

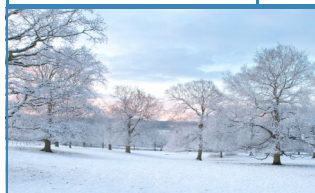
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Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Lethbridge & District

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1st Choice Savings

Bowl for Kids' Sake



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Lethbridge and District

Sign Up Now!

Holiday Bowl

2825 2 Ave South, Lethbridge

Dates:

March 23rd @ 7pm

March 24th @ 6 & 8pm

March 30th @ 7pm

March 31st @ 6 & 8pm

www.bbbslethbridge.ca

Or call the office at

(403) 328 - 9355

start something

Join our Facebook page
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@BBBSLethbridge for
updates on all events!



Welcome Alice

Happy New Year!!!

My name is Alice. I was a practicum student here with BBBS last semester and was lucky enough to get hired as a full time employee.

I began my education at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George, BC and was able to transfer to the University of Calgary – Lethbridge Region 18 months ago. I will be finishing up my last practicum here and will gradu-

ate with a Social Work degree in June.

I have previous experience working as a volunteer youth group leader and as a support worker in a care facility. In Prince George I was able to work in a middle school that was developing a new program for the inclusion of students with behavioural as well as academic needs. I am excited to work with BBBS because I have always been interested in work-

ing with children and youth.

I will be working as the Intake Caseworker and with the In-School Mentoring Program. I will also be helping Jen with Teen Mentoring. I would like to thank the BBBS staff for welcoming me into the office. Please feel free to stop by my office, give me a call, or send me an email anytime. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

Alice Pooley

Thank You Canadian Western Bank



Canadian Western Bank (CWB) is proud to donate \$216,246.30 to local Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) organizations across Western Canada through its 2011 *The Greater Interest GIC®* campaign. Since partnering with BBBS in 2008, CWB has donated over \$845,000 to help facilitate meaningful mentorship opportunities for Canada's youth.

This year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge & District received over **\$9000.00** from this GIC campaign. We would like to thank the staff and clients of CWB for your great work to help the children in our programs receive our services free.

A Lesson in Bullying



Paula, a teacher in New York was teaching her class about bullying and gave them the following exercise to perform. She had the children take a piece of paper and told them to crumple it up, stamp on it and really mess it up but do not rip it. Then she had them unfold the paper, smooth it out and look at how scarred and dirty it was. She then told them to tell it they're sorry.

Now even though they said they were sorry and tried to fix the paper, she pointed out all the scars they left behind. And that those scars will never go away no matter how hard they tried to fix it. That is what happens when a child bully's another child, they may say they're sorry but the scars are forever.

The looks on the faces of the children in the classroom told her the message hit home.

Update from Jen Visser

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

I hope that you all enjoyed your winter break and are ready to start 2012. As the weather starts to get cooler it can be difficult finding new and exciting activities. Don't forget about places in Lethbridge that offer different options, such as the Library, Galt Museum, or the SAAG. If you are looking for more physical activities, sledding at the Sugar Bowl is always fun (if we ever get some snow). Also keep in mind the climbing wall at the University (remember you need a parent consent form), or visiting an indoor pool. If you are having trouble finding activities please feel free to contact me for some ideas!

I would like to welcome all new matches to the agency

and congratulate those celebrating an anniversary. Great work everyone!!!!

Just a reminder if you haven't contacted me in a while for a match update, please do so by phone 403-328-9355 or email jen.visser@bigbrothersbigisters.ca

New Matches

Traditional

Talleyn & Sarah
Savannah & Kaci
Jessica & Mary
Austin & David
Aubrey & Alex

ISM

Dayzlan & Tai

Teen Mentoring

Austin & Shaak

Match Anniversaries - Traditional

January

Gab & Chris (5 Years)
Terrance, Erika & Travis (1 Year)
Frances & Cheyenne (3 Years)

February

Destiney & Mandi (1 Year)
Jaime & Caryn (2 Years)
Wanda & Jeff (7 Years)
Tabitha & Meaghan (2 Years)
Afton & Kailey (1 Year)
Carl & Rick (1 Year)

March

Scott & Richard (1 Year)
Match Anniversaries - ISM
Sarah & Jodie (2 Years)
Jayden & Patrick (2 Years)
Jordan & Julia (1 Year)
Kaycee & Kendra (1 Year)
Alexis & Victoria (1 Year)

Great things about kids—
They are
photogenic without a
hairstylist
or makeup artist!



Bingo Volunteers Needed

Help us out by volunteering at Lucky's Bingo Hall

Volunteers are needed to assist with our bingos twice a month. If you are free any of these dates we could use your help for these fundraising events.

Sunday January 15th Friday January 20th

Friday February 10th Saturday February 25th

Sunday March 11th Wednesday March 21st

For info or to volunteer call the office at 403-328-9355

We provide supper, great fun and good company.

"Many things can wait.
Children cannot.
To them we cannot say
"tomorrow". Their name is
today." Gabriela Mistral

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Changes

The new year has brought changes to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program. If your child can benefit from this program please contact our office regarding changes to the qualifications and application process. Call Jen@ 403.328-9355.

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Annual Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party was held at the Movie Mill and was attended by 100 Bigs and Littles. Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank the Movie Mill Staff for their help and Frank and Justine Sera for arranging for Mr. and Mrs. Claus to attend our party.

anna banana Boost Toy Drive

Thank you to the Staff and customers of anna banana for your fundraising proceeds that were used to purchase toys for children in our programs. Thank you to Toys "R" Us and North Walmart for helping to make the gifts more affordable.



Annual Santa Store

This year's Santa store was attended by over 130 children and again was a great success.

We can't express enough thanks to all the people who provided wonderful donations to our Santa store so the children had the opportunity to buy gifts for their families,

The store could not run without Volunteers and we congratulate them very much for their tireless help. A special thank you to the Westside CIBC and their staff for all the volunteer hours, shopping bags and the top up to a depleted inventory. Thank you to Save on Foods North for the use of the room.

Contributor Recognition

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank all the individuals, businesses and organizations that made donations to our programs in 2011. Visit our website at www.bbbslethbridge.ca and look under the Newsroom Tab for a listing of some of those donations.

New this year to our website is a link button giving our donors the ability to complete online donations at their leisure through CanadaHelps.org. This is a secure site used by many organizations in Canada. A income tax receipt will be issued immediately.