sake</b>                   | <b>September 21st</b>    |
| <b>Bigs &amp; Littles BBQ and Corn Roast</b> | <b>September 22nd</b>    |
| <b>Gala</b>                                  | <b>November 17th</b>     |

Volunteers are needed for events, if you are interested in helping out at any of our upcoming events please call **Jennifer Stacey** at **905-623-6646**.

For Golf for Kids' Sake we are looking for people to marshal at a contest hole from 12:30pm-5:30pm on Friday September 21st.