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**FALL & WINTER 2009**

*THE MATCHMAKER*



Artwork by Little Sister Jamie



## THIRSTY ANYONE?!



Our very cheery summer student Jenni and two Little Sisters in our summer day camp, Brandi and Jamie, decided they wanted to help raise some money for our programs.

The three of them set up a lemonade stand, and donated the proceeds to us. It's great to see kids doing something to help others.



## LEADERSHIP SKILLS



Three Little Brothers and two of our Little Sisters attended Tim Horton's Leadership Camp this summer. Kelsey, Kris, Matt, Pearson and Tabitha had a great time and are hoping to be invited back again for further training.



## HOOKED ON FISHING

As ever, Big Brother Joe played a starring role in organizing our annual "Fishin' with the Pros" derby.



Great weather, combined with lots of fish, trophies and a barbeque for the hungry Bigs, Littles, Pros and volunteers made for another great summer event. Let's hope we can keep Joe "hooked" for next year!

## IT'S UNANIMOUS!

Little Brother Kris won the Principal's Award for Initiative and Leadership at his school.

Even better, it was a unanimous decision! Every teacher in his school voted for him.

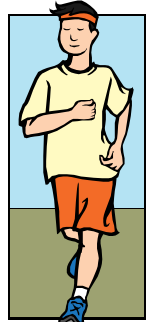
Way to go, Kris!



## SETTING THE PACE

Little Brother Jayden ran such a good race at his school's harrier he is going on to compete against other schools.

Way to pace yourself, Jayden!



## THEY'RE OFF!

The Bigs edged past the Littles by one race according to this year's not-terribly-accurate Soap Box scorekeepers. A tip for next year: it seems the right lane is faster than the left... go figure! Best of all, it was lots of fun, and it didn't rain!



## AWARD WINNER



Little Sister Kiara won a Grade 8 Citizenship Award at Hillcrest Public School in Campbellford.

Congratulations, Kiara!





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Jordan & Jay 1yr  
 Cassidy & Brenda 1yr  
 Chase & Al 1yr  
 Riley & Phelan 1yr

Michel & Jeff 2yrs  
 Hailey & Stephanie 2yrs  
 Claudia & Suzanne 2yrs

Brandi & Katie 3yrs  
 Stephanie & Kim 3yrs  
 Kristen & Vicky 3yrs  
 Curtis & Chuck 3yrs

Austin & Adrian 4yrs  
 Brittany & Brenda 4yrs

Melanie & Kathryn 5yrs  
 Desmond & Wayne 5yrs  
 Spencer & Chris 5yrs

Karli & Martha 6yrs  
 Katrina & Kat 6yrs  
 Jessica & Jen 6yrs  
 Shaenan & Amy 6yrs

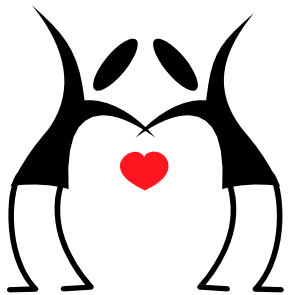
Ashley & Pat 7yrs

Mackenzie & Cheryl 8yrs

Caitlin & Lynda 9yrs  
 Mark & Shawn 9yrs

Nikki & Judy 16yrs

Karli & Pam 19yrs



## NEW MATCHES

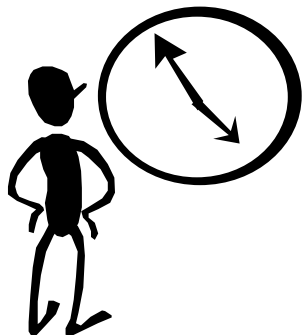
Nick & Mike  
 Dalton & Trevor  
 Steven & Jean Marc

Madison & Geri  
 Tabitha & Sarah  
 Brooke & Janet

## IN SCHOOL MENTORS

**Welcome Back to Recess!**

*Tracey, Castleton PS*  
*Colleen, Colborne PS*  
*Kathleen, Grant Sine PS*  
*Ashley, Ganaraska Trail PS*  
*Danette, Brighton PS*



## WAITING LIST

Bobby	6	James	13
Kyrsten	7	Kelsey	13
Vincent	8	Allison	13
		Dustin	13
Riley	10		
AJ	10	David	14
Jonathon	11	Janine	15
Dawson	11		
Hayden	11	Brandon	16
Isaac	12		
Jamie	12		

**In our Co-op Program, we have two students matched in local schools:**

**Hillary:** Camborne PS & Merwin Greer PS

**Caley:** St. Mary's (PH)



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

Tweet...tweet, a little birdie told us that Alexis, our very own social networking geek (I mean that in the nicest way) has set us up with a twitter account. So, if you want to check it out go to: <http://twitter.com/BigSisBigbro> to see what we're up to or just join in the conversation. We love it when we get hits, it makes us feel like we're winning!



