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Spring & Summer 2009

THE MATCHMAKER



“WOLF” BY LITTLE SISTER - CASSIDY



TERRIFIC KID



Little Brother Jordan recently won the Kiwanis “Terrific Kid” award. At Kiwanis, **T-E-R-R-I-F-I-C** is an acronym for:

**Thoughtful Enthusiastic Respectful Responsible
Inclusive Friendly Inquisitive Capable.**

Way to go Jordan!!



HARD WORK PAYS OFF



Little Sister Monique, a winner of the CIBC Youth Scholarship, was pleased to find out that she has been accepted into the Advertising Program at St. Lawrence College in Kingston!



KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

It's time to brag a Little!!

Tell us about your triumphs so we can spread the word in our newsletter: *The Matchmaker*.

Call us or send an e-mail to your caseworker so we can help you celebrate your successes!

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MALL ROCKER

Little Brother Jake was a great assistant at Guitar Hero in the mall. His knowledge of the game was so helpful to the staff — and you should have seen his fingers fly — he was just amazing on the expert level of the game!



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE...

...well, you should have seen LB Riley when he performed three dance routines at his annual dance gala!

*Way to “move-it, move-it,”
Riley!*



STRIKING IT BIG AT FOR BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

We really appreciate all the support of Big and Little bowlers!

A GREAT BIG THANKS TO:

Littles -

Jamie, Brooke, Justin, Vincent, Trevor, Johnny & James

Bigs -

Brenda, Patricia, Henry and Jeff

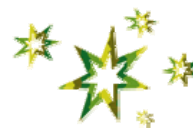
Matches -

Dwight & Justin, Adrian & Austin, Wanda & Jess, Al & Chase



STARS ON ICE

Little Sisters Jamie and Brandi were twirling and singing at the TCS rink. Even though they were not yet performing triple salchows, it was obvious that they just loved being on skates!

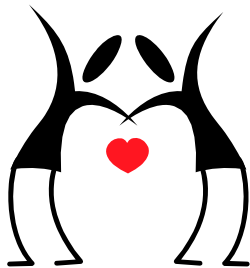




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Michel & Jeff	1yr	Jessica & Lisa	4yrs	Sarah & Kathy	10yrs
Kiara & Erin	1yr	Kody & Matt	4yrs	Azaria & Nicole	10yrs
Faith & Nancy	1yr	Ashley & Patricia	4yrs	Ethan & Brian	10yrs
Vincent & Jon	1yr	Monique & Erin	4yrs	Heather & Cathy	12yrs
Netasha & MJ	1yr	Amanda & Audrey	4yrs	Stephanie & Carol	12yrs
Riley & Rob	2yrs	Tasha & Bridget	5yrs	Josh & Henry	14yrs
Cory & Scott	2yrs	Sarah & Lynda	6yrs	Ashley & Heather	15yrs
Stephanie & Kim	2yrs	Kelsey & Melissa	6yrs	Christina & Trish	16yrs
Dayna & Marilyn	2yrs	Barry & Pearson	6yrs		
Justin & Dwight	2yrs	Jacob & Andrew	6yrs		
Jayden & Jason	2yrs				
Connor & Steve	3yrs	Kassy & Brenda	7yrs		
Keiana & Jeanette	3yrs	Sara & Celia	7yrs		
Taylor & Louise	3yrs				

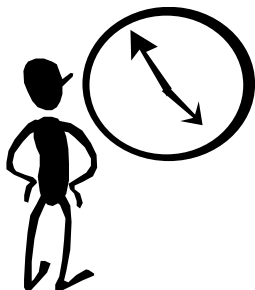


NEW MATCHES

Brenda & Cassidy
 Al & Chase
 Phelan & Riley
 Jay & Jordan

ISM MATCHES

Matt & Owen
 Matt & Isaac
 Joanne & Lillian
 Colleen & Ellie
 Mason & Karel
 Tracy & RJ
 Kathleen & Jamie



WAITING LIST

Steven	8	James	12
Madison	9	Allison	12
Riley	9	Justin	12
		Jamie	12
Dawson	10	Tabitha	13
Nick	10	Dustin	13
Jonathon	10	Ashley	13
Ryan	10		
AJ	10	Brandon	16
Brooke	11	Matthew	16
Cody	11		
Isaac	11		

Co-op Matches

Ashley
 St. Mary's PH
 George Hamilton

Kendra
 Camborne
 Merwin Greer

Alyssa
 St. Mary's Campbellford
 Hastings



WHISPERS.... GIGGLES.....GOSSIP!

