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SPRING & SUMMER 2007

THE MATCHMAKER



BY LITTLE SISTER - KRISTEN

DOUBLE THE FUN



Little Sisters Faith & Tasha P. were very creative when they wrote and illustrated their own books. To celebrate the creative talents of St. Joseph's students, their books were displayed in the Cobourg Public Library during March break.

I know Bridget as well as Tracey & Mike are bursting with pride over their Little Sisters creative talents!



HE SHOOTS! HE SCORES!



Little Brother Pearson scored the winning goal with only 30 seconds left in the hockey game!

He was called up to play in a Midget game, and I'm sure they were thrilled that he was on their bench.

Way to go Pearson!



PICTURE PERFECT

Congratulations to Little Sister Christina who is off to Ottawa University in the fall. She will be studying photography.

I'm sure her Big Sister Trish will be excited to see her enter into this next phase of her life!

AWARD WINNER

Little Sister Nicole had all her hours of hard work pay off when she received *NOT JUST 1 BUT 2*, Achievement Awards, one for Math and the other for being an Honor Roll student.

Outstanding Nicole!



REBUILDING NEW ORLEANS

With hammer in hand, Little Sister Ashley is volunteering to rebuild houses for families who had lost so much during Hurricane Katrina.

What a great way to give back to others!



STRIKING IT BIG FOR BIG SISTERS BIG BROTHERS

We really appreciate all the support shown at Bowl For Kids Sake. **A GREAT BIG THANKS TO:**

Austin & Adrian	Henry	Connor & Steve
Katrina & Kat	Ashley & Patricia	Judy Dayna
Justin Mac.	Mark & Sean	Wei Yu
Kody & Matt	Vanessa	Brett & Martin



VOLUNTEER WEEK

Little Brother Curtis was interviewed for an article for the Volunteer Supplement to help highlight what a huge difference volunteers make to the lives of children.

He thinks his Big Brother Chuck is great!





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

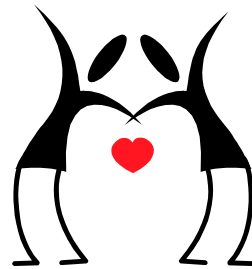


Connor & Steve 1yr
 Keiana & Jeanette 1yr
 Taylor & Louise 1yr
 Kelsey & Julie 1yr
 Jessica & Lisa 2yrs
 Brandon & Dan & Wanda 2yrs
 Naome & Suzanne 2yrs
 Kody & Matt 2yrs
 Tiffany & Cassandra 2yrs
 Ashley & Patricia 2yrs
 Monique & Erin 2yrs
 Amanda & Audrey 2yrs
 Tasha & Bridget 3yrs
 David & Sean 3yrs

Sarah & Lynda 4yrs
 Kelsey & Melissa 4yrs
 Barry & Pearson 4yrs
 Jacob & Andrew 4yrs
 Kassy & Brenda 5yrs
 Lorraine & Candice 5yrs
 Sara & Celia 5yrs
 Nikki & Jessica 6yrs
 Samantha & Anne 6yrs
 Melissa & Kerry 7yrs
 Chloe & Barb 7yrs
 Sarah & Kathy 8yrs
 Azaria & Nicole 8yrs
 Ethan & Brian 8yrs
 Amanda & Sharron 9yrs

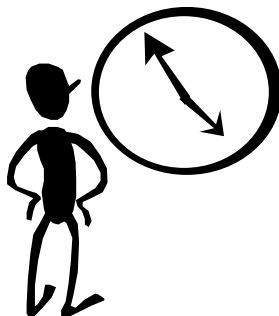
Heather & Cathy 10yrs
 Stephanie & Carol 10yrs
 Carrie Ann & Elaine 11yrs
 Natasha & Rebecca 11yrs
 Samantha & Anne Marie 11yrs
 Josh & Henry 12yrs
 Ashley & Heather 13yrs
 Christina & Trish 14yrs
 Sarah & Ruth 14yrs

NEW MATCHES



Stephanie & Kim
 Brandi & Katie
 Cory & Scott
 Maria & Jane
 Faith & Tracy & Mike
 Curtis & Chuck
 Riley & Rob
 Brianna & Karli
 Brett & Martin
 Kristen & Vicky

WAITING LIST



Jordan	6	Justin	11
Johnathon	8	Daniel	11
Jayden	8	Toddalyn	11
Riley	9	Justin	11
Maverick	9	Michel	12
Isaac	9	Jacob	12
Justin	10	Crystal	13
James	10	Brandon	14
Joshua	11	Austin	15



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

Let's start out with some really BIG news...our very own Garden Tour Queen was nominated and crowned **VOLUNTEER of the YEAR!** Just about the entire garden tour committee was present at this year's Cobourg Civic Awards ceremony to cheer. We are very lucky to count Jane Frost as one of our own. Congratulations Jane! It was well deserved and the community is fortunate to have volunteers like Jane.

