

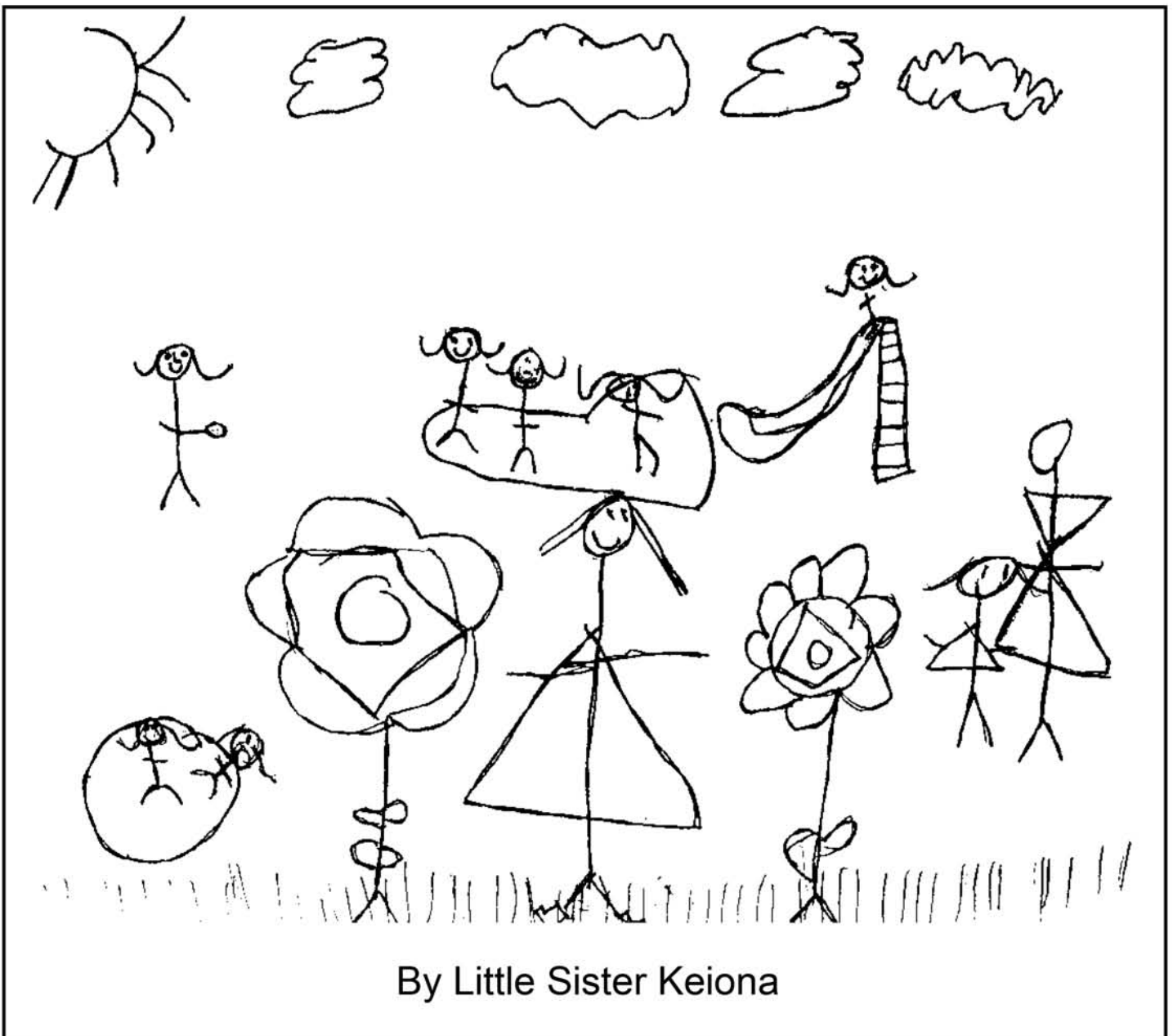
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THE MATCHMAKER



By Little Sister Keiona



**THANKS TO ALL THE
LITTLE SISTERS & LITTLE BROTHERS
WHO BOWLED**

Several young people in our program helped raise funds for our Bowl For Kids Sake campaign.

