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Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Lethbridge & District



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Thank you Golfers and Sponsors

The Charlton & Hill /National Salvage 14th annual Golf for Kids Sake 2011 was a huge success. The event was held at the Picture Butte Golf & Winter Club on Monday, June 6th , than 45 golfers and volunteers came out to show their support.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge & District would like to thank our Golf for Kids Sake Partners Charlton & Hill and National Salvage, Corporate and Hole Sponsors, Supporters, Contributors, all Participants, Volunteers and Do-

nors for their generous and valued support in making the 14th Annual Golf for Kids Sake our most successful year yet. Over **\$54,000.00** was raised for the youth in our community.

A special thank you to our top three fundraisers, Ban Nguyen, Dean Leuzinger and Scott Davis. Great job, your hard work is appreciated.

The funds raised will assist our organization in continuing with the many programs we offer children ages 6-16 within our community. These

programs include the Traditional Big Brother/Big Sister Program, the In-School Mentoring Program, Teen Mentoring Program, the Have Fun While You Wait Program, Child Safety Programs for children and parents and our Kids 'N' Kops Summer Camp Program.

Thank you For Your Support

We hope to see you next year at our 15th Annual Golf for Kids Sake at Picture Butte Golf & Winter Club on Monday, June 4th, 2012

CIBC YouthVision Scholarship Winner MARRISA

CONGRATUALIONS MARRISA

We would like to send out congratulations to Little Sister MARRISA who is a recipient of the CIBC Youth Vision Scholarship, valued up to \$36,000. MARRISA will also have summer internship at the YMCA of Lethbridge. This Scholarship is awarded to only 30 recipients across Canada. Not only has MARRISA been awarded the CIBC Youth Vision Scholarship, but she has been selected to receive a Neil Morgan Volunteer Award for her extensive volunteer work within the

Lethbridge community.

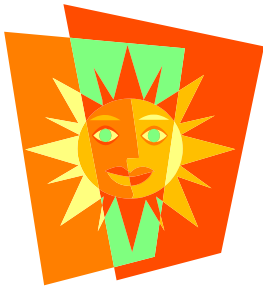
MARRISA came to Big Brothers Big Sisters in September of 2001 when she was six years old. MARRISA had said she would like a Big Sister who was fun, nice, and would do stuff with her. At the time MARRISA's favorite activities were playing with Barbie's and going to the park. MARRISA met Big Sister LISA in November of 2002. LISA thought that she would be able to be a positive role model and someone that a child could call on if they needed to talk. They have had many different experiences together and are currently the longest match of the

Lethbridge Agency! From the beginning of the match MARRISA and LISA have been dedicated to giving back to the community by volunteering their time at the Humane Society. MARRISA has also volunteered with Project Paintbrush and at the Hospital. LISA has made a significant impact on MARRISA by providing her with guidance, reliability and most importantly friendship!

Congratulations to MARRISA and LISA for building a special relationship which has resulted in a significant achievement towards MARRISA education and career path.



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Hi Everyone!

What a wonderful and eventful summer it has been! Its been great getting to see so many matches having fun in the sun!

Funds in the sun!

Thank you to all who came out and supported us at this years Potato Growers Association golf tournament held at the Paradise Canyon golf course on July 6th. What a fun day!

We have also been busy with some great BBQ's and car washes in support of Trevor Stuarts Climb for Kids Sake (learn more on page 4). We even had Free Byrd, a Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute band, come down from Calgary to throw a charity concert in support of BBBS at The Stone! Thank you



We are planning our 6th annual Big Auction for Kids' Sake, and are inviting you to become involved. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 14th, 2011 at the Lethbridge Lodge

Cate's Corner

Chris and Staff, Trevor and everyone else who came out to rock the night away!

Developmental Assets.

During the training of our Teen Mentors this fall, we will be introducing developmental assets training to focus on the talents and skills that build trust, sense of purpose and to foster the capabilities in all children and youth.

What are Developmental Assets?

Do you ever wonder why some kids seem to grow up with ease while others struggle?

Are you surprised that some kids thrive in spite of difficult circumstances?