Here are some new and exciting places you can find our Big & Littles:

- Former Little Sister Sara is a finalist in the Northumberland Idol and the final competition will be held on April 21st in Brighton, ENSS.
- LS Karli is heading "out west" as she has accepted a job in the food industry at a resort in British Columbia.
- There are 4 Littles going "down east" to Tatamagouche NS to spend one glorious week at Tim Hortons camp.
- Big Sister Vicky will be visiting exotic locales in Africa this summer and we're hoping she'll write to us and share her experiences.

Let me tell you a sad tale of boy meets telephone pole, while trying to avoid garbage pail, on bike... Little Brother Austin was so happy that the weather had turned and it finally felt like spring, he hopped on his bike and did not see that pole jumping out at him. Austin is now sporting a fancy fiberglass cast to help his arm bone straighten. So this spring, be on the lookout for those nasty poles when you're riding your bike and wear your helmet!

We welcome our new In School Mentoring Co-op student, Laura. She is a grade 11 student at Port Hope High School who is interested in working with children in the future. Laura is currently mentoring 8 children on a one-to-one basis in two different schools and sometimes she helps out in our office as well. That's what we like – a multi talented, hard working young person who volunteers.

Best fishin' buddies ... Little Brother Wei Yu and Big Brother Joe closed their match recently and rumour has it that the agency is keeping Joe *on ice* so that he can be re-matched when he returns from Texas.

Seniority Supreme is what Little Brother Trevor has in the Little Bear program, which is hosted twice a month at Trinity College School in Port Hope. He has attended for several years and as a result, played just about every sport that the school has to offer. He has befriended a number of TCS students from around the world and we all have watched him grow into a wonderful young man (we also have watched his hair colour with great interest).

Becoming a teenager is reason to celebrate, which is just what Big Sister Anne did for Little Sister Megan.

She hosted a fabulous party for Megan, invited some friends, baked a cake & everyone had a terrific time. What a great way to mark a coming of age.

Connections & Friendships... Little Sister Ashley's mom is getting married and Ashley's Big Sister Patricia and her husband Vic are going to decorate the hall as a wedding gift. Cool eh?

... and a cherry on top! Big Sister Bridget is hoping that soon she will be driving a police cruiser of her own. She is just completing her police training in Aylmer and will then be on staff with the Durham Police Department. Way to go Bridget!!





BOARD BUZZ

Greetings from your Board of Directors. The holidays have come and gone, winter is on its way out and the warm weather is just around the corner.

Our year has started off full swing with My Big Sisters' Closet Sale and the Summerhouse Dance and Silent Auction. Bowl for Kids Sake is winding down with only a few more schools to bowl. Thank you to all of our volunteers, staff and supporters who have helped make these events a success. We are making preparations for our **Annual General Meeting**, which will be on **Tuesday, May 22nd**, so mark your calendars.

In addition to our Colborne Craft Raffle, Garden Tour and Motorcycle Poker Run, we have some new events scheduled for this year so stay tuned by checking our website and the local media. All of our events raise dollars for programs and services for our Littles. The support of events such as these ensures the viability of the Agency.

In March, it was with regret that we accepted Julia McNaughton's resignation as President. We say a fond farewell to board members, Julia McNaughton and Ken Jones. We are very pleased to welcome Martha Volman, Amy Irwin, Wilf Quigley and Sylvia Poulain to our Board.

We are grateful to all our current and past volunteers and always welcome new individuals. Whether you are interested in volunteering as a Mentor, by joining a Committee or the Board, helping with a fundraiser, at our Thrift stores or at a bingo, we would be happy to discuss these and other opportunities with you. So don't be shy ... seeing that smile on a Little Brothers' or Little Sisters' face is **so** worthwhile. Without you, we couldn't do what we do.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.

Chris Domasik
President



Make a **BIG** Difference in the Well-Being of Northumberland Youth!

