



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk...serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk

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Campaign Time for the United Way !

Our agency is so fortunate to have the ongoing support of the United Way of Haldimand Norfolk & the Brant United Way. The United Way is a registered charity improving the quality of life in our communities.

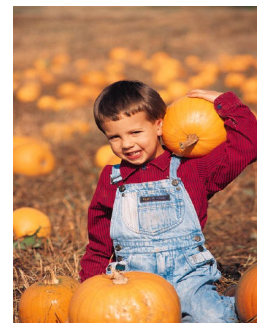


The United Way of Haldimand Norfolk has set their campaign goal at \$500,000. All monies raised are allocated to over 11 human service programs which help thousands of people in Norfolk & Haldimand each year. Interested in volunteering? Please call their office at (519) 426-5660 for more information.

Brant United Way has set it's campaign goal at \$1.52 million this year. Funds raised will help support 18 member agencies in Brant, Brantford. For more information on the campaign & how you can get involved please call their office at (519) 752-7848 or visit their website at www.brantunitedway.org

Visit us at The Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show On October 4th & 7th/2011

Please drop by and say hello to us at Scotiabank's booth on Oct.4th & at the booth on Friday, Oct.7th, sponsored by Barber Veri, at the Commercial Building. It is a great place and time to ask us about how you can get involved with us!



Volunteer Appreciation Night Re-scheduled!

Our apologies for cancelling our "Big Event" that was to be held at The Greens at Renton on Sept.20th. However, we still want to appreciate our wonderful volunteers!

So, on a happier note, we are pleased to present our :

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT
Friday, November 4th @ the Dwelling Place Brethren In Christ Church, Springvale

Volunteers will be catered to by our "Littles" who will be helping with all areas of the meal preparation!

Mark your calendars ~ an e-vite will be sent out to you all soon!



From Anna's Desk....

A huge thank you to the Grand Erie District School Board and the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for their support! As a result, once again we bring our Adult In-School Mentoring, our Co-op In-School Mentoring, our Go Girls, and our Game On programs into their schools.

So far, plans are confirmed for Go Girls to begin in October at West Lynn Public School, Simcoe; North Ward Public School, Paris; Agnes Hodge Public School, Brantford and Holy Cross School, Brantford. Go Girls is for girls aged 11-14 years—Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds!

Needed are young men, aged 18-30 years, as Games On Mentors. Game On is group mentoring with boys aged 11-14 yrs, for 1 1/2 hours a week, for 7 weeks, during the school day, at a local elementary school. To inquire, please call the office.

We welcome two "Jennifer's" to our agency, each completing their field placement in the Social Service Worker Program, for their school year. Jennifer Griffith is from Mohawk College in Brantford and Jennifer Mummery is from Fanshawe College in Simcoe.



Time to be a kid again?

Call us today about volunteering!

519 426-3121

Or 1-800-268-8784

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little—do what you can.

~ Sydney Smith

START SOMETHING....



From Ashley & Danielle's Desk....

Hi everyone! We hope all of you had a great summer and are getting back in the swing of things for fall. Thank you to everyone that attended our Summer BBQ! It was lots of fun (despite the weather). We especially would like to thank our volunteers—Brad and Scott—who cooked all the food in the hail—you guys are good sports! We have a few more fun events coming up in the near future

that we would like to inform you about...get your calendars out!

Friday , Nov.,4th/2011

Volunteer Appreciation Night. We will be having a spaghetti dinner put on by our Little's to acknowledge our Big's for all their time and support. This will be held at The Dwelling Place Brethren in Christ Church in Springvale from 6-8pm.

Sunday, Dec. 4th/2011

Christmas Skating Party. This will be held at the Burford Arena from 2-4pm. There will be games, skating and a visit from Santa! Transportation will be provided. A flyer will be distributed closer to the date with more details.

Ashley's & Danielle's Desk Cont'd:

For our Little's waiting to be matched...

Brantford unmatched activities will resume starting Thursday October 13th and will be held every second Thursday of each month. We will contact you with more details closer to the date. This is a great way to make new friends and have fun! If any unmatched Little's from the Haldimand Norfolk area would like to join in, please contact Ashley for more details.

Cops for Kids Program in Haldimand & Norfolk is also beginning again and will run every 6-8 weeks. An invite will be sent out prior to the date as some activities are specific to age groups.

For all our matches:

Here are some great links to take a look at for some activity ideas:

<http://www.norfolkcounty.ca/guides/innorfolk/index.html>

<http://www2.brantford.ca/ParksRecreation/eBrochures/LeisureGuide.htm>

Just a reminder ~ Match monitoring is a National Standard & must be completed in a timely manner. Please refer to your calendars & If you call us during your schedule time, your name will be entered into a draw for a gift card!

In-School Mentoring News ~ from Hendriette's Desk...

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a great summer and is excited to resume another year of In-School Mentoring. I know a few of you have already begun your matches again and that is great. As for the rest of you, we are still waiting on several parental consent forms—as soon as we have those in I will contact you to get your started. It is going to be a GREAT year in ISM. I have filled the treasure boxes with different games and new activities. I hope you each find something fun and exciting to do with your little!

They will be replaced in your school very soon!!

We are all so grateful for the time and energy all of our volunteers give towards the children of our community. I'm excited to welcome four new co-op students from Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Assumption College, Paris District High School and Cayuga Secondary School. The students have been diligently working in the office while waiting to be matched

Thank you to the following service clubs & foundations for generously contributing to our In-School Mentoring Program Treasure Boxes:

The Cowan Foundation

The Rotary Club of Brantford

The Rotary Club of Simcoe

The Vittoria & District Foundation

We truly appreciate your support for our agency!

at various schools in the area. Thanks so much for coming aboard girls!! In addition to the co-op students we also welcome 11 other ISM mentors including nine College and University placement students from McMaster/Mohawk, Nipissing University and Fanshawe College and two new adult mentors. It is going to be a busy year!!