Search Institute is a nonprofit research organization in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that has been asking these same questions since 1958. Through studies involving hundreds of thousands of young people across

the country. Search Institute has found 40 factors that are essential to young people's success. They call these 40 factors Developmental Assets. These assets aren't financial. Instead, they are opportunities, skills, relationships, values, and self-perceptions that all young people need in their lives.

The assets are both external (things that other people provide for youth) and internal (things that young people develop within themselves). There are four categories of external assets and four categories of internal assets.

To learn more and get involved please go to www.search-institute.org/assets or feel free to stop by our offices where Jen and I would love to give you some in-school and at home tips on fostering these assets!

Have a Great Summer Everyone!!

6th Annual Big Auction

Hotel. Once again it will include dinner, live and silent auctions and lots of other exciting surprises. Our popular live auction will feature high-profile community members offering their services to the highest bidder. The silent auction items will be mostly services, from things for your vehicle to pedicures and much, much more.

Get your tickets now!

Call: 403-328-9355 or

Contact:
info@bbbslethbridge.ca



Update from Jen Visser

Hey Everyone! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to get back into the swing of school, work and recreational sports. Thanks to everyone for keeping in touch with me over the summer. I am sure many of the traditional matches created some memories this summer with day trips to Waterton, Crownest Pass, and Drumheller!!!

In-School Mentoring will start in September. Finding activities to participate in at the school can at times be challenging. Keep in mind that you can bake, play in the gym, make crafts, play board games, or go outside. If any matches are having a difficult time finding things to do, please talk to me and I can give you ideas. Bigs, don't forget about our lending library, which is full of craft material, board games, and sporting equipment.

I would like to welcome the **new matches** to the agency. Have fun together building your friendship.

Kyler & Sean
Summer & Tracey
Kael & Eric

Congratulations to those matches **celebrating their anniversaries** in the next few months:

July

Cassandra & Alanna - 1 year

August

Camden & Tony - 1 year
Jaime & Kayla - 1 year

September

Sydney & Amanda - 1 year
Rachel & Amanda - 3 years (GREAT!!!)
Zach & Trevor - 4 years (GREAT!!!)
Grayson & David - 1 year
Dayton & Dan - 5 years (AMAZING!!!)
Samantha & Marcie - 7 years (AMAZING!!!)

Kendra & Sara - 5 years (AMAZING!!!)
Jayden & Lois - 1 year

Teen Mentoring

We would like to thank all those returning for another year of Teen Mentoring from Winston Churchill High School and Park Meadows Elementary School. We would also like to welcome all the new Teens and Littles into the program. This will be an exciting new year full of crafts, special projects, great guests, and some wonderful snacks! We are proud to start some new partnerships with Chinook High School, Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, Catholic Central High School, Fleetwood-Bawden Elementary School, Nicholas Sheran Elementary School, and Ecole St Mary Elementary School.

You can make a toddler laugh uproariously by simply sticking out your tongue.

"What matters in life is not what happens to you but what you remember and how you remember it" - Gabreil Garcia Marquez

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.

Saturday, August 27th Saturday, September 3rd

Friday, September 16th Wednesday, October 5th

Friday, October 21st Tuesday November 8th

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

We provide supper, great fun and good company.

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Trevor's Climb



Trevor Stuart's 2011 Climb for Kid's Sake took place July 29th on Mt. Athabasca here in Alberta. This year Trevor raised over \$5000.00 to help us deliver our programs to the youth of Lethbridge and district.

Trevor stated that this year's climb was one of the hardest he has encountered. During this year's quest to raise awareness for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge he faced a blowing snow storm that blanketed the menacing mountain of snow and ice.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge would like to thank Trevor, his sponsors BFI, The Stone, Sobeys, and all those that donated to his climb for their continued support.



Potato Growers Association Putting Contest

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge would like to extend a special thanks to the Potato Growers Association for inviting us to participate in their annual golf tournament for the seventh year in a row. Two of our Littles, Sydney and Garrett plus Amanda (BIG) had loads of fun hosting the putting contest at paradise Canyon Golf Resort. We raised over \$960 to support our programs. A big THANKS to Tony Mrak, Potato Growers Association, our prize sponsors Canadian Tire South, 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union and Servus Credit Union as well as the Littles and staff.