Going Co Ed? That's what happened at campout this summer. Presqu'ile only had one weekend free so both the B & LS and B & LB went camping on the same weekend in August. It was the only warm and balmy weekend of the whole summer! Although we were a little nervous, it couldn't have been better... all meals were shared as



were some of the activities but camp fires & campsites were not. The boys got to tell burpy, farty jokes around the camp fire while the girls sang camp songs and giggled...everyone had a great time...EXCEPT, for poor BB Wayne, who broke a toe trying to out-run his LB Desmond at the soccer/baseball game...hey Wayne, youth wins every time!

Our Summer Sister/Summer Brother program was resurrected again by taking advantage of College and University students who were home for the summer. Our fabulous practicum student, Sarah, was matched with 2 of our waiting Little Sisters, Alison & Tabitha, and Adam made A.J. the happiest waiting Little Brother ever.

Oh Baby...baby...baby! Little Sister Dayna's family grew by one this summer. Dayna couldn't be happier and her BS Marilyn helped to celebrate the new addition. Also, Karen Brierly, our TCS girls' group facilitator had a little boy this summer. Congratulations!!

Who got hitched?? Well, LS Cassidy's dad was married this August; Tabitha's mom, Elizabeth married Joe; and BS Bridget was just married this September to her long-time friend and partner Kyle. We heard that LS Tasha didn't get home from the wedding until 2 a.m. Not to be left behind, BB Jason is planning to get hitched to Christina next summer, and we bet that Jayden will be there wearing the biggest grin ever.

**Help... Help...** our soap box cars need help! Although BB Henry and BB Scott started to tinker with some of the cars before the race this year, there are still quite a number of them that could use some TLC. We are looking for some space and expertise to fine-tune these racing machines. Call us if you have both or either and are looking for a winter project. Next year we want to see some B & LS (girl power) whizzing down the hill...more participants would make it *even funner*.

We're sending out our best get-well wishes to LS Jessica who had a terrible bike accident. Hopefully the bruises are starting to fade and she is able to flash her sparkling smile again!

Oh so proud is what we are, to have been able to send former LS Christine some financial assistance to help her with her nursing degree. Thanks to generous donors who contribute to our scholarship fund.



We were saddened by the passing of long-time Big Brother, Ed Burley. Our thoughts are with his family and his former Little Brother Mark.



# PORT HOPE STORE



We are happy to welcome back all our volunteers after their summer holidays, and are excited to introduce our newest volunteers: Vicki, Linda and Nola.

**News from behind the counter...**Denise is a grandma again, to a little girl named Lilia. Joan’s son is off to college and she is feeling some “empty nest syndrome.” Frankie is busy with her son’s wedding, just a year after her daughter’s marriage. Linda has been remodeling her bathroom and is busy with some obstacles she has run into along the way. Wally and I were lucky enough to have all our children and grandchildren home for a much-too-short visit this summer.

**From the shop floor...**We said goodbye to our student Natalie and wished her well. Our volunteers welcomed Ashley, our new student, who completed her co-op placement in the Big Sisters Big Brothers’ office upstairs last winter. This fall, she started at Loyalist College in Belleville, and she fits in her hours at the store on weekends.

**Bags needed!** With most people using reusable bags, we’re seeing a drop in donation of plastic shopping bags, so please remember us before you recycle!

As always, Fall finds us back in the swing of putting together costumes for Hallowe’en. If you can offer your expertise as a costume creator, please call Ethel at the store (885-9411) to arrange a time to volunteer.

**Second Helpings can help you attend all those wild Halloween parties in super style. We have a wide variety of adult costumes for sale as well as for rent.**



Please remember us, as well as Susan Dewhurst’s annual “My Big Sister’s Closet” sale when you are cleaning out your closet! We would be thrilled to have your donation of gently used brand name clothing .

