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It's official! Our new agency name is now:

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GRAND ERIE

Serving Brant Brantford Haldimand Norfolk

Our new Brantford office location :

127 Charing Cross Street, Brantford

Simcoe office location remains at:

89 Culver Street, Simcoe

Wendy's

"Rewind to the 80s"

Scotiabank

Bowl for Kids Sake 2012!

This year we're anticipating the BIGGEST and BEST Bowl for Kids Sake ever!

Leg Warmers, Shoulder Pads, Fingerless Gloves...

Rubix Cube, Atari, Walk-Man...

Cindy Lauper, Boy George, Poison...

If you remember these fashions, games and musicians then chances are you know the 80's and you'll get to relive them during the "Rewind to the 80s" Bowl for Kids Sake! A BIG thanks to our joint title sponsors **Scotiabank** and **Wendy's**.

It's the first time we've had TWO title sponsors and they've got us off to a great start.

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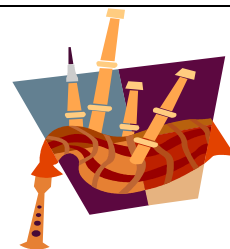
Big Brothers Big Sisters Grand Erie & Paris Port Dover Pipe Band Presents

2ND ANNUAL BIG PIPE DREAM GALA

With the amazing success of the inaugural Big Pipe Dream event last April, our agency, along with the Paris Port Dover Pipe Band, are pleased to announce the 2nd annual event on:

Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at The Greens at Renton

This gala evening is filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, a fabulous plated dinner, wine & scotch tastings, silent & live auctions and Celtic entertainment. Tickets are \$100 per person. Please contact Josh Juhlke at (519) 426-3121 or (519) 759-3222 or josh.juhlke@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca for more information.



START SOMETHING.... CALL AND ASK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING TODAY!

"Rewind to the 80s" Bowl for Kids Sake 2012! Cont'd.

Also, new this year we have SIX different dates to choose from. Mark your calendar:

Brantford event at Echo Bowl:

Friday March 23rd—**NEW** power lunch business challenge

Saturday March 24th—evening challenge

Sunday March 25th—midday challenge

Simcoe event at the White Horse Lanes:

Friday March 30th—**NEW** power lunch business challenge

Saturday March 31st—evening challenge

Sunday April 1st—midday challenge

This year's goal is \$95 thousand dollars! We are going to need bowlers (4-6 per team), sponsors & donations for the silent auctions. If you don't already, follow us on Facebook, please "like" our page: I'll be posting updates!

On-line pledging & team registration is also up on our agency website www.bbbshn.ca, just click on the Bowl for Kids Sake logo. Please call me at the office if you have questions or need more info.

I'm looking forward to a TOTALLY TUBULAR event!

~ *Renee*

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the generous support of the following foundations and businesses. You have made the lives of the many special children we serve so much brighter!

Brant Community Foundation

Central Haldimand Charities ~ Ontario Power Generation

~ IODE ~

Audrey S. Hellyer Foundation ~ Turkstra Lumber, Simcoe

We truly appreciate your community support!



From Anna's Desk...

We had a very successful fall in running Go Girls and Game On programs at schools in Simcoe, Caledonia, Brantford and Paris. Thank you to the following schools for partnering with our agency to bring these programs to their senior girls and boys: Agnes Hodge PS, North Ward PS, Holy Cross CS, West Lynn PS, River Heights PS. These groups could not have been possible without the dedication of our Go Girls and Game On mentors—THANK YOU!!!

Now, onto the next series of group programs for this school year. Go Girls has just begun at Princess Elizabeth PS and St. Patrick CS & ST. Joseph's PS. Any schools who wish to have this group program at their school, please contact myself to discuss.

It has been a very exciting and busy 2011 for our Service Delivery Team (Ashley, Hendriette, Danielle and myself), as we served more children throughout Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk than we ever have before! - 420!! Thank you to all the parents who have entrusted their children to our mentoring programs, to the schools for their partnerships in allowing our programs into their schools, to all of our volunteers who display their dedication and commitment on a regular basis to the children/youth they mentor, and to the communities for their support. ~ **Anna**

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

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and has embraced the New Year with lots of joy and excitement. The In-School Mentoring Program had a great start in the fall and it continues to grow. Thank you so much to all of you for your dedication and mentorship with these youngsters. You truly are making a difference in their lives!!

At this time I'd like to make a special mention to my co-op students, Carleigh, Jamie, Jessica and Reba. These girls did an AMAZING job mentoring (one on one) a collective 30 students in the ISM program and 60 students through the Go Girls program in Brant, Brantford, Haldimand and Norfolk!! Thanks so much ladies. I hope that your placement at our agency has broadened your experiences in the helping professions and has equipped you with skills you can take with you through your lives. I quote one of the Littles, "I'm going to miss her so much!! I wish she could come every day!"