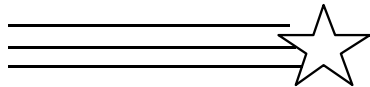
Little Brother David worked hard & bowled us over with a total of \$ 217.00. Wow!

Thanks a lot for your support!!



MONSTER TRUCK MANIA

Little Brother Kody was able to experience the roar and crushing power of Monster Trucks. Thanks to a great surprise from Big Brother Matt they both enjoyed the event in Toronto.



PRIZE WINNING WRITER

Little Sister Kassy has always been interested in writing. Recently she won the Editor's Choice Award in a poetry contest that she entered. Her poem was called "Stone By Stone".

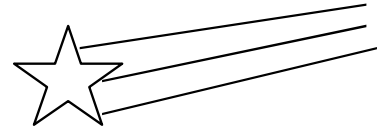
Congratulations Kassy!

CROSSING THE BIG POND

What a way to spend March Break...Little Brother Spencer is off to London, England with his soccer team.

They are competing against teams from all around the world.

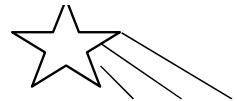
Good luck!



SPECTACULAR SPEECH

Big Sister Amy was surprised and pleased to find out that her Little Sister Shaenan, decided to write her school speech about Amy.

No doubt Shaenan will get an A+ for friendship.



THE MUSIC MOVES HER

Little Sister Tia has been working hard during her singing lessons at Tadpole Music.

All her practicing has paid off and she is looking forward to performing in an upcoming recital.

Keep up the good tunes...maybe we will see your star on the Walk of Fame someday!

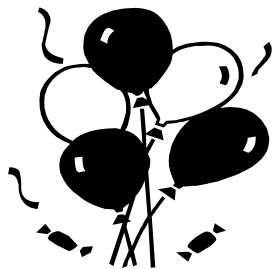


SLAM DUNK

Little Brother Connor made his school basketball team. Way to go!

Let us know how many three pointers you make!





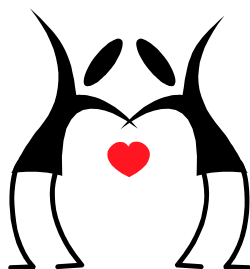
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Jessica & Lisa 1yr
 Brandon & Dan & Wanda 1yr
 Naome & Suzanne 1yr
 Kody & Matt 1yr
 Wei Yu & Joe 1yr
 Tiffany & Cassandra 1yr
 Ashley & Patricia 1yr
 Monique & Erin 1yr
 Amanda & Audrey 1yr
 Tasha & Bridget 2yrs
 David & Sean 2yrs
 Sarah & Lynda 3yrs
 Kelsey & Melissa 3yrs
 Taniesha & Sandra 3yrs
 Pearson & Barry 3yrs

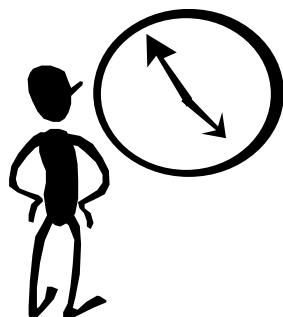
Jacob & Andrew 3yrs
 Kassy & Brenda 4yrs
 Lorraine & Candice 4yrs
 Candace & Vicky 4yrs
 Sara & Celia 4yrs
 Logan & Jeremy 4yrs
 Jane & Lateishia 4yrs
 Samantha & Anne 5yrs
 Sara & Shelagh 6yrs
 Melissa & Kerry 6yrs
 Chloe & Barb 6yrs
 Sarah & Kathy 7yrs
 Azaria & Nicole 7yrs
 Ethan & Brian 7yrs
 Amanda & Sharron 8yrs
 Heather & Cathy 9yrs

Samantha & Anne Marie 10yrs
 Andrew & Troy 10yrs
 Natasha & Rebecca 10yrs
 Carrie Ann & Elaine 10yrs
 Josh & Henry 11yrs
 Ashley & Heather 12yrs
 Christina & Trish 13yrs
 Sarah & Ruth 13yrs
 Stephanie & Carol 14yrs



NEW MATCHES

Brittany & Brenda Taylor & Louise
 Tristan & Martin Austin & Adrian



WAITING LIST

Curtis	6	Daniel	10
Riley	7	Connor	11
Jayden	7	Michel	11
Maverick	8	Jacob	11
Isaac	8	Brandi	11
Keiana	8	Tia	11
Cory	10	Dallas	12
Joshua	10	Brandon	13
Toddalyn	10	Austin	14
Kelsey	10	Justin	10
Brett	14		
Faith	10		



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

Well...well not too much gossip has reached my ears this issue, so I'm just going to wing it! Remember, if you have "the goods" on your *Big or Little* we want to hear about it. Give the scoop to your caseworker, call or e-mail the office but we only want to hear the good(s)!

Baby, oh baby...sometimes is a baby no more: BS Kat and her husband Steve are first time parents as they welcome 6-year old Kyle to their family. Congratulations!

Proud Big Sister/Auntie Wanda got to visit with baby Earlene when she and her mom stopped by at Wanda's work – congratulations go to Mazie, her husband and big brother Eoin.

P.S. Wanda who was a Big Sister to Mazie for many, many years has recently become a "Couples" match together with her partner Dan...how great is that??

We are sooo excited - recently, we learned that we will receive a \$21,200 grant for renovations for our two stores, *Second Helpings*, in Port Hope and Colborne. We think that a new, fresh look will attract more customers and volunteers alike. The monies we generate from the stores will let us recruit and match more Bigs for our Littles and that's what its all about!

A Decorator's dream...we have 25 lovely little wooden birdhouses that need some decorating – you know, give them some colour, some pizzazz, some texture, anything to make them unique! We are asking *Bigs & Littles and In School Mentor matches* to give us a call if they are interested in adorning one of these birdhouses. The birdhouses will be featured and sold at our annual *Garden Tour on June 25th* right alongside birdhouses that have been created by local artists...cool eh?

While we're on the subject of the Garden Tour, we are looking for **7 more matches** to take tickets at one of the 10 gardens on the tour – it would be great to show everyone some Big & Littles *in action*.

A very funny bowling story: we have a brand new, fabulous and energetic volunteer in our midst – she is Debbie Smith, our Bowl for Kids' Sake Super Star ☆ Debbie has single handedly recruited and also bowled with 7 new teams this year. Well, on one of the teams (we won't mention which one) the top-scoring bowler was the only man on a team of women but that's not the funny part, he was also blind and the rest of the team was sighted!

We will be bowling in *Campbellford on April 2nd at 1 and 2 pm* and we're still looking for some teams. Call us if you are interested in joining the fun!

*Wait...wait...*just one more bowling thing – our highest pledges came from 2 of our own: BB Henry Heideman at \$590 & BB Martin Foxhall raised **\$885** can you believe that??? I bet no one will be able to ever beat that! But go ahead and try...next year!

Off to the Races - with Stormin' Norman Mayhew. Our agency has been invited to partner with Norm and his crew who have been driving on the Ontario and Eastern Canada racetracks for the past ten years. By selecting our agency, he and his team will help promote & recruit Big Brothers and Big Sisters and also add to the experience of matched Big & Littles. We will be having a *joint launch of this partnership on April 22* at the Mall and we hope that many of you will come out for this event. Norm will be unveiling his new racecar at that time.

...more racing news: if you are interested in learning more about Soap Box Derby racing, Bernie Daynes of Peterborough has extended an invitation to all our Bigs & Littles to check out their display at Landsdowne Mall on April 8th and 9th The actual races start on May 20th at Kawartha Downs – for a full listing of races throughout the summer call our office.

Don't forget... to be on the lookout for the summer program sign up if you are between the ages of 6-12 years old. You won't even have to worry about a ride because we'll pick you up. There will be fun groups throughout the summer to go swimming, berry picking and a whole lot of other fabulous activities.

You won't want to miss out!



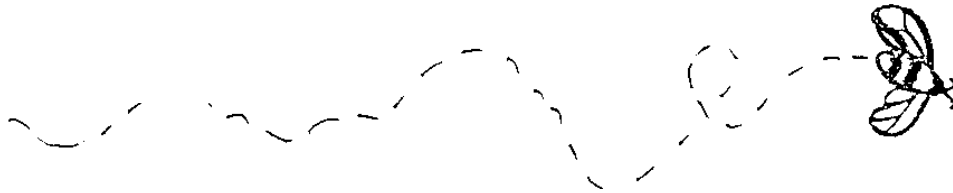
BOARD BUZZ

The snow has melted – the breeze is a little warmer – yes, spring is officially here! That of course means we are winding down our Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser, and gearing up for our **Annual General Meeting**. Please mark **May 9th** on your calendar and come out and help us celebrate our first year's accomplishments.

We are always on the lookout for some eager volunteers... do you know anyone who enjoys playing bingo? Well, maybe they would be willing to help work at one and just need to be asked. Please call the office with their name and number and we will be happy to follow up.

We have a number of community events coming up like our Cadet March, Garden Tour, motorcycle Poker Run and Colborne Craft Raffle. This is what makes Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers such a successful agency – a lot of terrific people willing to do a little, to help out a lot! Each of these events, and all the other events that take place over the course of the year, ensure the viability of the Agency. All these efforts complement the hard work done by our Board and Committee volunteers, Thrift Shop volunteers, Board volunteers, Bingo volunteers and Agency staff.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM. Come and find out about us.



Habitat for Humanity

Here's a fabulous opportunity – Habitat is looking for volunteers for their Port Hope build this summer/fall. Habitat volunteers build homes for deserving families in our community. No job is too small – the project will need skilled trades-people, lunch makers, water boys & girls and much, much more. It's a real chance to be part of your community making a difference.

Call them at: 905 373-4663 or e-mail: info@habitatnorthumberland.ca

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS

Help to make a BIG Impact on Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers!

It has come to our attention that more and more businesses and corporations are recognizing employees who volunteer by providing a grant to the organization where they volunteer.

We are asking that all volunteers talk with their employer to see whether such a program exists at their work and if so, to apply for the grant on behalf of Northumberland Big Brothers Big Sisters. It is great to see our volunteers being further recognized and celebrated for their contribution to the kids in our community. Please ***Share a Little Magic*** and talk to your employer today.

PORT HOPE STORE

Congratulations to our very talented volunteer Merle for winning the Old Tyme Christmas window display contest! The prize was tickets to the Old Tyme Christmas Ball, held at the Capital Theatre. Merle and her husband Jim made a very dashing couple in costumes from our store.



Our volunteers are on the move ...
Cindy was lucky enough to have a holiday in Mexico. She did not want to return to Canada in January – who can blame her?

Vera is away visiting her son and family in Windsor. Stella is busy as usual helping to care for her grandkids and baking us goodies when she has the time. Kathy will have a holiday as well in Florida. Gwen has stepped down from her regular time slot but will continue to volunteer when we need her to fill in from time to time. Joyce is busy wearing one or two of her many volunteer hats with the Kidney Foundation and the United Way.

Denise is getting ready for a trip to Calgary to welcome her new grandchild. It is good to see Priscilla out and about after her medical problems. We hope you are having fun on your New Zealand exchange Trisha – we miss you.

