



BIG News!

From Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk

Mary Lou Norman...Big Sister & Friend

On June 27th, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk lost an important supporter, friend & mentor...Mary Lou Norman.

As a long time friend of the agency, Mary Lou's legacy will continue with the In-School Mentoring program that she was an integral part of, being the principal at the first school in Norfolk it was hosted at, & in the life of her Little Brother Michael, who she was first matched with as an In-School Mentor & continued on until past Michael's 18th birthday.

During her many years with



us, Mary Lou was a constant at the many BBBSHN events, Mary Lou & Michael bowled at Bowl for Kids Sake yearly, & this year was no different, with Mary Lou unable to attend, Michael bowled on her behalf.

It is the friendship that

grew from being an In-School Mentor to a Big Sister that stands out. Spending time with Mary Lou & Michael, you could see how much

they cared for one another. This caring grew from years spent reading, playing games & just plain spending time together.

On behalf of BBBSHN, THANK YOU MARY LOU, for being a true friend & one of the best "Bigs" out there!!

Best Wishes Jessica

This summer is going to end with the departure of Jessica Zelem, BBBSHN's case-worker & the brain behind Grow a Garden, Grow a Child & Go Guys.

Jessica's departure is bittersweet for us here at the agency, as we congratulate her on her new Full Time

Position at H-N REACH, we know that her presence will be greatly missed by Staff, Board & her Bigs & Littles.

Jessica's ability to bring knowledge, but more importantly, friendship to her many Bigs & Littles is one of the many aspects that set her apart. She has al-

ways genuinely cared about everyone involved in the agency & it's that compassion for others that will be greatly missed!!



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From Anna's Desk...

In-School Mentoring

- ◆ To our former "Big Buddy" volunteers **Welcome Back** to another school year with your "Little Buddy". Please do not go to the school to see your "Little Buddy" until you hear from me. I must confirm with the school Principal, Teacher, & Parent and then I will call you to set your beginning date and mentoring times.
- ◆ To our new "Big Buddy" volunteers **Congratulations** on your new adventure into mentoring. Please be patient as the school selects an appropriate student, we receive parental permission, and I get a chance to

meet with your new "Little Buddy".

- ◆ For mentoring ideas, please call or e-mail myself. We are fortunate to have creative Mentors and I would love to share their marvellous ideas ... Marion creates themes for each week with a book and craft/game; Mary and her "Little Buddy" made a tray out of a puzzle as a gift (see the photo); Andrew



Anna hard at work coming up with new ISM activity ideas!!

shares sports with his "Little Buddy" ...

- ◆ Thank you for all your feedback from the annual questionnaires. I am compiling this information and will have a summary of all questionnaire results (from Mentors, Parents, Teachers, Principals) by the end of the summer. If you wish to have a copy, please let me know.

Thank you for making a difference !!!

Golf for Littles...Most Successful EVER!!

This year's Golf for Littles tournament was held June 18th at the Greens at Renton. This year's event featured a few changes along with some old favorites (including the fabulous prime rib dinner put on by the Greens)

With over 100 golfers (a BBBSHN record) the Golf for Littles Tournament had something for everyone: a

chance to win a car (donated by Rick McCall Pontiac Buick GMC), Closest to the Pin holes with prizes from RBC Dominion Securities & Boston Pizza & so much more.

This year's Golf Tournament included prizes to be won on almost every hole, a fabulous goody bag with products donated by many local businesses & a

live auction that included a \$1000.00 package from the Delta Grandview Resort in Huntsville.

We had a fantastic day with so many friends of the agency out on the greens to help our cause. Thanks to all of our donors, sponsors & participants for making it such a great day!

Agency News...BEWARE TELEMARKETERS

Everyone at BBBSHN greatly appreciates all of the support our local community gives us & it is because of this appreciation that we want to warn all of our supporters about telemarketers.

We've become aware of various telemarketers calling with tickets for sale & when declined, ask if you would like to buy tickets to send a "child in need" to the event. While this definitely pulls

on the heartstrings, more often than not, BBBSHN has not been contacted or given permission for our name to be used in order to sell tickets & if we have been contacted, it is something that would be declined.

If you want to donate tickets etc, to the agency, we will gladly accept them from a personal/corporate donor, however, most times the tickets you buy

from telemarketers never end up with a "child in need" it's just more \$\$ in the promoters pocket.

With that being said, if you'd like to donate tickets, purchase them personally & drop off or mail them to the office & we'll ensure that they are used & appreciated by our Bigs & Littles!!

Upcoming Events...Mark your Calendars!!

September Event "Share a Little Laughter"

When: September 18th
from 6-8pm

Where: The Greens at Renton

Why: To recognize all the
Volunteers & Community
Partners that make BBBSHN the
"MAGICAL" agency that it is!!

Call the office at (519) 426-3121 or
Toll Free at 1-800-268-8784 to
RSVP by September 12th



The September Event will also
be the unveiling of our
**NEWEST RECRUITMENT
CAMPAIGN..**

10 Men in a Year

Our goal is to recruit 10 new Big
Brothers & we are pulling out all the
stops. More details at the Septem-
ber event.

**BE PREPARED FOR SOMETHING
BIG!!!**

What Jessica has to Say...

Hello to everyone!

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer
vacation and are getting ready to head back
to school. How exciting!

