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Ontario Power Generation Powers Up The In-School Mentoring Programs in Jarvis and Port Dover Through Funding Support

Brantford, ON – January 12, 2011- Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Grand Erie is happy to accept a five thousand dollar donation from their friends at the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) which will go towards the In-School Mentoring programs at both Port Dover Public School and Jarvis Public School. The In-School Mentoring program matches children with an adult and/or co-op volunteer mentor in a school environment to spend an hour per week together.

Patti O'Reilly, Executive Director at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie, says "This funding will allow for more children to benefit from having a mentor in their life, an opportunity they might have otherwise not had. For that we offer great thanks to OPG for allowing us to create even more friendships in Haldimand & Norfolk."

Jeff Hansen, Plant Manager at Nanticoke GS says "Ontario Power Generation's Nanticoke Generating Station has been a proud member of the community for 40 years. We believe that being a good corporate citizen means giving back to the communities that host our facilities. We are making a difference by improving the quality of life in those communities through support of programs like this. "

In addition to maintaining the matches in those schools, the money will also go towards Childs and Youth Safety materials, and 'Treasure Box' supplies, which includes craft materials,

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games, and activities. Currently, BBBS school-based programs are in 14 schools in Haldimand & Norfolk. In 2011, BBBS of Grand Erie (formerly BBBS of Haldimand Norfolk) provided 420 children with an adult mentor. If you would like to find out more on what it takes to become an In-School mentor call our office at 519-759-3222, or visit our website at www.bbbsn.ca.



Pictured from left to right:

Susan Thurston- Public Affairs Manager, Nanticoke GS, Ontario Power Generation

Patti O'Reilly- Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie