



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

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### Bowl for Kids Sake a Huge Success!!

We cannot express how grateful we are to all of our generous supporters for the 2011 Bowl for Kids Sake ~ our most successful EVER with over \$83,000 raised!!! Incredible!

Without our community support and financial help BBBS would not exist, it's really that simple. Programs and services that are critical to the development and growth of youth in the community require funds, which is why we are so thankful to everyone who helped out with this year's event.

We feel it is very important to acknowledge those who went above and beyond the pledge requirements. So, here is this year's Top Ten Teams & Top Pledge Getters!

#### Top 10 Pledge Getters

- Danielle Smithers \$1,949
- Candace Kingyens \$1,725
- Dennis Travale \$1,605
- Hayleigh Gingras \$1,500
- Dawn McArthur \$1,416
- Jeff O'Donnell \$1,370
- Trish Trigger \$1,302
- Charlie Hoover \$1,203
- Lesley Lewis \$1,115
- Linda Hielema \$1,003

**Way to go!!**

#### Top Ten Teams

1. BBBS WonderWomen
2. Scotiabank Simcoe
3. Millard Rouse
- Rosebrugh—Btfd.
4. Wendy's Simcoe
5. Norfolk County
6. Hayleigh's Heroes
7. BMO Nesbitt Burns
8. The IncrediBOWLS
9. Millard Rouse
- Rosebrugh—Simcoe
10. Selkirk & District
- Lions Club

### Big Pipe Dream Gala Becomes an Annual Event

BBBS in partnership with the Paris Port Dover Pipe Band enjoyed a wonderful night of Celtic entertainment, wonderful food as well as live & silent auctions on April 16th at The Greens at Renton.

Thanks so much to all the volunteers and committee members who made the night such a great success!

Over \$15,000 was raised for BBBS! A BIG thank you to Scotiabank for their generous contribution to this event. We look forward to planning next years event!



Congratulations to Renee & Jim VanderHarst on the birth of their little girl Leona ~ a little sister for Jimmy.

Welcome to the world Leona! Best wishes from your BBBS family!

### From Anna's Desk....



**Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.**  
~ Dr. Seuss

**START SOMETHING....**

Another school year is winding down...how time flies!! Our agency received funding from the Ministry of Education to assist us in providing our school-based programs (In-School Mentoring, Co-op In-School Mentoring, Go Girls & Game On) for this past school year. With this funding came the goal of serving 150 children through these programs. I am proud to say that we have achieved and surpassed this goal!

Our Traditional matches (Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Big Couples, Cross Gender) are

continually growing in number, as we serve more and more children and youth throughout Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk. I am proud to state that as of today we have 56 children matched with their very own "Big".

These are great accomplishments achieved only through the dedication and hard work of our Service Delivery Team—Ashley, Hendriette and Danielle! Way to go!!



A couple of hours of your time, but an awful lot of fun!

Call us today about volunteering!

**519 426-3121**

### From Ashley & Danielle's Desk....

We can only imagine how eager you all are to get outside and enjoy the warm weather! (if it ever comes :) Let us start off by reminding you to be aware of any safety concerns during your outings and to always have complete supervision on anything you do with your Little. And remember: always wear sunscreen, even if it's a cloudy day! We look forward to hearing all the great things you do with your Little!

We are looking to arrange a small meeting with Big's to discuss ideas and suggestions on outings we can do as an agency. This would be a great opportunity for you to meet other Volunteers in the area and introduce your Little to others who are involved in the program. If you are interested in assisting us with new ideas and arranging these outings, please phone or

e-mail Ashley or Danielle.

**Golf Buddies ~** will be running this summer in both Brantford & Norfolk. If you are an avid golfer and would like to share 2 hours a week to teach our Little's how to play golf or even want more information about the program, let us know asap!

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

**Brantford Monthly Unmatched Activities ~**

have been running for the past 4 months now and will continue running all year round. So far we have gone skating, watched a movie, tie dyed t-shirts and went for a nice hike along the river. They are being held every second Thursday of each month—all unmatched Little's and Big's are welcome to attend just call Danielle 519-759-3222 or e-mail:

danielle.smithers@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

**Overnight Outings ~** Volunteers need permission from the parent and agency before proceeding with an overnight outing. Please contact the office to get the proper consent from prior to going on this type of outing.

Stay tuned for an upcoming summer event with the agency for all areas!

We are looking for Volunteers or Little's to share their story about their experience with their match and how it has affected your life. If you're interested in submitting a story please e-mail

Ashley or Danielle to share your story and have the opportunity to publish it in our newsletter!

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!