Thanks to everyone for filling in at the store while I have been off healing a broken ankle. What would we do without you?

YOU ARE GREAT !!!!

Spring is finally here! We really can't complain about the winter we had. We only had to close early one day because of bad weather. That's a record. It's nice to see things greening up and hear the birds singing. It makes you want to throw open the doors and start spring-cleaning, which means donations will be rolling in.

Volunteers Sandra, Rosemarie & Karen will be returning to active duty but we will have to say goodbye to Connie for the summer.

We are all glad Lynn is feeling better

Shauna has offered to work Friday nights at the store so we can stay open a little longer as soon as the weather gets better. After a very slow retail year in 2005, 2006 is proving to be a little brighter & the longer hours may help even more.



Why not stop in & spread a little sunshine our way at Second Helpings? You get to check our great stuff & get fabulous bargains all while you are helping us to support kids in our community. Who could ask for more?

P.S. We are all thinking of you Ethel. Get back soon!!

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...Thank you!

A very *BIG* thanks ... goes out to our many, many Gift Wrap volunteers - you were the best “**wrap artists**” we have ever seen! Thank you to the Northumberland Mall for providing the perfect space for us and to the Decorations Committee for making it festive. Thanks to Toad and his students for making us a table, Royal LePage for lending us a table and Stan Frost for fixing our table. Thank you to our key bearers at Saint Cinnamon, to Linda Horner for storing our boxes and to everyone that got their gifts wrapped in support of NBSBB. Finally, a very special thanks goes out to Ann Cox, our Gift Wrap co-ordinator extraordinaire – we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks so much ... to everyone that cooked turkeys, mashed potatoes, washed pans and helped decorate for our annual Christmas Party, it was awesome!

Many Thanks... to all the generous people who donated to the Giving Tree and created a Christmas hamper. Thanks to your generosity, many of our agency's families were able to celebrate the Christmas season this year with style. A very big thanks also goes out to the employees of OPG for their outstanding support!

We *sing* your praises ... to the Oriana Singers who donated part of their Wassail Concert proceeds to Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers.

... **still singing thanks to:** TADpole Music for offering your expertise to some of our youth.

A double thank you... to Susan Dewhurst, her staff and all of the volunteers for holding the annual “My Big Sister's Closet Sale” times two!!

An on-going thanks to... our ***Bowl for Kids Sake*** bowlers, t-shirt sponsors, lane sponsors, prize donors, team coordinators and pledgers! A special thanks goes out to all of the students that participated in our ***Bowl for Kids Sake School Challenge*** and all of the teachers and principals who helped to coordinate. And a HUGE thanks to our event volunteers, we are completely ***bowled*** over by your support and dedication!

Forever Thanks... to the entire (all 3 of them) Buckler Family and their business B & D Liquidation, for their unwavering and continued support of our agency – may luck smile down on you!

... **thanks also** to Jan Rosamond, Helen Charette and Tony Pulla for always thinking of us and supporting us in just about everything we do!

A *Brand New Thanks...* to BS Vanessa and her husband Sean Kaczmarek who opened their new business, ***Cobourg Audio Video Unlimited*** and donated the top Bowl for Kids Sake prize – a flat screen TV! (We're hoping for a long term relationship). Congratulations and may you prosper!

Thank you... to the Students and Staff of TCS for giving their time, space and sense of fun to kids in the Little Bear Program and the No Name girls program. You make a difference!

A Scholastic Thank You ... to our In-School Mentors Tom, Laurel, Warren, Janette and Mary Jane for a combined total of 27 years supporting kids in our schools.

THANKS A MILLION! DANKESCHON! GRACIAS! MERCI!

FAMOUS CANADIAN

Avril Ramona Lavigne is 22 years old. She was born in Belleville but moved to Napanee when she was 5 years old.

