

Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



It has been a busy and eventful year for Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex and I look forward to continuing my term as President of the Board of Directors. Together we have seen the agency take great strides forward in realizing its vision but our work is far from over. I do want to take this opportunity to thank the many mentors, youth, families, donors, funders, volunteers, staff and board members who give their hearts and time to our mission. We truly could not do our great work without each one.

The past year we saw the beginnings of our new collaboration with the House of Shalom, Sandwich Teen Action Group and the Youth and Family Resource Network of Essex County. I have no doubt that building upon the strengths of each agency we will be able to serve more children, more effectively and advance the values of mentoring throughout our region.

We have also welcomed a new staff member in the person of Philip Diesbourg our Development Officer. We look forward to working together with Philip and our Executive Director, John Sutton, as we continue to enhance our marketing, public relations and fundraising portfolios.

And we continue to meet the challenges of the not-for-profit sector with an active HR committee committed to ensuring the agency is current with all the new legislation surrounding workplace violence. We look forward to being leaders in measuring success both at the governance and program levels.

Lastly, I would like to extend a special thanks to my predecessor, Mary Vicente, for her outstanding service to BBBSWE. Mary may no longer serve on the board but we certainly know her support is unwavering.

I look forward to working with the entire board and staff as we build the future of mentoring services in our region!

Tom Lynd,
President

MISSION STATEMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex is a not for profit organization supporting youth, families and adult volunteers in mentoring relationships where youth gain life experience and achieve personal growth.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

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VISION STATEMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex is an organization that works together to:

- Expand services to reach new groups and reduce the waiting list;
- Build relationships to increase participation in the organization; and
- Be recognized and valued by the community for its impact on youth



Fundraising

Supporting the Mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

How do we fund the programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex? The financial support we receive from the United Way is crucial, making up about two-thirds of our operating budget. The final third of our budget must be generated through fundraising initiatives in our community.



Corporate sponsorship, donations from individuals, fundraising events and third party fundraising are the keys to our financial stability. Community support continues to be absolutely essential to fulfilling our mission.

Fundraising events put on in 2009 include *Bowl for Kids Sake*, the *23rd Annual Battle of the Hors D'Oeuvres*, and the *Roth Mosey and Partners Charity Golf Tournament*. Our volunteers were also hard at work selling tickets for the *Big Prizes-Small Prices Raffle* and staffing bingos throughout the year.

We continue to benefit from third-party fundraising where groups have raised money on our behalf or otherwise supported our fundraising efforts. Break Open Nevada Ticket sales at local convenience stores, grocery store

A change of shoes can change a life.

More than 600 participants collected pledges for our annual bowl-a-thon. Altogether, this signature event raised over \$47,000 to support the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

receipt tape collection, vending machine sales, and various special events all helped to sustain the services offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex.

Thanks to the generosity of corporate partners and thousands of individual supporters across Windsor and Essex County, Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex was able to maintain a balanced budget for fiscal year 2009, and continue to offer proven benefits to the youth of our community. We couldn't have done it without you!

Statistically Speaking

The following numbers illustrate the involvement of children and volunteers throughout the year in various programs:

- 10 Littles attended Tim Horton Camp in Kentucky
- at the end of 2009 there were 100 traditional one-to-one matches in the program
- 86 matches were made during the year
- 95 matches ended during the year
- there were 64 In-School Mentor matches as of December 2009
- there were 90 boys and girls waiting for a Big as of December 2009
- 189 people attended Volunteer Information Sessions
- Summer Day Camp had 173 children in total over 8 weeks in July and August

Staff Compliment

Executive Director
John Sutton

Director of Programs
Denes Jakob

Caseworkers:
Rose Culmone
Terri Hogan
Linda Souigny

In-School Mentoring Coordinators
Ann Glover
Kellie Tolton

Groupwork Coordinator
Anna Trinca

Development Officer
Philip Diesbourg

Office Manager
Barbara Browning

Bookkeeper
Candice Phillips

Students
University of Windsor
2009- 2010

Nicole Sahli
Tina Cebara
Kofi Kwarteng