Join Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers' Board of Directors to ensure that every child that needs a mentor has a mentor. Our agency provides mentoring programs to children ages 6-18, by fostering self-worth, positive growth and a sense of belonging. We are currently inviting interested members of the community with varied backgrounds and areas of expertise to serve on the Board of Directors.

Last year over 350 volunteers gave 25,000 hours to the organization – come join us!

For more information please call 905 885-6422 or 1 888 278-2484 or e-mail barbbsbb@eagle.ca



PORT HOPE STORE



Come on in and check out our new spring arrivals & you will be surprised to see some new changes to our store.

We welcome new student Rachel, granddaughter of faithful volunteer Stella.

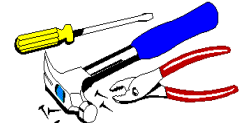
Denise was lucky enough to spend Christmas with her daughter and grandson in Calgary.

I was also happy to spend Christmas in B.C. with our grandchildren and family.

Cindy and Kathy are both in Florida enjoying the warm weather and sun. We will be heading there soon for a holiday as well.

We all wish Meredith a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

Many thanks to Bonnie Tuttle and her brother-in-law Brian for finishing a new display area that holds a variety of items that come into the store.



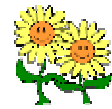
Once again, a huge thanks to Susan Dewhust for holding another successful "My Big Sister's Closet Sale". It was a great event raising over \$4,300.00 for Big Sisters Big Brothers.

Thanks to Trudy Lum and her helpers who priced and displayed all of the lovely clothing for the sale. As well as the many "sales" volunteers & donors for making this such a success.

Ethel, Store Manager



COLBORNE STORE



Winter is almost over and we are all looking forward to spring!

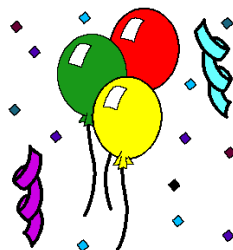
Everything old looks new again and we all love our new carpet!

We're planning a huge celebration April 13th at our store.

It is our 20th Anniversary!

So please come in & wish us a Happy Anniversary, share some cookies, coffee & memories with us.

We'll have lots of fun, discounts & give aways



Cynthia will get some extra cookies, because she has been with us all 20 years. Congratulations Cynthia !!!

We welcome new volunteer Karen & will be very happy to see Rosemarie & Karen T. return.

Congratulations from all of us to Sandra on her new grandbaby!

"Apple Blossom" is the last weekend in May, so don't forget our famous "Instant Win Draw". If you have a prize, gift or amazing craft to donate please call the office or the Colborne Store, 905-355-2930.

Thanks.

Janet, Store Manager

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

Thanks so much ... to all of the Wrap Artists at Christmas time. Thank you for donating your time during the holiday season to wrap gifts and support our agency! A huge thanks to B&D Liquidation for donating all of the beautiful wrapping paper, ribbon and bows and to Northumberland Mall for providing the space!

Many Thanks... to all of the families, friends and workplaces whose generous donations to Christmas hampers provided several of our families with the gift of a traditional Christmas. A BIG thank you goes out to OPG for their incredible generosity and consideration.

A double thank you ... to Susan Dewhurst and her volunteers for holding "My Big Sister's Closet Sale" x2! We also want to recognize the donors as well as the shoppers for their contributions.

Thank you for striking it BIG ... to everyone that bowled, pledged, sponsored and volunteered for our Bowl For Kids Sake events. Special thanks to all of the schools that organized field trips and to team captains for recruiting more bowlers. **BIG** thanks to all the t-shirt and lane sponsors, as well as the prize donors and to Northshore Lanes, Presqu'ile Lanes and Trent Valley Lanes.

A STANDING OVATION... to B&D Liquidation for being our title sponsor for Bowl For Kids Sake, for donating our grand prize, providing us with supplies for Gift Wrap and for selling Nevada tickets for us. We are so thankful for your support and generosity!

A very tasty Thanks ... to Steve, Christine, Meghan & the staff of East Side Mario's for choosing our agency as their charity of choice & for including us in their Open House. We had a great time "sipping, sampling & savouring" your delicious food and being granted the chance to promote our services.

A Hippy Hoppity Thanks to... Wal-Mart for choosing us to participate in their Easter Egg painting campaign & also to all of the Easter Egg volunteer decorators that came out.

An ongoing thanks to ... Kerri, Josh, Tony & the terrific students at Trinity College School for their continued support of our Little Bear programs.