As a thank you to all of our volunteers from last year our Littles will be hosting a special spaghetti dinner for you!! It promises to be a great event, filled with delicious food, fun and fellowship. The dinner will take place on November 4th at the Dwelling Place Brethren In Christ Church in Springvale. You will also be receiving an invitation in the mail with details of this event. Hope to see you there!!

Start Something...



Match Anniversaries

October

- BB Braden Wylie & LB Devon 3 yrs
- BS Renee VanderHarst & LS Savannah 5 yrs
- BS Melissa DaMota & LS Alyssa 2yrs
- BS Deb Clapdorp & LS Madison 1 yr
- BS Dale McKechnie & LS Savana 2yrs
- BB John Loshuk & LB Matthew 3 yrs
- BB Darren Cromwell & LB Shiloh 2 yrs
- BB Kevin MacDonald & LB Aaron 1yr

November

- BS Chloe Huszczo & LS Alicia 5 yrs
- BS Vanisha Breadner & LS Lauren 1 yr
- BB Manny Munir & LB Jeremy 2yrs
- BB Rob Milmine & LB Carlin 2 yrs

December

- BB Jesse Williams & LB Treton 2 yrs
- BB Tyler Brown & LB Colin 2yrs

January

- BS Kim Currie & LS Lexy 2yrs
- BS Laura Collins & Shai Lynn 1yr
- BS Karen Reynolds & LS Skye Blue 3yrs
- BB Mike Krauskopf & LB Edison 1 yr
- BB Brian Sullivan & LB Matthew 3 yrs
- BB Connor Langpap & LB Trent 1 yr
- BB Cameron Belore & LB Quinn 1 yrs.

New Matches:

June:

- BS Heather Walton & LS Karen
- BS Natalie DeRuyscher & LS Danielle
- BS Courtney Dunnet & LB Martin
- BB Justin Breen & LB Liam
- BB Jon Gosling & LB Brandon

July:

- BS Emily Lemay & LS Serena
- BS Jess Santos & LS Anna
- BS Larissa Leone & LS Jade

August:

- BS Kylie Baetz & LS Emma
- BS Jennifer Bennett & LS Lori
- BS Hailey Aspden & LS Jaelyn

September:

- BB Michael Matthews & LB Jordan
- BS Stephanie Howard & LS Jordan
- BS Carly Decker & LS Katy
- BS Danielle Metcalfe & LS Faith
- BS Pat Meiklejohn & LS Secorra



Thank You & Upcoming Events



Thank you Norfolk OPP for organizing the *Cops for Kids Golf Tournament!* This annual tournament assists us with our Cops for Kids activity program for the children and youth of Haldimand & Norfolk. ***Your support is greatly appreciated!!***

Thank You—RBC!

RBC, Simcoe, raised over \$3,000 at the Debbie Margetan Memorial Golf Tournament on July 23rd @ Sandusk Golf Club. Debbie was an employee of RBC and an In-School Mentor with our agency.

Golf for Littles!

Thank you so much to all our golfers , tournament sponsors & volunteers for making our Norfolk and Brantford Golf tournaments so successful! We raised over \$24,000 to assist us in running our programs in Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk!

BIG thank you's go to...

Scotiabank ~Simcoe & Brantford branches, for their generous donations.

The Greens at Renton &

Northridge Golf Course for their ongoing support & help in making the days run so smoothly.

The Keg Steakhouse & Bar, Brant-Brantford, for providing complimentary, delicious prime rib dinners for all our Brantford golfers!



We truly appreciate the support of our community partners!

Golf Buddies a BIG Hit!

Thank you to **Springview Farm Golf Course** & **Arrowdale Public Golf Course** for their support of our Golf Buddies Program this summer! The Littles had a great time learning new skills from our dedicated volunteers!



CHRISTMAS SKATING

PARTY!

Calling all Volunteers, Littles & families! Join us for a fun-filled day of Christmas activities ~ with an hour of skating, games & crafts, and of course a visit from Santa! **Please mark your calendars!**

**December 4th @
The Burford Arena**

2-4pm

Dress Warmly!

Watch for the e-vite !



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Start Something....

Our Core Values....

- ◆ Every child who needs a mentor, has a mentor
- ◆ We commit to Canada's young people that we will be leaders in providing them with the highest quality, volunteer based mentoring programs
- ◆ Children who spend time with a mentor gain confidence, acquire new skills and competencies and develop an enhanced capacity to care for others. Mentors experience a sense of discovery & enjoyment as they see the world of possibility open up through a child's eye.

We're on the web!

www.bbbshn.ca

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter for the latest news and events!

ww.facebook.com/#!/bbbshn

Please tell your friends to join, send us BBBS articles you find in the paper & e-mail pictures of Big & Littles having fun!

Interested in volunteering?

Please call and ask us about our volunteer programs! Our knowledgeable & friendly service delivery team would be happy to answer your questions. **Simcoe Office:** (519) 426-3121 **Brantford Office:** (519) 759-3222

Traditional Match Program ~ Ashley Cordier, Mentor Coordinator (Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk)

Traditional Match Program ~ Danielle Smithers, Mentor Coordinator (Brantford only)

In-School Mentoring Program ~ Hendriëtte Hoekert, In-School Mentor Coordinator (Brant/Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk)

Group Programs ~ Anna Reu , Sr. Caseworker (Brant/Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk) Game On! & Go Girls!

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Resource Coordinator ~ Josh Juhlke & Renee VanderHarst (Brant/Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk)

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