We would like to express our gratitude to our hard-working, dedicated team of volunteers...Merle, Denise, Carol, Priscilla, Joan, Stella, Jan, Frankie, Natalie, Kathy, Vicki, Nola, Linda and Suzie. Our store provides much-needed funding for the programs we offer to the children and youth we serve. We couldn’t do it without you!

*Ethel*, Store Manager



# COLBORNE STORE



We had a very exciting and busy few months at the end of the summer, with our move to our cozy **new location** at **18 Victoria Square**. Please come by to visit if you haven’t yet been to see our brand new store!

If you can donate a stew or a dessert to this year’s **Harvest Stew** fundraiser for the United Way (**October 22, 11:30 to 1:30 at the Colborne Legion**), please call Sophie at the office 1-888-278-1484.



**From behind the counter:** We welcome back Mary Jane...we missed you! We are also looking forward to having Connie return from the north.

A warm welcome to Linda, the newest volunteer on our list, and happy semi-retirement to Alice, who has been with us for 20 years! She has agreed to stay on as a “spare,” and it is good to see Rose’s name back on the spare list as well.

Janet has returned from another trip to Victoria with a good supply of hugs and kisses from her little grandson, Bradaigh.

*Celebrate the beginning of Fall with this fast and easy soup...Enjoy the quick and simple preparation, and...  
BON APPETIT!*

## CHILI CHICKEN & VEGETABLE SOUP

Sauté one onion in 2 tbsp. butter, salt & pepper for 5 min. Stir in 1 tbsp. chili powder. Add 1 diced potato, 4 cups chicken broth — cook until potato is tender. Add 16 oz. frozen corn, 10 oz. frozen green beans and 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken. Add salt and pepper to taste.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

*Janet*, Store Manager  
*Shauna*, Store Volunteer



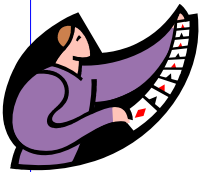
## BOARD BUZZ

### *Shuffling the Deck*



The board has recently gone through a minor shuffle and brought a new player in to the game. We welcome Anne Downing to the board. A former Big Sister, Anne will give the board insight and focus, as someone who has been on the front line of action with our organization. We look forward to her valuable input.

As the new president of the board I am also pleased to announce new appointments on executive and committee levels. Wilf Quigley has stepped down as Treasurer to take on the role of chair of the ever-important fundraising committee. With his enthusiastic approach, Wilf is eager to continue the work and step up the impact of our fundraising efforts with new ideas and renewed energy. Chris Domasik (past board president) has stepped into the role vacated by Wilf, and will cast her keen and thorough eye over our financials as our Treasurer and Chair of Finance. Martha Volman will remain our Secretary, and with her good-natured and patient approach, will continue her leadership of Governance, ably assisted by Alex Muir. Cindy Stewart continues with the Programs & Services Committee and overseeing the successful work of the Port Hope and Colborne stores on the Thrift Shop Committee. Amy Irwin has stepped up to be our Vice President, as well as maintaining her role as Chair of the Programs & Services Committee. Helen Lackey and Karen Goodwin will also sit on the Fundraising Committee, lending their expertise and energy there, while Bob Kelly will put his hand to being the board liaison to the Recruitment Committee.



With the United Way season underway - sort of our "New Year" - we are actively guiding the organization, with Barb's leadership and the staff's energetic work and support on and off the job.

### ***Everyone needs to step up for United Way***

**\$900,00** big ones is the United Way's fundraising goal is for the 2010 year! Absolutely everyone will have to get involved to make sure that they reach that figure. In 40 years of service in our community, the United Way has rarely not met its goal, so it is up to you and me to ensure they go the distance. Last year our Staff started giving via payroll deduction and with the Board throwing in to help top us up, we surpassed our goal and reached 116%.

Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers absolutely relies on the UW funds we receive, which is approximately 26% of our annual operating budget. That means 26% less fundraising for us, so come on and help out. There are so many different ways for you to support our UW: come to an event, challenge your colleagues at work for payroll deductions, hold a raffle for something fabulous (how about a paid day off?) or just put aside \$1 each week. Just think if everyone did that how quickly the UW would reach their 900,000 goal... it would only take 17,308 people... will you be one of them?



# Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you...

**A seriously hideous thanks...** goes out to all of Northumberland's U.G.L.Y. servers, participating restaurants, volunteers & the public who supported our campaign...your Understanding, Generosity, and Loveable(ness) made this year's fundraiser a success!