We're singing your praises ... to Summerhouse, their entourage, our volunteers and supporters that came to **ROCK OUT** and support our agency. Big thanks to all of the local businesses and friends of the agency, especially Vanessa, who donated to our silent auction and to Tara from The Breeze 107.9

A HUGE thanks ... to Debbie Smith and her many, many bowling friends and family. As well, we could not have done without her expertise & contacts in local schools for our BFKS event.

Many Thanks... to the staff at A Plus Convenience (especially Natasha) for selling Nevada tickets for us. Your support means so much.

A BIG thanks... to all the Rotary and Probus Clubs, Lions and Legions in our communities who asked us to come and tell them about our service to youth.

A last but never least thanks ... to all our fabulous & dedicated Bingo volunteers – we dab you.

Thanks a Million! Dankeschon! Gracias! Merci!

Famous Canadian

Written for all ages, Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery had the story "Anne of Green Gables" published in 1908. Anne of Green Gables is the first book of its series and has been loved by almost all who read it. Montgomery relates the main character Anne Shirley to herself in many aspects of the story, such as the location they live and career choices.

Lucy Montgomery was born in Clifton, Prince Edward Island in 1874. Growing up Lucy lived with her grandparents in PEI after her mother died when she was only 21 months old. Her father then remarried and moved to Saskatchewan. After completing school, Montgomery attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown and received her teaching certificate. Later she attended university, where she studied literature.

Returning home to live with her grandmother, Lucy worked as a journalist for newspapers. It was during this time that Montgomery was inspired to write this story of new adventures, and the belief that looking on the bright side of things, will get you through a happy and well lived life.

Lucy married a minister named Ewan McDonald. They moved to Ontario, and over the years had 3 sons Chester, Ewan, and Hugh. Today she is remembered with the Lucy Maud Montgomery Leaskdale Manse Museum as well as with the Lucy Maud Montgomery Memorial Garden in Halton Hills, Ontario.

100 Years of Anne! In 2008 Prince Edward Island will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the publication of Anne of Green Gables. Across Prince Edward Island, Anne enthusiasts will enjoy a year-long celebration of Lucy Maud Montgomery's imagination, inspiration and creativity.

Volunteer ... You'll feel good all year!

In this newsletter we thought we would highlight some of the great volunteer opportunities available with our agency just in case you have some friends or relatives with some time to give – we have **19** children waiting to be matched.

1 Hour a Week

Be an [In School Mentor](#)

3 Hours a Week

Be a [Big Sister](#) or [Big Brother](#) or
Be a [Couples Match](#)

4 Hours a Week

Be a [Thrift Store](#) Volunteer

5 Hours a Month

Join a [Committee](#) or Join our [Board](#)

2 Hours a Year

Come out [Bowling](#) or help with [Gift-wrap](#)

15 Hours a Year

Be on a [BINGO](#) Team

24 Hours a Year

Become a [Go Girls! Facilitator](#)

Give us a call & we'll spend some time with you!

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Nurseries

May 12 Rangers: 10 - 1pm & 1- 4pm

May 26 Independent, Port Hope: 10 -1pm & 1- 4pm

Viking: 10 -1 pm & 1- 4pm

Canadian Tire:(tentative)10 -1pm & 1- 4pm

Farmers markets

(waiting for dates for these locations) Cobourg, Campbellford & Port Hope

If you are interested in volunteering on any of these dates please leave your name and number with the office and we will have someone from the Garden Tour Committee contact you.

BRAIN TWISTERS

BUTTERFLIES

R Y I F D Z I F Y C T I N O S
 A D W A T D Y C X G I F C W F
 L I F E C Y C L E P P O U L T
 L O L M W I J O F D S P O A D
 I H D N O W P G L R X W A Y F
 P O L L I N A T E O E G U L F
 R F B N K R A T Q R R T G Z F
 E F G T D A A R S Z V F T D E
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 C O M I R A O X W Y N W N W D
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Butterfly
 Garden
 Pollinate
 Caterpillar
 Life Cycle
 Pupa



Colorful
 Migrate
 Spring
 Flowers
 Monarch
 Wings



DID YOU KNOW?

Dragonflies are one of the fastest insects flying 50 to 60 mph.

A cockroach can live for up to a week without a head.

Ants don't sleep.

Each year insects eat 1/3 of the Earth's food crop.

Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.

You're more likely to be a target for mosquitoes if you eat bananas.

The blood of mammals is red, the blood of insects is yellow and the blood of lobsters is blue.

Australian termites have been known to build mounds 20 feet high and at least 100 feet wide.