Bowling...bowling...bowling! During this time of year, I sometimes think we're living in the bowling alleys of the County. We have bowled in Cobourg oh so many times with oh so many teams. We have bowled in Campbellford and are heading east to Brighton on April 5. Schools have bowled, Bigs & Littles, service clubs, car dealerships, day care centres, businesses, restaurants, friends and relatives have all bowled to help us reach our goal of \$45,000. And thanks to all of you, we are over half way there! Pssst.... I don't think anyone has revealed the grand prize yet, so here it is: **A taste of the County.** This is a fabulous package of gift certificates to some of the best and most-loved restaurants throughout Northumberland County, and a night at one of Port Hope's finest B&Bs!



Our members are so talented, that not only do they bowl, but staff – Malynda, Sophie and Sandra, along with Board Member Wilf – were also seen at the Colborne Curling Club *sweeping and throwing rocks into the house* as part of that club's Charity Bonspiel. As luck would have it, the club chose Big Sisters Big Brothers as one of their charities of choice. Apparently, it was so much fun that the crew is preparing for next year's tourney.

Now for some BIG and little News...

Babies aplenty: Congratulations go out to Curtis's Big Brother Chuck and his wife in welcoming baby Emma to the family.

Hot off the press...Katie just gave birth to baby girl Chloe, and her LS Brandi could not be more excited! And a baby of a different sort, Caseworker Sandra was finally talked into getting a puppy – the Clegg family welcomes their furry new lab puppy, Autumn.

LS Faith has had a whole season of cheering the Cobourg Cougar team with her BS Nancy... both of Nancy's sons are valued players of the Cougars. What a fun way to spend some cold Canadian winter nights.



Going to one of the farthest places away from Canada, our own Barb Keenan is flying on many planes to see her son and three grand kids in New Zealand. That's 20 hours in the air... but it sure will be worth it!!!!

Some Littles go far afield to see their Bigs: LB Austin took a train to Ottawa, was then picked up by car and took a snow road onto the lake to spend some quality time with his BB Adrian at the ice fishing hole.

During the summer months, LS Kelsey, Tabitha and LB Pearson will be travelling to St. George, Ontario to Tim Horton's Leadership Youth Program...they have been asked to come back because of their enthusiasm, skills and leadership qualities. Congrats!

Talk about going further afield - we heard that BB Wayne is teaching LB Desmond to drive...what a brave guy: Desmond or Wayne???

STOP the PRESS!

WOW! Can you believe that our United Way has done it again... they surpassed their goal in these challenging financial times by raising an unprecedented **\$848,191.**

Way to go team!! Way to go donors!! Thank you!!



Ch...ch...ch...ch...changes

Have you noticed any changes lately? Our agency went through a national accreditation process at the end of last year and now we are doing things a little differently. You might have noticed that when your Caseworker comes to meet with you to do an update on your match, there are more forms, more formal questions and more time spent with you. This is all in an effort to ensure that everyone is as safe as can be, and that we continue to provide high quality service to children and youth.

Just askin'...

We're on the lookout for: either a **2 or 4 drawer file cabinet that locks AND another location to sell Nevada tickets** for us anywhere in the County. If you have any leads on either, please give us a call at: 905-885-6422 or toll free 1-888-278-2484; or e-mail bigsisbigbro@eagle.ca



PORT HOPE STORE



Window dresser extraordinaire, volunteer Merle Adamson, created a wonderful Christmas display of a teddy bear choir. She won the downtown window display contest for the 2nd time. Thanks, Merle!! Jan helped Merle with a stained glass window for the display as well, to give it just the touch Merle was looking for. Great job!