**Thanks fore everything...** to Chris Waller of Casey's Bar & Grill for co-ordinating the 17th Annual Golf For Kids Sake for us, to Investors Group and Cobourg Audio Video for their stupendous sponsorship support, and to all the volunteers and staff that made this event a winner. Little Sisters and Little Brothers enjoyed this year's co-ed camp-out weekend and our summer day camp programs thanks to the funds raised.

**MANY THANKS...** to Northumberland United Way & local industries for their co-ordination and participation in the Days of Caring. Thanks to you, Sophie has a cheery yellow office, the community room window is fixed and we have a fashionable fixture brightening our reception area.

**BIG Thanks...** to Henry and his gang of Red Knights for organizing another great motorcycle Scavenger Hunt. And adding cars to the mix didn't spoil the fun at all!

**A green and growing thanks...** to the unstoppable Garden Tour Committee (plans for next year's tour are well underway)! It was another fantastic tour, and a great fundraiser too! Thanks to all the sponsors, gardeners, donors, volunteers and participants who once again helped make this a signature event for the agency.

**Just a Little thanks...** to the United Way and all the backpack program contributors. Fifty-five very happy kids were able to start their new school year in fine style, with knapsacks packed with the tools they need to succeed.

**A big splash...** goes out to BB Joe and his fellow fishing Pros for putting together another fun day on and off the water! But how can you go wrong with boating, fishing, eating and winning trophies?! And thanks again to Tina, who volunteered her time to bus the Bigs & Littles to the lake.

**An on-going thanks to...** B&D Liquidation and A-Plus convenience for selling Nevada tickets on our behalf. This is a vital source of income for us, and if anyone out there can think of an outlet somewhere in the county that might be interested in carrying our Nevada tickets, we'd love to hear from you!

**A speedy standing ovation...** to all our Soap Box Derby helpers: John & Morris for hauling the straw; the Corps 88 Cadets for bale-unloading, loading and "officiating" the races; BB Wayne, his wife Jen (and LB Desmond — yikes!) for trucking the cars back up the hill. Morrow Transport was incredibly helpful, storing the cars all year, and then letting us use their space to fix them up and staying open late for car pick-ups. Thanks to Nick and St. Lawrence Apartments for storing our small cars. Thanks to all the Big & Little racers who braved the course, the Community Policing volunteers who clocked their speeds and the St. John's Ambulance volunteers who patched them up at the bottom! Special thanks to BBs Henry and Scott for applying their mechanical skills to cars desperately in need! And last but not least, **thanks to Dave Houston** (whom we are not allowed to thank in any way that isn't free, so here goes!) for picking up and delivering the big cars, numerous trips up the hill and finishing the day blowing straw off the street with Wayne.

**BINGO! YOU'RE ALL WINNERS!** Thanks a million, to all our loyal, dedicated Bingo volunteers. For just a few hours a month, you could join the ranks of these invaluable and much-celebrated volunteers!

**A tasty thanks...** to Pat and Sarah at the Health Unit and Valerie at the Independent in Port Hope, who helped us put together our first *What's Cookin' Good Lookin'* event! Bigs and Littles enjoyed it so much we're doing it again on Dec. 2 — check the Calendar on page 10 for details!

**A last but definitely not least thanks...** to our store volunteers, who are such an important part of our organization, and do so much to keep our stores in the black!

**Thanks a Million! Merci! Dankeschön! Graças!**

## Famous Canadian

### *Kim Campbell: a passion for politics*

Kim Campbell: who is she to you? Is she an icon, an example of what you can do if you try? Is she the first woman Prime Minister of Canada, or is she just a woman? Many see her as one of the powerful Canadian women who lead our country in one way or another, and make their mark on our history.



Such Canadian women have been responsible for many “firsts” and Kim Campbell is no exception. Born in 1947 in Port Alberni, B.C., she grew up in Vancouver. When she was 12, her mother left the family, and not long afterward, Kim jumped into school politics, and embarked on a career of ground-breaking achievements by becoming the first girl ever voted class president at Prince of Wales Secondary School.