On that note, I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of our adult In School Mentors. When I visit with the kids at school, their eyes light up and they share with me all the good times they are having with their mentors. Your visits with them really do make a significant impact on their lives. Because of you we are currently serving almost 80 kids in the Grand Erie area!!

Finally, I love hearing stories about how all of your matches are going—so feel free to drop me a line or e-mail. Thank you again for your time and dedication to our agency and the children we serve. ~ **Hendriette**



From Ashley & Danielle's Desk ...

Hi Everyone! First off, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday! 2012 is a year of change for us here at Big Brothers Big Sisters. We have recently moved to a new Brantford office, we are changing our name and, for all you matches out there, some of our National Standards have changed. With these changes, we would like to strongly emphasize the importance of match monitoring so we can (not only follow our Standards) but ensure that your match is healthy and happy! Please keep that in mind and contact us at the appropriate time to give us updates on how wonderful your match is! Remember the incentive... if you call us at your match monitoring time, your name will be put into a draw to win a gift card! If you do not have your match monitoring calendar, please contact your Mentor Coordinator.

Next we would like to thank everyone who attended all of our agency events last year –particularly our most recent, the agency Christmas Party. It was a HUGE success and everyone seemed to have a blast! If you haven't already done so, check out our Facebook page for updates and pictures (www.facebook.com/bbbshn) ... and "like" the page while you're there! Please make sure you keep us updated with your current address, phone number, and/or e-mail address so we can keep you informed about all the upcoming events. We send out various emails offering tickets, activity suggestions and other news that is of importance, so ensure you check your email regularly so you don't miss out!

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

Brantford unmatched activities are still being held every second Thursday of each month thanks to the help of our wonderful Nipissing students! We will contact you with more details closer to the date regarding which activity we will be doing. 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.

Haldimand & Norfolk Cops for Kids Program will be resuming in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for details!

We look forward to seeing you out at our Bowl For Kids Sake fundraising event! If you are interested in putting in a team and raising some money to enhance our programs at BBBS please contact the agency for more information.



New Matches:

October:

BB Wyatt Taylor & LB Cameron O

BS Tabitha Tatasciore & LS Laura D

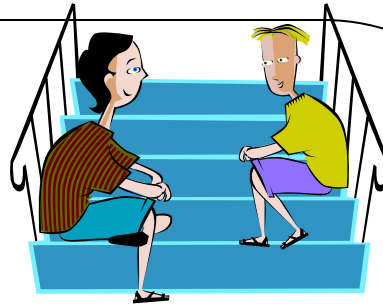
November:

BC Brent & Jonel Jones & LB Cole W

BB Craig Shewburg & LB Anthony T

December:

BS Suzanne Pake & LS Whitney S



Match Anniversaries

February:

BS Wendy Chechalk & LS Kaidan E (2 years)

March:

BB Chris Stewart & LB Kodi C (3 years)

BS Lesley Lewis & LS Cassie S (3 years)

BS Stephanie Burke & LS Alexis P (2 years)

BS Rachel Moxam & LS Carleigh D (2 years)

BS Corrie Gallant & LS India D (2 years)

Nancy Rawson & LS Nakeisha E (1 year)

April:

BS Meaghan Innes & LS Dara H (1 year)

BS Amy Wale & LS Jessica M (1 year)

BS JP Cullen & LS Jessica L (6 years)

BB David Adjamyran & LB Max F (1 year)

BS Roxanne Johnson & LS Ashley S (5 years)

MAY:

BB Matt Jorgenson & LB Josh T (3 years)

BB Daniel Hamming & LB Michael K (3 years)



We currently have over 60 children waiting to be matched to an adult mentor in Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk. It only takes a couple of hours a week to make A HUGE difference in a child's life. Call us today.... & START SOMETHING

BS Leeann Lake & LS Georgea R (3 years)

BS Nadine Smith & LS Emma M (1year)

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Annual General Meeting & Open House

Thursday February 23rd /2012

Open House 4pm — 6 pm AGM 6pm—7pm

~ 127 Charing Cross Street, Brantford ~

Join us for a tour of our new office space and some light refreshments!

Where to find us!

Brantford Office:

127 Charing Cross Street, Brantford, ON N3R 2J2

519 759 3222

Simcoe Office:

89 Culver Street, Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5

519 426 3121

1 800 268 8784

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& don't forget to follow us on
Twitter

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.

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

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

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

Site –Based Group Programs ~ Anna Reu , Sr. Caseworker (Brant Brantford Haldimand Norfolk)

Administration & Fundraising:

Executive Director ~ Patti O'Reilly

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

Fundraising/Office Assistant ~ Sarah Morrison (Simcoe Office)