Once again, we celebrated our annual Christmas volunteer appreciation lunch at RAILSIDE RESTAURANT...it always helps start off the festive season in style. Thanks again to all our valued volunteers for your dedication, it is greatly appreciated!!

Hallowe'en was a success again this year with lots of rentals and sales. Thanks to all our costume designers for your amazing work on creating new, weird and wonderful costumes.



We welcome our new store student Natalie who is a great addition to our crew.

Our store was just Loonie during the "any item for a dollar" sale. Our volunteers were kept really busy bagging items purchased by happy shoppers.

What's one of the first signs winter is at least half over? We start bowling!! Displaying some of her designing skills, our co-op student Ashley helped to promote "Bowl For Kids Sake 2009" with a very attractive window complete with shoes, bowling pins and posters.

Now that spring really is coming, we're putting out our spring and summer clothing. So come and check out our new merchandise...why not add a few items to your wardrobe for an unbelievably great price?

Susan Dewhurst hosted another incredible **My Big Sister's Closet Sale**, raising over \$3,000 for our mentoring programs...with the help of many of our friends, pricing, sorting, selling and *BUYING!* Thanks so much!!



Ethel, Store Manager



COLBORNE STORE



Spring is upon us....the hint of some warmer days will bring our loyal customers out & about....and hopefully a few new ones!

Hooray! Janet's little grandson made his way into the world, sporting the super name of BRADAIGH QUINN.....Janet is over the moon. She will be leaving next week to spend some time with him in Victoria, B.C.

Sandra is in the warmer climes of Florida...lucky lady...but she is returning to us in time for Easter. It's always lovely to welcome some new volunteers.....Ruth, Audrey, Faye and of course, enjoying the return of Connie S.

Our Vivian is in seventh heaven as she becomes a Mommy to a dear little Schnauzer puppy named Bryn.....we know she will be a good girl, living in such a good home.

We are all thrilled about our move to a smaller store because it will be a brand new beginning for Second Helpings in Colborne.

And now for the piece de resistance!!!!

5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

4 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons cocoa

1 egg

3 tablespoons milk, 3 tablespoons oil

3 tablespoons chocolate chips

Splash of vanilla extract

1 LARGE coffee mug

Add dry ingredients to mug, mix well. Add egg and mix. Pour in milk and oil. Add chocolate chips and vanilla, mix again.

Put mug in microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts.

The cake will rise over the mug.....don't panic!

Allow to cool.....then *eat!* This can serve 2, but really, why?

ENJOY!

That's it for now!

Shauna, Store Volunteer



BOARD BUZZ

Greetings from your Board of Directors. We hope everyone has had a safe and happy winter. The holidays have come and gone, Spring has arrived (or so we've been told) and hopefully, warmer weather is just around the corner.

Thank you to everyone for a successful year last year and we hope for your continued support in 2009.

It was with regret that in March, we accepted the resignation of our Board Member, Jennifer Stacey. We would also like to welcome two new Board Members, Helen Lackey and Bob Kelly.

Although it is only March, we've been busy. The year started off with My Big Sisters' Closet Sale. Thank you to Susan Dewhurst and all her volunteers for another successful sale. NBSBB participated in a new event this year, a Bonspiel in Colborne, where the NBSBB team had an enjoyable day.

Bowl for Kids Sake ("BFKS") is still in full swing with Brighton and some area schools still to bowl. We'll be winding down in early May this year. Thank you to all our volunteers, staff, supporters and especially our BOWLERS who make this event such a success.

We are hoping for some nice weather in June as we have three events scheduled – the motorcycle scavenger hunt; Golf for Kids Sake ("GFKS") and the garden tour. So rev up those bikes, get out your clubs and get your walking shoes on for some enjoyable fundraisers in support of our LITTLES. We also have the UGLY server fundraiser in July/August and wine tasting at Oak Heights Estate Winery. For details on these and other events, please contact the office at (905) 885-6422 or visit our website www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/northumberland.