During her childhood, Avril sang in her church choir & taught herself to play guitar.

When Avril was 16 years old she moved to Manhattan to begin working on her debut album. As you probably know, she sings pop/punk music & has been performing professionally for 7 years & enjoys everything about it.

She has released two albums titled, *Let Go* and *Under My Skin*. Combined world wide sales for these two albums has reached 24 million. Her third album is to be released sometime in 2006.

Avril won two World Music Awards in 2004 for World's Best Pop/Rock Artist and World's Best-Selling Canadian Artist. She received five Juno Award nominations in 2005, picking up three, including Fan Choice Award, Artist of the Year and Pop Album of the Year. She also won the award for Favourite Female Singer at the 18th Annual Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.

Avril started writing music at age 12 & is now an accomplished songwriter. She co-wrote "Breakaway", which was recorded by Kelly Clarkson, for the soundtrack of the movie "Princess Diaries 2."

Avril made her film debut in an animated film called "Over the Hedge". She was also in a Richard Gere film "The Flock". Her third project "Fast Food Nation" is based on her favourite book.

Avril was quoted to say, "When I first started to sing I thought, I can look punk because I was a small town singer. After the years went on, I realised that this was not me, so I changed my look. So now I have long blond hair, I like to dress up in skirts, and all the other pretty outfits. I like to wear make up and I love to wear jewellery & now I don't look like a punk skater girl, I look like a nice girly girl."

Some of her hobbies include: camping, skateboarding, hunting & hockey.

In the 2006 Turin Olympics, Avril performed at the Medals Plaza and she also performed at the closing ceremonies.

Avril has been a great female ambassador for Canada.

SURFING THE WEB

Here are a list of some fun & safe sites that you could possibly surf with your parents or Big Sister/Big Brother (***be aware the content on these sites & links can change at any time***).

www.kidshealth.org - articles, animation & games to help parents & kids learn more about health issues.

www.AJKids.com - is a question answering & web search engine for children 7-14.

www.yahooligans.yahoo.com - web guide for kids games, jokes, news, sports, reference & more.

www.teacher.scholastic.com - kid news with games, quizzes, debate topics & in-depth reports.

www.timeforkids.com - this site provides an online version of the magazine Time for Kids.

www.nationalgeographic.com - adventure, expeditions, nature, conservation, history, culture, weather, natural forces & dinosaurs.

www.hersheys.com - chocolate recipes, games & information.

www.kidsdomain.com - reviews of children's software, icons to download & links to online games.

www.funbrain.com - educational games for kids of all ages.

www.squigly'splayhouse.com - arts & crafts, games & jokes.

www.Ecokids.ca - games, activities, & printable pages.

www.discoverykids.ca - explores real life adventures on this amazing planet.

www.kids.msfc.nasa.gov - space, science, rockets & solar system.

www.Cbc4kids.ca - a place where you can explore & create.