She formally entered politics in 1980 when she was elected as a school board trustee in Vancouver. She completed her law degree in the mid-1980s while serving as Chair and then Vice-Chair of the Vancouver School board. From then on, politics was her life. In 1986, Kim was elected to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly, and two short years later, was elected to Canada’s Parliament. She was named Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development in 1989, and became the first woman to serve as Minister of Justice and Attorney General in the Mulroney cabinet the following year. But her busiest year in politics was yet to come: in 1993, she took on the portfolio of Minister of National Defence and Veterans Affairs, became leader of the PC Party, and took over as Prime Minister. Later the same year, her party lost the election (their worst defeat in the party’s history), and Campbell’s short term as Canada’s top politician was over.

But politics was still her passion: she went on to become a lecturer at Harvard University, served as Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles from 1996 to 2000 and has been active in the Council of Women World Leaders.

Could you chase your dreams like that, and struggle to achieve such seemingly unreachable goals? Kim Campbell did it, and so can you!

## Speedy start for 2 years 20 men

Since the launch of our 2 years 20 men recruitment campaign in March of this year:

- ⇒ nine volunteers have inquired about becoming Big Brothers
- ⇒ this is three times as many inquiries as we had during the same period in 2008
- ⇒ we have already matched six of these new Bigs with eagerly waiting Little Brothers!

If we continue at this rate, we could get 24 men in 2 years (but we’re not renaming the campaign)! We still have boys waiting, of course, especially in the Trent Hills area. We challenge our Bigs to search “the Hills” for some men who will join them and *dare to be kids* again!

## Alumni News



It’s that time of year again... end of summer, back to school and of course, the *Go Big and Go Anywhere* (with WestJet) promotion with Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni!

From October 15 through November 30th, 2009, all new Alumni registrants (people who are or have been involved with our organization) will be entered to win one of 10 round trips for two anywhere with WestJet’s scheduled service.

Already a registered Alumni member? Don’t miss out on your chance to win and refer a friend today. Each time you refer a friend to register with Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni, you will be entered to win one of 10 WestJet gifts of flight! Don’t delay, start today! Go to [alumni@bbbsc.ca](mailto:alumni@bbbsc.ca) for all of the details.

