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Climb for Kids Sake 2009 Kilimanjaro



Trevor Stuart, of Re-Max Bridge City Realty, can't get enough of climbing on MT Kilimanjaro! He is preparing to do another climb in **March 2009** on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge and District. Read what Trevor has to say about this second climb.

I chose to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro for 3 reasons, firstly to create awareness for Big Brothers and Big Sisters and perhaps get more Mentors for all the Littles waiting on the list. Secondly, to raise funds so the Agency could have the means to hire additional staff to find these Mentors called "BIGS". Thirdly, it was a personal challenge for me!!

Once my feet hit the ground last year in Africa, I realized that this could turn into a lot more than I dreamed of!! There were needs everywhere! People lived in dire straights and were remarkably happy in spite of it!

The climbers visited an orphanage on route to the trail head of Kilimanjaro and I felt the tug at my heart strings. There was a lot of work that could be done and I just had to do something!!

I am not only recommitting to climb Kilimanjaro for the second time in March 2009 but I am also wanting to go work on the Orphanage myself before the climb.

Signing up and becoming a BIG Brother has impacted me far more than I could ever imagine! I became a BIG Brother a year ago and find that I cannot wait to see my Little every week. I am happy to see his growth and his accomplishments make me as his "BIG" proud!



Thank You

"Dear Big Brothers Big Sisters,
I really love my Big Sister, she is just what I always wanted in a friend that I could call my own. She means the world to me. I want to "Thank You" for giving me such a wonderful Big Sister." *Little Sister, Angela*

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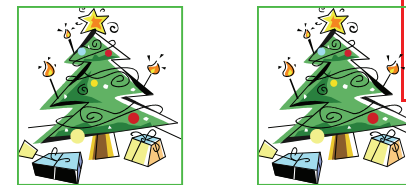
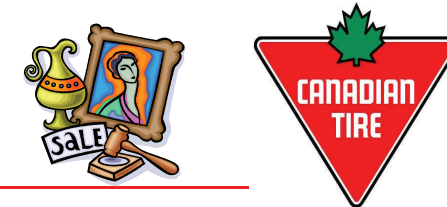
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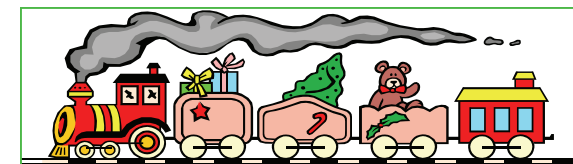
The Big Auction 2008

The annual Big Auction was a success again this year! We raised over \$18,000 for the youth in Lethbridge and Area. **October 2, 2009** is next year's event date. Mark your calendars and watch for details on how you can be a part of this event. We offer a huge thank you to our sponsor, as well as volunteers and the local personalities that participated in the live auction!



2008 Santa Store

The Santa Store will be open again this year for the Littles' shopping convenience. There will be a lot to choose from. Be sure to stop in and check it out! This year the store will be open **Thursday, December 11 and Friday, December 12 from 5:30—8:30 pm and Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 am — 2:00 pm.** The store is for the children only and refreshments will be offered to the parents while they wait.



Christmas at The Movie Mill

Our Annual Christmas Get-Together for our Littles, Bigs & Parents will again be held at the Lethbridge Movie Mill. Please mark **November 29th** on your calendar and we will see you at **10:30 am sharp.** All In-School "Littles" **must** be dropped off by a parent or guardian. The sponsor for this event is The Action Team from Century 21. Please call the office to confirm your attendance.



Rick's Report!

Starting this fall our marketing theme is Be Big.

You can Be Big by being a Big Brother or Big Sister, director, committee member, volunteer at Bingo or donor of funds.

So, if you would like to Be Big, give us a call.

Tara is leaving on maternity leave December 19th. The agency is going to miss her as she has

done a great job working with children, volunteers, and parents.

We wish Tara the best on this new venture, and hope she returns to us after her maternity leave. Please take a moment and give her a call before the 19th.

As this is our last newsletter before Christmas I want to extend an early wish for a happy festive season and thank everyone

who has spent time helping our agency provide a mentor to a child.

Thank you.

Rick Austin

Executive Director



Tara's Take!

I hope everyone has had a great fall and Halloween! Most of you know by now that I am leaving BBBS, December 19th for my maternity leave. The caseworker who will be taking over my position is Marcie and I am hoping that you all can meet her before I leave.

I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of you for my amazing experience here, I have enjoyed getting to know you all and working with you for the past 3 years.

I know transitions can be difficult, but I feel that Marcie will do a great job. I encourage you all to call her in the future with any

questions, concerns or updates on your matches. I will dearly miss all of you and my time here.

We would like to say a big special welcome to the newest matches to our agency!! We hope you enjoy a long and wonderful friendship here at Big Brothers Big Sisters!

- Lynn & Skylar
- Lisa & Victoria
- Jaime & David
- Amar & Mariah
- Amanda & Rachel
- Kendra & Amanda
- Brad & Jordan
- Vanessa & Christi

Match Anniversaries

- Kelly & Tiana (ISM)**
- 1 year on November 5
- Adam & Jayden (ISM)**
- 1 year on November 8
- Meagan & Sunshyn (Traditional)**
- 1 year on November 19
- Robin & Ashley (Traditional)**
- 1 year on January 14
- Michael & Jordan (ISM)**
- 2 years on November 9
- Rick & Preston (Occasional)**
- 2 years on November 21
- Chris & Gabe (Traditional)**
- 2 years on January 15
- Wally & TJ (Traditional)**
- 5 years on December 23
- Lisa & Marissa (Traditional)**
- 7 years on November 6



Welcome Marcie!

Hello! My name is Marcie Mainzer and I am the new Intake/Recruitment Case Worker at Big Brothers Big Sisters. I recently graduated from the University of Calgary with a bachelors in social work. I have been a part of Big Brothers Big Sisters as a volunteer for the past 4 years. I am excited to be assisting current and future volunteers in making a difference in the life of a child. I am very thankful for feeling as welcomed as I have. I am also looking forward to meeting all of the Bigs, Littles and parents currently participating in our programs as well as recruiting new volunteers.



Donald Grummett, Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager of Canadian Western Bank presented Rick Austin, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge, with a cheque for \$4,619.53.

Don advised that the monies donated were from funds raised in Lethbridge this summer when Canadian Western had a Greater Interest GIC promotion across western Canada, wherein each dollar deposited by a customer generated a donation from the bank to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Overall, Canadian Western donated over \$106,000.00 to Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies in Western Canada.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge really appreciates the support.

Welcome Cindy

Hi everyone! My name is Cindy Giles. I am the new Office Manager and I am very excited to be working here.

I have 4 grown children of my own, all girls plus 1 granddaughter and I look forward to being involved with this special program.

I know it is early, but I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year!

Calendar of Events

1. Christmas Party—10:00 am Nov 29/08
2. Santa Store—Dec. 11, 12, 13.
3. **Office Closed: Dec. 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1 & 2, 2009**
4. Climb For Kids Sake—Mar1/09
5. Bowl For Kids Sake—Mar 13, 14 & 20, 21.
6. Golf For Kids Sake —May 22/09