



Mentoring Matters

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Come tempt your taste buds and savour a new taste sensation. On Saturday May 26th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. the Fruit Wine & Food Festival will return to Archibald Orchards and Estate Winery.

Guests can sample award winning fruit wines, taste gourmet foods prepared by some of the best chefs in the area and relax to the music provided by jazz singer **Simon Maxwell** and his four piece jazz ensemble.

Some the wineries offering samples for the guests include **Applewood Winery, Kawartha Country Wines, Moon Shadows Winery, Muskoka Lakes Winery, Southbrook** and **Archibalds**. Chefs from the following establishments will prepare tempting and delicious gourmet food: **Schubert's Fine Foods, Steamers Restaurant, KMK Catering, CCC Catering, 260 Degree Bistro, Chantrelle's, Pelican Catering, La Decadence, Kings Court Catering, and Upstairs at Loblaws.**

Chef Georg, from Durham LIC for cooks, and some of his students will also be preparing savoury dishes.

This year the festival will offer a variety of cheeses and **Ewenity Sheep Cheese** will be back. **Gurth Pretty** from the Ontario Cheese Society will also be on hand to sign and sell his latest book "The Definitive Guide to Canadian Artisanal and Fine Cheese".

Tickets for this event are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. The proceeds from all ticket sales will go directly to supporting Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington's mentoring programs. You can purchase your tickets at the BBSC office at 23 Scugog Street, Archibald Orchards & Estate Winery and the Municipality of Clarington's Communications & Tourism Office. This event is restricted to people 19 years of age and over.

For more information on this event please go to the following websites: archibaldswinery.com or bigbrothersandsisters.ca. *This event is sponsored in part by:* **The Municipality of Clarington, Masood Vatandoust-Broker Royal LePage Frank Real Estate and Veridian.**

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You Could Win

**Two
First Class Train Tickets
For Anywhere in the
Windsor & Quebec Corridor
Value \$600.00**

(To be used by August 2007)

Board Members, Big Brother & Big Sister volunteers, In-school Mentors, Moms, and Committee volunteers are encouraged to sell Fruit Wine & Food Tickets. The person who sells the most tickets will win this prize.

Tickets are available at the BBSC office.

Bowl For Kids' Sake — Celebrating the 70's



The final totals won't be in until the end of May, but "Bowl For Kids' Sake 2007" is shaping up to be another successful campaign. The monies raised will be used to support our mentoring programs.

The 70's theme proved to be very popular with many bowlers coming out in their leisure wear and disco attire. The CN Tower, built in the 70's, was also on hand to bowl a game with the team from Steamers Restaurant.

Before the fun and games began and any pins fell, **Ontario Power Generation (OPG)** started the ball rolling towards another successful campaign with sponsorship of \$5,000. We also received lane sponsorship from **BTS Inc., Northcutt Elliott Funeral Homes, Morris Funeral Chapel, Subway, Veridian, Darlington Steel, Canadian Auto Workers, St. Mary's Cement, Sciore & Associates-Cooperators Insurance, Liberty Tax, Hutton Insurance, Durham Precision Cabinets. EI Dupont** received free lane sponsorship as the top fundraising team last year. Thank you to **Graphic Lettering Service** for designing and donating the signs.

The Dupont Dynamos repeated this year as top fundraising team, raising an amazing \$2305.50. This will provide an In-School Mentor to five children for an entire school year! They have received a party sub courtesy of **Subway**. The Board of Directors from Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington Bowlers secured second place with \$2071 and TD/ Canada Trust took third place with \$1240.

Katie Gilroy from Steamers



This year bragging rights go to:

Bank: TD/Canada Trust
911: Firefighters
League: Newcastle Seniors
Politicians: Team O'Toole
Churches: Ebenezer United Church
Business & Industry: E.I. Dupont
Restaurant: Wendy's
Municipality: Clarington Library
Service Clubs: Newcastle Lions Club
Professionals: Hobb & Company
Fitness: The Bottom Line



The staff, BBSC volunteers and Littles raised \$4047.45 for our programs. Kurtis Watson was the top "Little" and received a gift certificate from Future Shop for his efforts. Josh Long was the top child online fundraiser and Gene Baker was the top online fundraiser and they both received a bag of goodies.

The winner of a Solo first jump Sky Dive from 4,000 ft as this year's top fundraiser is Gene Baker, who raised \$1225. Gene really lucked out this year and was also the winner of the Wendel Clark Jersey. More than 70 people raised \$100 or more and had their name entered into the draw.

The local schools are playing an important role in making this year's "Bowl For Kids' Sake" fundraiser a success. School bowling continues well into May.

Thank you to Liberty Bowl for hosting "Bowl For Kids' Sake 2007", OPG, lane sponsors and to everyone who came out to bowl and collected pledges.

Note to Volunteers - National Standards require the agency to conduct four month annual reviews as well as regular phone contact. If we are unable to reach you, a letter will be sent informing you of the review needed to have your match continue. If the interview cannot be done in a timely matter, the match may be put on hold or closed. Help us to support your match by returning our calls promptly.

Recognizing Volunteers



April 15 to April 21st, 2007 was National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week pays tribute to all volunteers across the country who give themselves to better their communities and help the lives of others.

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington would like to thank the more than 200 volunteers who give their time,

life skills and talents to bring the magic of mentoring to the children of Clarington. Whether you are a “Big”, In School Mentor, Board or Committee volunteer, assist with events or help in the office, you are making a difference. You are greatly appreciated!