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

Wow!! It's May already!! Flowers are in full bloom and ISM program will be wrapping up soon. Thank you to everyone for all the work you do with our kids. It is because of all of our fabulous volunteers that the kids in our community feel cared about and confident. You just don't know the impact you can have on a child for the rest of their lives, simply by offering to climb on the monkey bars with them, throw a ball around, make crafts or read a book. I am constantly surprised and impressed by the

ideas our volunteers come up with! From tie-dying t-shirts to inviting them to the bowl with the Bowl for Kids event—it is the volunteers that make such a difference in the lives of the kids of Brant, Brantford, Hal-dimand and Norfolk.

During the 2010-2011 school year our Go Girls, Game on and ISM programs served **189 kids!!** That is amazing! Soon I will be sending you

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

~ Tom Brokaw

some questionnaires in the mail or via email regarding the ISM program. These questionnaires will assist us in coming up with the most efficient & meaningful ways to deliver our school based programs in the future so please complete them and send them back to me. I will also be picking up all the treasure boxes at the schools and giving them an overhaul!! They will look GREAT by the time you come back in September!!

Thank you for a great year and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!! Have a fantastic summer!! ~ Hendriette.



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## Match Anniversaries

### May

Matt Jorgenson & Josh T (2 years)

Ashley Yule & Holli M (1year)

Daniel Hamming & Michael K (2 years)

Chris Kozary & Darby F (1 year)

LeeAnn Lake & Georgea R (1 year)

### June

Jennifer Bennett & Tia L (6 years)

Alicia Lipsit & Alicia K (1 year)

Karl Kleinstuber & Bradley B (2 years)

Steve Milton & Jack S (1 year)

Laura Parker & Kalista R (2 years)

Tim Allen & Justin M (2 years)



### July

Nick McClure & Laird S (2 years)

Kim Crowther & Joanne M (2 years)

Keri Hood & Angel T (7 years)

### August

Jessica Borden & Lauren T (2 years)

### NEW MATCHES

#### March

BS Nancy Rawson & LS Nakeisha

#### April

BS Meaghan Innes & LS Dara H

BS Amy Wale & LS Jessica M

#### May

BS Sheryl B & LB Nolan T

BS Nadine Smith & LS Emma M

BS Janet Kotlar & LS Lexi S

## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.**

**~ Author Unknown**

**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless. ~ Sherry Anderson**



## Thank You!

A "Big" thank you to the **Rotary Club of Brantford** for their generous support of our In-School Mentoring Programs. The Club has donated over \$3000 to help us with the cost of our school-based activities & supplies for the children being served in Brant/Brantford area schools. Amazing!!

Thank you to the Grand Erie District School Board & Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for their on-going support of our school-based programs.

We truly appreciate your support to make our children's programs to be the best they can be!

## Upcoming Events



### Golf for Littles!

Join us for a great day of golf, amazing meal & lots of prizes.

**June 15th @ The Greens at Renton**

&

**August 19th @ Northridge Public Golf Course, Brantford**

\$100 single golfer

or \$175 for both tournaments

Please call to book your tee time at 519 426-3121

Businesses ~ Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Call us for more info.

### New Partnership!

BBBS is pleased to partner with Royal Bank for their

**2nd Annual Debbie Margetan Memorial Golf Tournament**

**July 23rd @ Sandusk Golf Club**

Debbie was a former employee of RBC & a Big Sister with our agency and loved to give back to the community. This tournament was created in her memory. All proceeds from the tournament will be given to BBBS. Tickets are \$100 per golfer which includes 18 holes with cart, a dinner banquet & entry into several challenges. For more info call Scott Dickson @ RBC 519 428-3296 or Josh Juhlke from BBBS 519 426-3121.

### The Big Event

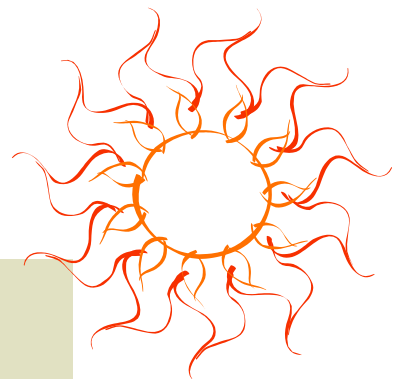
Calling all volunteers! Join us on

**September 20/2011 at**

The Greens at Renton

As a small token of our appreciation for all you do ~ please join us for a night of celebration.

Details to follow—but please mark your calendars!



**Summer is just around the corner!...Check out this great website for fun indoor & outdoor summer activities:**

**<http://holidays.kaboose.com/summer-busters.html>**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Haldimand Norfolk**

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

**Always thought of being a Big Brother or Big Sister but not sure what's involved?**

Please call and ask! 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!

**Administration & Fundraising:**

**Executive Director ~ Patti O'Reilly**

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

**Fundraising/Office Assistant ~ Sarah Morrison** (Simcoe Office)

**Summer Student ~ Sarah Roberts**