The Board and Staff are currently preparing for our Annual General Meeting ("AGM") in May. This year, we will be holding the AGM in Campbellford on Tuesday, May 19, so please mark this in your calendars. Think about coming "on board" — nomination forms are available at the office.

In closing, given the current economic situation and the difficulties it has brought to many individuals in our community, we would like to express our THANKS once again for the continued support to NBSBB. Volunteering as a Mentor, by joining a Committee or the Board, helping with a fundraiser, at our Thrift stores or at a bingo only requires your time and commitment.

Have a safe and happy Spring and Summer.

Christine Domasik, President



Giving Hope Today

Drop In & Community Food Cupboard

Second and Fourth Thursday
January thru August 2009
Open from 4:00-6:00 pm
Everyone is Welcome



Supported by:



Located at
The Salvation Army
Community and Family Services
66 Swayne St., Cobourg

ATTENTION:

**ALL BIG SISTERS
&
BIG BROTHERS**

In order for our agency to meet the National Standards set by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada, we are required to have all Big Sisters and Big Brothers who have been matched for more than a year fill out an attestation form annually.

Please fill out the enclosed/ attached attestation form and mail/email it back to us.

Thanks!

Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you...

Stewin' in Colborne... it was another tasty Harvest Stew day at the Colborne Legion in late October. Thanks to the talented chefs who donated 39 stews, our six celebrity tasters and the 150 hungry people who came out for a wonderful lunch!

The gift that keeps on giving... more than 80 wrappers came to work in the worst possible weather and gave up precious holiday time, to help us provide programs for kids all year! In spite of the gloomy economic forecasts, generous Northumberland shoppers put us just over last year's donation total.

B&D Liquidation came through for us again with some gorgeous paper and nifty gift cards, and thanks also to **Northumberland Mall** for the perfect space, the cards and ribbons.

Heartfelt Thanks... to families, friends and workplaces for making Christmas merry for many of the families we serve. Hampers were filled to overflowing, and **OPG** gets a really BIG thanks for their incredible generosity and consideration. And to the youngest contributors, **Helping Hands**, we hope you had fun collecting gifts, and we know your thoughtfulness was appreciated by all.

A Big and Bubbly thanks... to Marielle at Bubbles & Gems for a second great year of fun creating homemade bath salts and soaps with our Little Sisters and Brothers.

TASTY TURKEYS! Thanks to Wayne, Yvonne and Cheryl for their perfectly prepared turkeys, the centre-pieces of another fine Christmas feast. All the trimmings, from the veggies and salads to the (most important) desserts, were much appreciated, as was the help from Bigs, Littles, board members and everyone who provided food or cleaned up. And of course, special thanks to Santa, who made the Christmas party complete!

Happy 10th anniversary... to the "My Big Sister's Closet Sale," and huge thanks to Susan Dewhurst, and her volunteers, as well as all the donors and shoppers, for a decade of successful sales and revamped wardrobes during the darkest days of winter.

Continuing thanks to... Trinity College School's Karen, Tony & their enthusiastic students for their coordination and unwavering support of our Little Bear programs.

The ball rolls on... we'll be bowling until May, but we would like to thank our title sponsor **eagle.ca**, and all of those who have supported our 28th annual Bowl For Kids Sake campaign so far, in so many ways, from bowling, to sponsoring bowlers, lanes, T-shirts, or donating prizes, time or money to the event. Special thanks to all the teachers who organized field trips and a *big* thanks to Northshore Lanes, Presqu'île Lanes and Trent Valley Lanes. Campbellford's businesses and bowlers were especially supportive this year, breaking records for funds raised, lane sponsorships and prize donations in the fourth year of BFKS at Trent Valley Lanes!

Loud and long applause... to the Big and Little Brothers who came out for our **2 years 20 men** recruitment campaign during the Mall's Guitar Hero Competition. It was very important that you be there, and we really appreciate your time and enthusiasm! Thanks also to Cobourg Audio Video Unlimited for hosting our launch event, and Casey's for helping us feed the guests!