For five years of volunteer service, Tamara Thomas, Kathleen Whately, Fred & Sandy Archibald, Carol Kirk and Jenny Walhout were honoured at the Volunteer Service Awards sponsored by the Ontario Government. Mark Williams will receive the 10 year service award from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

Somebody

Somebody did a golden deed,
Somebody proved a friend in need.
Somebody said I'm glad to give,
Somebody said that's how I live.
To be of service to your fellow man
Is great comfort to those who can.
Making the load somewhat lighter
And the outlook somewhat brighter.
To all our volunteers we wish to say,
Enjoy good health and happiness every day

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.

August 2006 - April 2007

Bigs

Dennis Deeley
Nancy Harris
Debbie Tink

In School Mentors

Cheryl Kennedy

Board & Committee Members

Donna McCallister
Brian Camelford
Steve Coles

Office/Event Volunteers

Gene Baker
Gary Major

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 and share your story.

Making a Difference

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

Trillium Foundation	Funding for the In-School Program
Gary Major, Rhiliam Technology	IT Support
United Way of Oshawa-Whitby-Clarington	\$45,000
OPG Employees	\$5,662
Rotary Club of Bowmanville	\$2,000
Municipality of Clarington	\$2,000
Insurance Adjusters	\$1,000
HRSDC Job Creation Program	Funding for the Event/Volunteer Coordinator
Bowmanville Taxi	Oshawa General Season Tickets

Linking Lifetimes - Intergenerational Mentoring Program

Grace Moores is co-ordinating the new Linking Lifetimes Intergenerational Mentoring Program. Grace is an In-School Mentor and brings a wealth of experience to this position. She is very active in the community and has many ideas to link the younger and older generations together.

What is the Linking Lifetimes Program and How Does it Work?

This program will match Senior Volunteers (age 55+) with local children aged 7-15 years. Volunteers will be able to 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 homebound senior once a week as a part of their outing.

Should I be a Linking Lifetimes Mentor?

There is no question that 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 or if you know a person who may be interested in becoming a mentor with this program please call Grace at 905-263-4340.

Champions of Change



Looking for something to keep your children busy and having fun this summer? Well, look no further! Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington are pleased to offer the "Champions of Change Summer Leadership & Sports Camp" again this year.

Operating out of Courtice Secondary School, the camp will offer six one-week sessions for children ages 9-14 years. The camp runs from 9:00am-4:00pm for six weeks commencing July 2nd. The camp cost is just \$80 per week and is open to all the children living in Durham Region. Little Brothers & Sisters with BBSC can attend one week of camp at no charge.

Camp fills up quickly ~ don't miss out! For more information call the office at 905-623-6646 to speak with Jill or Lori.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni

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!

Register at www.bbbsalumni.ca

Central Ontario Community Builders

Thank you to John Smith and George Downs of the Central Ontario Community Builders for fixing the drainage problem we had with the house. John and George volunteered their time and expertise to re-route some piping and as a result when it rains our basement no longer floods. The Central Ontario Community Builders represents construction workers from various trades who have come together to help communities.

Pump A Little Gas

“**Pump a Little Gas Event**”, a new community event is in the planning stages. This event, which will be held in June, is to increase awareness, promote volunteering and maybe raise some funds for our Mentoring Programs.

Teams of Bigs and Littles will go to participating gas stations and offer to clean the car windows and pump the gas for customers for a voluntary donation. The purpose of this event is to get our Matches out in the community so the public become more informed of the importance of mentoring. The thought is that the more the community sees the children of Clarington who are benefiting from a mentor relationship, the more inclined they may be to become volunteers themselves.

Jennifer will be calling our matches closer to the date to confirm their participation in this worthwhile event.



Global Liquidation Partners with Big Brother Big Sister Agencies

Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington, along with other agencies in Durham Region are pleased to announce a new partnership with **Global Liquidation** located at 701 Dundas St. W., Whitby.

For every customer who makes a purchase and mentions their involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters, **Global Liquidation will donate 10% of the purchase price before taxes** to Durham Region Big Brother Big Sister agencies. **Be sure to tell your friends and family.**

Stop by today to get some great deals and support Big Brothers Big Sisters at the same time! Check out their website at www.globalliquidationstores.com



Big Brothers & Sisters of Clarington 11th Annual Golf For Kids' Sake Tournament

**Friday September 21, 2007
Newcastle Golf & Country Club
2429 Golf Course Road, Newcastle**

Cost **\$130 per golfer** and Golfers will receive:

- ◆ 18 holes of best ball golf with shotgun start
- ◆ golf cart
- ◆ team photos
- ◆ starter bag
- ◆ two meals

**Sponsored by
Jeff Stewart**



Prizes for:

- ◆ prizes for top teams & most honest team
- ◆ skill contests

Match Anniversaries

January: Doris M. & Beth B. 3yrs, Susan Sheen & Michelle L. 2yrs, Cate Martin & Aaron M. 2yrs, Linda Norrish & Keldon L. 2 yrs, John Van De Grootevheen & Ben L. 1yr

February: Jackie Kielly & Jennifer D. 7yrs, Hope Colley-Giroux & Alyssa B. 2yrs, Grace Moores & Matthew B. 1yr

March: Jason Vickery & Scott H. 6yrs

April: Paul Rowan & Tanner C. 3 yrs, Brenda Bacon & Michael F. 2yrs, Ann Hayward & Kristen T. 2yrs, Nancy Harris & Caitlyn H. 2yrs, Deborah Tink & Rose M. 2yrs, Ryan Kolumbus & Dylan H. 1yr, Steve Manning & Tyler L. 1yr, Jacqueline Smith & Natasha H. 1yr, Elvira Henry & Adam R. 1yr