I have been hearing some very creative
activities and outings that have been hap-
pening over the summer and I always enjoy
reading emails and seeing pictures of some
of your adventures and you never know,
maybe some of your pictures may end up in
our newsletter. There have been many

activities over the summer including the
Dunnville Family Day at the Grand Island
BBQ-it was chilly but everyone enjoyed a
snack and a round of mini -golf; Norfolk
Family Picnic-everyone enjoyed some ac-
tivities and then time in the splash pad, and
the Dunnville Bassmasters Fishing trip
where our Haldimand Families and
Matches enjoyed a morning of fishing and
giveaways.

It is important to remember that whatever
you do as a match it doesn't have to be
expensive, a match should be focused on
the memories you make and the time you
share together.

Remember to Have Fun and Play Safe.

If you are stuck on low cost activities check
out the suggestions that we have enclosed
as an insert with the newsletter and I hope
to see everyone at the September Volun-
teer Appreciation Night.

Highlighting a Community Partner...LCBO

While you wouldn't think that
you would find the LCBO &
BBBSHN in the same sen-
tence, they are & it's because
of the extreme generosity
that the LCBO & it's employees have
shown BBBSHN this past year.

It started with a donation of over
\$1,300 from a Volleyball Tournament



organized by the Delhi &
Port Burwell LCBO
branches & expanded to
another \$4,000 donation
(matched by Scotiabank,
Port Dover) to make a grand total of
\$8,000 from the Port Dover Charity
Golf Tournament that is organized by
various Norfolk LCBO Managers.

Sitting on a hole at the tournament I
was able to spend some time talking
to the various LCBO managers &
staff, and let me tell you, they're
some of the most generous, kind-
hearted people you'd ever meet. So
on behalf of BBBSHN, a BIG
THANKS to all of the hard working
LCBO staff who've helped us "Share a
Little Magic"

Congratulations Joe

It is with much excitement that we announce Little Brother Joe S. is a recipient of the CIBC YouthVision Scholarship!!

In 1998 , CIBC announced a major scholarship program for Grade 10 students. With support for four years of post secondary education & summer internships provided through YMCA Canada, the CIBC YouthVision Scholarship is one of the most hotly contested programs each year. With that being said, we are so happy & excited that one of our own "kids" is a recipient this year.



Recipients of the CIBC YouthVision Scholarship are eligible for support of up to \$4000 per year for up to 4 years of Post Secondary Education as

well as, the opportunity to participate in the YMCA Summer Internship program during the remainder of high school & during their post secondary education.

**ON BEHALF OF BIG BROTHERS
BIG SISTERS OF HALDIMAND
NORFOLK...WAY TO GO JOE!!**

Needed...A Few Good Men & Women!!

It is no secret that we are in dire need of Big Brothers & Big Sisters which is a BIG reason why we are rolling out our 10 Men in 1 Year campaign.

The whole focus is on why it is so great to volunteer with us here at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk & I'm sure many of you already know why!!

We encourage everyone to give the office a call & find out yourself how a Little Brother or Sister can enlighten your life & give the opportunity to share & grow together, while seeing the world through the eyes of the child you once were.

We have over 30 boys & girls waiting for their own Big, and sometimes this

wait is a long one!!

We are hoping that with your help we can match every child on that list, so call or e-mail us today & "Share a Little Magic" with BBBSHN!!

**Tell a Friend,
a Family
Member, your
Neighbour.....
Share a Little
Magic!**

Grow a Garden, Grow a Child, over \$3,200 Raised

This year's campaign changed from Grow a Flower, to growing the whole Garden & what a garden it was!!

With various businesses in Haldimand & Norfolk selling "Flowers" to build their garden & local greenhouses hosting BBQ's, the Grow a Garden Campaign is growing in leaps & bounds. As with any new fundraiser, there's

growing pains & Grow a Garden, Grow a Child is no exception , but the great part is the growing pains are from growing so fast!!

We want to thank all of the local businesses who participated in the "Flower" Campaign & all of those who bought flowers to help create gardens all over Haldimand & Norfolk.

A BIG THANKS as well to the following greenhouses for letting us in their gardens to host BBQ's:

- King's Flowers
- Kalis Greenhouses
- Eising's Greenhouses
- Acorus Restoration
- Ryerse's Garden Centre

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays...Happy Birthday to You!!

July

Doug S. Isaac R.
Madison S. Jennifer P.
Linda M. Christine V.
Michelle L.

August

Samantha D. Ashley S.
Laird S. Katy-Ann M.
David L. Elisha D.
Liza C.



July, August, September
Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

Brady B. Joe. S
Jami C. Gord G.
Wilma M. Kate B.
Peter V. Sharon S.
Kevin P. Lori S.

Match Anniversaries

July

BS Mary Lou N. &
LB Michael M.—5 yrs
BB Leeroy F. &
LB Michael P. - 1yr



August

BS Wilma M & LS Shalaine K—7 yrs
BS Keri H. & LS Angel T.—4 yrs

NEW MATCHES

BS Erin M. & LS Lexy S.

Dunnville Bass Masters Fishing Trip

It didn't matter whether they caught any fish during the day or not, the 8 Little Brothers & Sisters along with their mentors were hooked on learning about fishing from the experts on Sunday July 6th in Port Maitland.

The occasion was the first Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haldimand Norfolk fishing outing hosted by the Dunnville Bassmasters.

The event kicked off on a beautiful Sunday morning at the Port Maitland Pier on the final day of the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. With no fishing license required during the weekend of July 4th-6th, the Dunnville Bassmasters took it upon themselves to call up BBBSHN & see if they could take some Littles out fishing & show them a thing or two about the sport.

The Bassmasters brought along 6 of their own boats & equipment to take out the group of 15!! Additional life jackets were provided by the Simcoe Recreation Centre. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of those involved, & hopefully this will become an annual tradition.

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