Nevada and bingo never end... so an unending thanks to our tireless bingo volunteers; and to our Nevada ticket outlets, **B&D Liquidation** and **A+ Convenience**, who make fundraising easy. We are very grateful for your constant support.

Thanks a Million! Dankeschon! Gracias! Merci!

Famous Canadian

Hayley Wickenheiser...
she shoots, she scores!



Country: Canada

Sport: Hockey

Competed in Olympic Winter Games in Nagano 1998; Salt Lake City 2002; Torino 2006

Hayley Wickenheiser has also competed in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games in softball, so she represented Canada in a team sport in both summer and winter Olympic Games.

She joined the national hockey team at the age of 15 and would later lead her team to four world championships. When women's ice hockey was introduced at the Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games, Canada won silver after being defeated twice by the U.S.

At the next Olympics, Hayley started the women off with a tournament-leading six assists, and the Canadians made up for their 1998 loss by winning all five of their games, outscoring their opponents 35-5 at Salt Lake City in 2002. In the final game, the Canadians beat "Team USA" 3-2: Wickenheiser led all scorers in the tournament with seven goals.

Hayley also played softball for Canada at the Olympics, taking the field in three different positions: left and right field and third base!

Returning to hockey, Hayley joined the Kirkkonummi Salamat team in Finland and became the first woman to score a goal in a men's professional hockey league on January 11, 2003. At the Torino Olympics in 2006, she won a second gold medal when Canada beat Sweden 4-1, and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (an honour she also won at the Salt Lake City Olympics).

Hayley is both strong and skilled: a natural with a lethal slap shot, and rightfully described as the greatest female hockey player in the world. In addition to her silver and two gold Olympic medals, she led the Canadian women's team to six gold and one silver at the Women's World Hockey Championships.

Hayley lives in Calgary with her partner Tomas and young son Noah. She plans to play in the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and is a member of the Calgary Oval Xtreme in the Western Women's Hockey League.

In October 2006, a children's book on her career titled "Born to Play" hit bookshelves across Canada. Her personal motto is "Excellence and Professionalism."

2 years 20 men

Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers is looking for 20 big-hearted men from communities across the county, men who are willing to hang out and have fun for a few hours a week...and make a real difference in a boy's life at the same time.

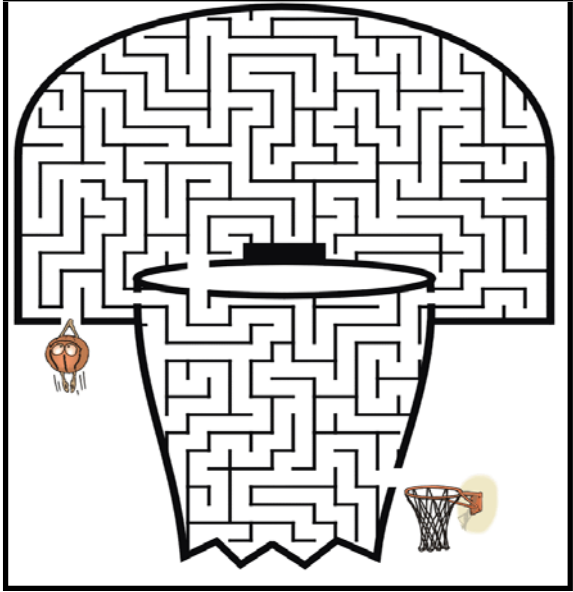
With 22 boys waiting for mentors, the agency launched its "2 years 20 men" recruitment campaign at Cobourg Audio Video Unlimited on March 13. The search is on!!

Thanks to Board Member Marc Mireault for the gorgeous poster, Sean Kaczmarek for hosting the event at his store, Casey's for the bargain wings and garlic bread, and last but not least, to our poster boys for letting us use these fantastic photos to attract more great people like them.