***The Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni program has reconnected with more than 11,110 members!***




**Watch the Alumni web site for more great contests and opportunities!**

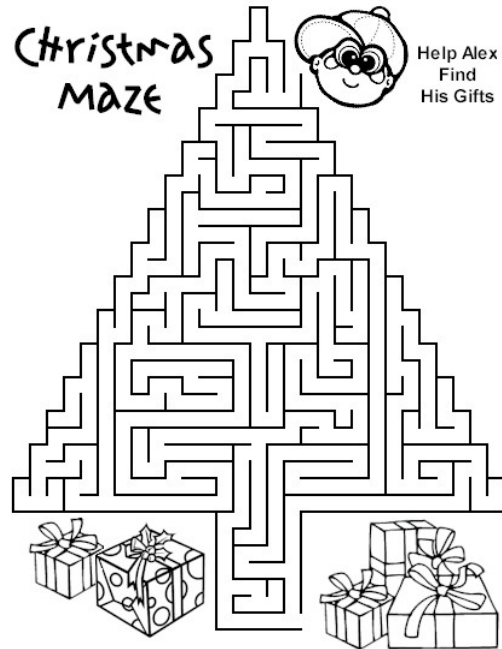
# BRAIN TWISTERS



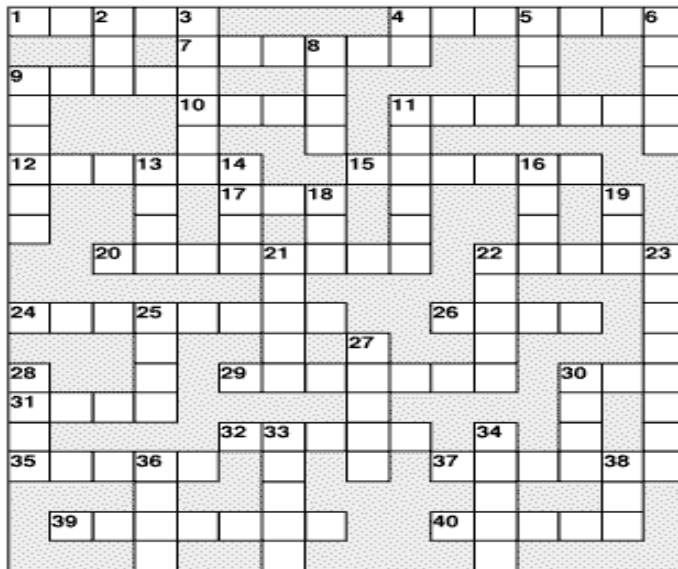
## HALLOWE'EN MELON BRAIN

*You will need: 1 small seedless watermelon*

-  Use a vegetable peeler to remove the entire green rind, exposing the inner white rind.
-  Slice off the bottom of the melon to create a flat base that will keep it from rolling. With a toothpick, outline squiggly furrows that resemble the folded surface of a brain.
-  Finally, carve narrow channels along the tracing with a sharp paring knife (get help from an adult) to expose the pink fruit beneath the rind — it's a melon brain!



## Winter Crossword



### Down:

2. Frozen water
3. Small
4. Myself
5. Small pie
6. Neck warmer
8. Chilly
9. Used to move snow
11. A season
13. Strong emotion
14. Ripped
16. Nil
18. Bath \_\_\_\_\_
19. Cloud of water vapour
21. Last month of winter
22. Wooden snow vehicles
23. Winter road condition
25. Be carried on
27. Locomotive
28. Carried along by wind
30. Piece of hockey equipment
33. Make this in the snow
34. Winter foot wear
36. Faucets can do this
38. You hear with this

### Across:

1. Sudden cold breeze
4. Hand warmers
7. Hanging spike of ice
9. Freezing rain
10. Show and \_\_\_\_\_
11. Conditions outside
12. Flowering plant, colour
15. Achoo
17. Not in
20. Month of winter
22. Carols, etc.
24. Valentine month
26. Thaw
29. Keeps drinks warm
30. Small dog
31. Winter Olympic sport
32. Silky material
35. Breeze
37. Ice sport
39. Foot warmer
40. Direct a vehicle's course



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*October 22**  
**11:30 - 1:30**



**HARVEST STEW** for Northumberland United Way. Join us at the Colborne Legion to sample many different varieties of delicious stews & desserts. \$7 per person includes stew, dessert, and drinks. Raffle ticket sales and all proceeds to benefit the Northumberland United Way.

**October 28**  
**7—8:30**

**HALLOWE'EN PARTY** at Trinity College School. For this **SCARY** night, come dressed in costume or create a one-of-a-kind costume while you are there. Come enjoy **horrifying** games, **slithery** snacks and lots of fun with old friends and **creepy** new ones. Be sure to contact the office & let us know if you are coming.

**\*December 1 - 24**

**GIFT WRAPPING** at Northumberland Mall: if you like all the bows, ribbons and yards of wrapping paper at Christmas time, then we have a volunteer opportunity for you and your friends! Get in the Christmas spirit by creating festive gifts. If you would like to participate, please call the office, **885-6422**.

**December 2**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**WHAT'S COOKIN' (AGAIN!) GOOD LOOKIN'?** at The Independent grocery store (community room) in Port Hope. This is our second What's Cookin' event, where Bigs and Littles get together in the kitchen and learn how to whip up some nutritious meals. Let us know as soon as possible if you want to attend, because space is limited! We're also looking to host this event sometime soon in Campbellford — call us if you're interested at **1-888-278-2484**

**December 7**  
**6 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Join us to start celebrating the season with a fantastic meal and great company. Come to the Church On the Hill in Cobourg (across from the mall and just west of Blockbuster) for our annual pot-luck dinner. Remember to phone to let us know if you can come and what you're bringing. We're looking for chefs to roast our turkeys, as well as people to cook lots of potatoes!

**\*January 21, 22, 23**

**MY BIG SISTER'S CLOSET SALE** Upscale clothing for every season at great prices can be found at Susan Dewhurst's annual sale. Donations of high-end, quality clothing (washed or dry cleaned, under 10 years old) for this sale can either go to Susan Dewhurst's store or our Second Helpings Store — please let them know they are donations for this sale.

**\*February 20, 2010**



**BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE** — Knock a few down for a great cause! This event brings together families, friends, students and co-workers to share some fun and an opportunity to help children in our community. So challenge your co-workers or your competition, or just grab four friends and call our office (885-6422) to register, collect pledges and come out to bowl. Events will also be held in Brighton and Campbellford, and we are always looking for volunteers for the day of the event and to help out with organizing it. If you would like to volunteer, or need community hours for school, give us a call!

**\*These are fundraising events.**

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