In its entire lifetime, the average worker bee produces a 1/12th teaspoon of honey.



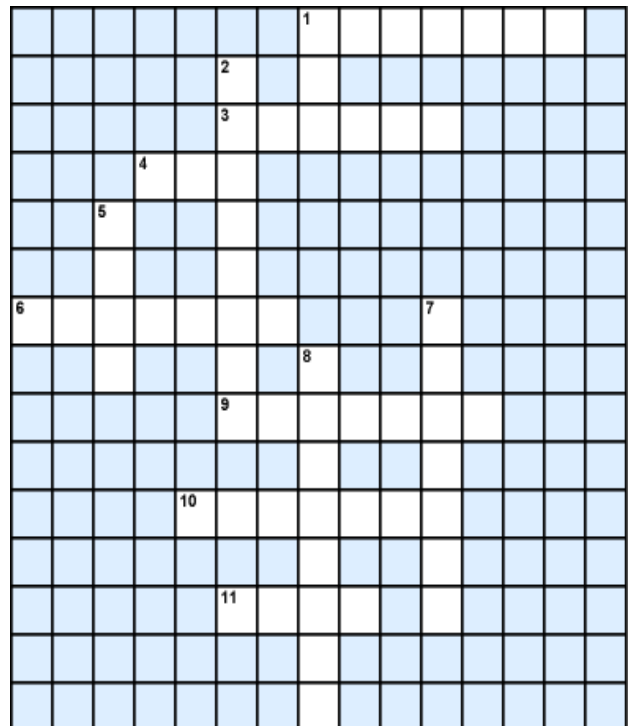
Across

- Catches ball thrown by the pitcher.
- Calls strikes & balls.
- A wooden or metal object used to hit the baseball.
- This player throws the ball over home plate.
- The area between three bases & home plate.
- When a player runs around all the bases.
- A group of players that play a game.



Down

- A brimmed hat worn by the team.
- The part of the field furthest from the batter & outside of the diamond.
- Used to catch a ball.
- There are nine _____ in a baseball game.
- A game that is played on a diamond



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday May 5,
June 16 &
Aug. 18



PartSource BBQ's – 3 BBQs means *triple the fun* so come out to all three dates, enjoy some hot dogs or burgers & support our agency! We're looking for volunteers to flip burgers.

Tuesday May 22

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

Saturday May 26

Yoga - Prepare to stretch & bend for 3 relaxing but challenging hours of yoga hosted by local instructors. Call 905-885-6422 & we'll save you a mat.

May 26 & 27

Instant Win Raffle at Apple Blossom Festival - The crafty folk at Colborne Second Helpings will be sponsoring their annual raffle in the park. Friends of Big Sisters Big Brothers are invited to donate art & crafts to help make this event the craftiest ever.

Sunday June 24

The Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour - will feature 8 outstanding gardens in Trent Hills, which is in the Warkworth area. Passports will be available after May 1st for \$20.00. For more information call 905-885-6422.

Saturday July 7



Fishing With the Pros - Bigs & Littles are invited to slap on some sunscreen & join us for a day on the water. For the 2nd year, Big Brother Joe has organized an exciting day full of fishing, BBQs & contests for all of our matches! This year we're taking a bus to Bridgenorth, so please call your caseworker by **June 22** and sign up – **boats & seats are limited**.

Sunday June 17

Poker Run - Big Brother Henry is all *revved* up to host the 2nd Annual Poker Run. So jump on those motorcycles, cruise around Northumberland County in search of that perfect poker hand, win great prizes & support our agency

Tuesday, June 5



Casey's Golf Tournament - This year's event is promising to be bigger than ever! You won't want to miss this golf tournament organized by Casey's Bar & Grill. All proceeds from the tournament go towards our summer youth programs. Let us know if you have a team teed up for that day.

Aug. 10-12
(Girls)

&

Aug. 18-19
(Boys)

Campout Presqu'ile 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!

Thursday Aug. 30

80's Dance - Join us at the Oasis Bar and Grill. Come out & enjoy a new twist on a classic event, win great prizes & have a blast! Tickets will be available at the Oasis and our office on 18 John St., Port Hope or call 905-885-6422.

August



U.G.L.Y. Server Contest - Dynamic servers from restaurants & pubs throughout the county compete for the title most, "Understanding, Generous, Lovable You" & best of all raise money for our ongoing youth programs through exciting & innovative events. Come out & get U.G.L.Y.!