BRAIN TWISTERS

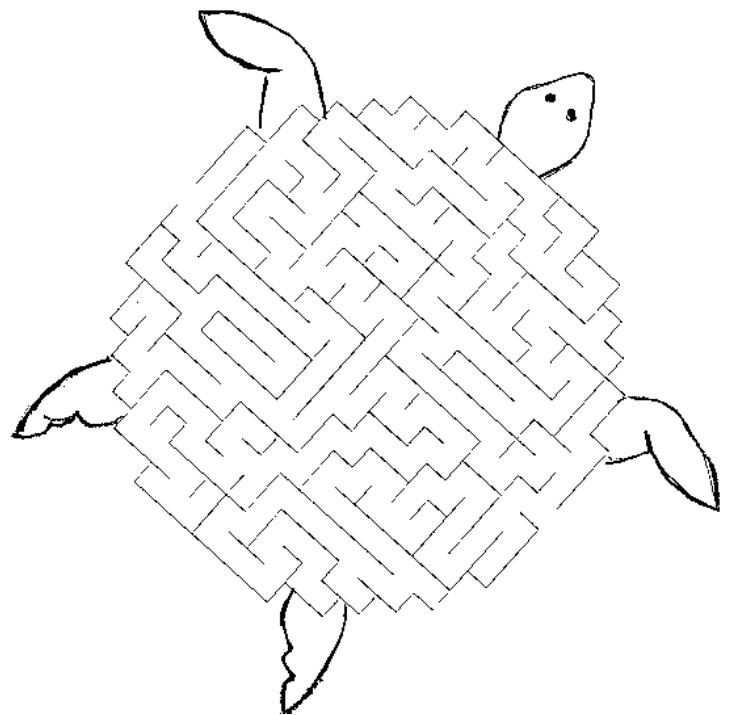


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Sea Turtle Maze



WHO KNEW?

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Giraffes sleep only 30 minutes a day, broken into 5-minute naps.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Wrap celery in aluminum foil and it will keep for weeks in the fridge.

Try removing your next splinter with Scotch Tape.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 9 7:00 – 9:00

AGM Citizen Forum Victoria Hall, Cobourg. We hope you are able to join us.

Saturday, May 27

Instant Win Raffle at Apple Blossom Festival The Colborne folks are being crafty again. *Second Helpings* will be sponsoring their annual raffle. All friends of NBSBB are invited to donate arts and crafts to help make this fundraising event a huge success.

May 27

Cadet Fundraising March Volunteers are needed to hand out water along the route, cheer a little & to assist at the BBQ for hungry & thirsty marchers.

June 6



Casey's Golf Tournament This year's event is promising to be bigger than ever! At \$100/player for 18 holes at Ashbrook Golf Course, a golf cart, a steak dinner and prizes, you won't want to miss this golf tournament. Organized by Casey's Bar & Grill and co-sponsored by the Investors Group, all proceeds go towards our summer youth programs. Let us know if you have a team teed up for that day.

June 11



Poker Run Big Brother Henry H. is organizing this brand new fundraising event. Motorbike Riders needed – great prizes awarded. For more details contact our office.

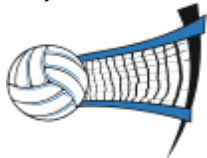
June 17

Fishing Derby Bigs and Littles are invited to take part and enjoy reeling in some really big fish. You need to notify our office **ASAP** as we need to let Big Brother Joe know how many boats and fishing pros we will need as space is limited.

Sunday, June 25
10 am – 4 pm

Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour A celebration of ten exceptional gardens tucked away along the back roads of beautiful Northumberland County. Passports are available after May 1st for only \$20. Call our office for more details. ***Once again this year we are looking for some Big Sister/Brother matches to help us on this day, it is a great way to spend some time together.***

July 9



Sandblaster Beach Volleyball Tournament Not-to-be missed annual sports event at Victoria Park Beach in Cobourg. Divisions are: Competitive 4's Recreational 6's & Youth. In addition to excellent volleyball there will be fabulous prizes to be won all day long. If you would like to play or would like to sponsor a team give us a call at (905) 885-6422 or 885-8435.

Aug. 11- 13

Big Sisters Campout Roll up your sleeping bag, pack up your bug spray and sunscreen and mark this date on your calendar. Our annual campout at Presqu'île is here once again so be prepared for a great weekend!

For 25 years girls have been camping with Big Sisters and we would like to offer this experience to our boys as well. We need to hear from you if there is any BB & LB interest for an overnight camping event. This event cannot happen safely without BB volunteers, as we need at least a 3:1 child/adult ratio. **Please call our office and let us know if you would be interested and what weekend might work for you.**

Since we now have a combined agency (BS & BB) and have a larger number of matches and children on the waiting list, we need to limit the attendance at group activities to **Big Sisters, Big Brothers, Little Sisters and Little Brothers and children on the waiting list.**



United Way Member Agency