BRAIN TWISTERS

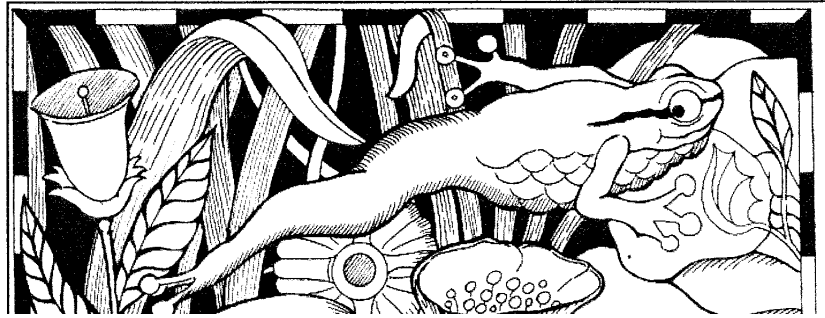
Help the basketball through the net-shaped maze to swoosh through the net.



Ponder this...

- Wasps taste like pine nuts
- Beetles taste like apples
- Worms taste like bacon
- A slug has 4 noses

↓ Look for these things in the drawing below! ↓



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday May 19:
7 p.m.**

Annual General Meeting — Please join us in the Acorn Room of the Campbellford Resource Centre (corner of Bridge and Doxsee streets in Campbellford). We will be getting treats from Dooher's Bakery, and maybe even a little something from World's Finest Chocolates...that alone makes the trip worthwhile!

**An evening
in mid-May!**



What's Cookin' Good Lookin'? — Great chefs come in all sizes, Little and Big! Come out for a fun evening cooking class and learn how to prepare easy, nutritious meals. We're looking at several dates in mid-May: let your caseworker know if you're interested by April 17, and we'll confirm a date, time and place.

***Sunday, June 14**

Scavenger Hunt — There was a rumour last year that Big Brother Henry was going to add cars to the 4th Annual Poker Run Motor Cycle Event! It's still not confirmed, but either way, it will be an exciting day searching Northumberland County to find hidden treasures, win great prizes and support our agency!

***Tuesday, June 23:
9 a.m.
shotgun start!**



Golf For Kids Sake — This event just keeps on growing! Once again, Casey's Bar & Grill, Investors Group and Cobourg Audio Video Unlimited are putting together a golf tournament you won't want to miss! All proceeds go towards our summer youth programs. Let us know if you have a team teed up and ready to play for that day.

***Sunday, June 28:
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour — Visit 11 diverse and delightful town and country retreats in Brighton and Salem. Passports are \$20 and will be available after May 1st at several local garden centers as well as the Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers Second Helpings stores. Come prepared for *rain or shine*, and don't forget to visit the "For the Birds" boutique!

To be announced!

Fishin' With the Pros — Bigs and Littles are invited to slather on the sunscreen and come out for a day on the water. We're hoping Big Brother Joe will organize a fourth annual fishing expedition, complete with a BBQ and contests for all of our matches! Please contact your caseworker if you are interested...and Joe, please contact us!

***Kick-off
July 28-29**



U.G.L.Y. Server Contest — Dynamic servers from restaurants & pubs throughout the county compete for the title of most, "Understanding, Generous, Lovable You." Even better, they raise money for our on-going youth programs through fun, innovative events (watch for a ball hockey tournament this year!). Come on out & get U.G.L.Y.!

**August 8-9 (Girls)
August 15-16 (Boys)**

Campout at Presqu'île Park — roll up your sleeping bag, pack your bug spray & sunscreen. We know the guys that came last year had a great time...so LB & BB be sure to give us a call you don't want to miss out. LS & BS this is of course going to be another great weekend so mark the date on your calendar & give us a call. The more the merrier... so hope to see you there!

***August 23, 2009**



An Afternoon in the Vineyard — Join us at Oak Heights Estate Winery in Warkworth for our second wine, cheese and outstanding food event. (You must be 19+ to attend, and we promise not to provide a severe thunderstorm for entertainment. That was an inaugural year special!)

***These are
fundraising events.**

For more information on any programs or fundraisers, please call our office at 905-885-6422.



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