



# Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex



**SPRING 2011**



## *A Message From The Executive Director*

*by John Sutton*

We've been busy at BBBSWE during the first quarter of 2011. We've held our annual Bowl for Kids Sake event and raised over \$47,000 for the agency and its programs. And by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Hors D'Oeuvres. Both of these signature events help us provide quality mentoring programs and I want to thank the respective committees, volunteers, and attendees for making them possible!

In March we held our Annual General Meeting and took the opportunity to honour some special people. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I was pleased to present awards to the Sisters of St. Joseph and Ready Bake Foods Inc. for their support of our Group Mentoring Programs. We also honoured Nunes Building Maintenance for their donation of services over the past two years. Finally, we thanked Lucas Labute for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty as one

of our key volunteers. It was truly a special evening when you can honour so many for all they do for the youth of Windsor-Essex.

We also completed a Service Delivery Review in March and look forward to implementing positive changes that will help us serve more kids more effectively. And we'll soon be gearing up for our annual Roth Mosey & Partners LLP Golf Tournament. Don't forget there are countless ways to help the agency out for as little as one hour per week.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us out with our mentoring programs, our committees and our special events. It really is a lot of fun and a great way to help out the youth of our community.

Reminder that our summer office hours will take effect from June 1st to September 2nd, 2011 ~ 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Little Brother Marlin presents an award to Sister Patricia Hogan on behalf of The Sisters of St. Joseph. Also pictured is John Sutton.

In photo at right is Marlin who presented an award to BBBS volunteer Lucas Labute.

### BBBSWE Annual General Meeting - March, 2011



Pictured below is BBBS Office Manager, Barbara Browning, award recipient Jon Cooney of Nunes Building Maintenance, BBBS Executive Director, John Sutton, and BBBS Bookkeeper, Candice Phillips.



## Fund Development

### Bowlers Make a BIG Difference!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our 2011 Bowl for Kids Sake event a tremendous success! Through the support of local businesses and the hard work of all our bowlers who brought in pledges we were able to raise \$47,000 for our youth mentoring programs. These dollars will help us recruit, screen and train caring adult volunteers who will make an important difference in the life of area youth.

Special recognition goes to Tim Hortons, AM800 CKLW, TVCogeco, The Windsor Star, Kin Canada, CAW Local 444 and Prudential Select Realty Brokerage Ltd for sponsoring this year's event. We'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and support of the staff of Empire Lanes, Rose Bowl Lanes and Logan's Restaurant for all the behind the scenes assistance. Finally we want to thank all our committee members and volunteers who helped make a BIG difference in the lives of the children we serve.

Congratulations to the top team *Hortons Heroes* of TJ Enterprises, Tim Hortons. Tim Hortons has been a significant contributor to the event over the years.



## Program Activity

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

If you are interested in volunteering for one of our Mentoring Programs or Group Program, the first step is to attend an Information Session at our building. The Information Session provides information about the programs that Big Brothers Big Sisters offers and lasts approximately one hour.

*Upcoming sessions will be held on the following dates:*

**Monday, May 16, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 10:00 am.**

**Thursday, June 30, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 14, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 28, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Please call the office at 519-945-6232 if you would like to sign up for one of the above dates.

We also offer volunteer opportunities in other areas. If you are interested in sitting on a committee, helping with special events, being a bingo volunteer etc. please call the office at 519-945-6232 and we would be glad to assist you.

## In-School Mentoring & Go Girls!

We are having so much fun at the schools! The In-School Mentoring Program and Go Girls are going great! It is hard to believe the year is almost ending. Thank-you to all the In-School Mentors and Go Girls Leaders for their hard work! And we cannot forget to thank all the wonderful students participating in the programs!



## Program Activity

## ~ The Perfect Match ~

**Editor's Note: The following is an email sent to us on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 1:43 a.m. The email speaks for itself but I'll just say that Joe (or Joey as we knew him then) was a great Little Brother and it is good to hear from him and learn what he is up to. Joe used to talk about becoming a Big Brother one day; it is nice to hear that that day has come.**

Hi there my name is Joe Irving, I was matched up through the big brother program when I was 11 back in 1997. My big brother was Jim Gignac. After staying with the program till I was 18, my social worker Terri Hogan gave the option for me to finally leave the program or to take on another "little" with my "big". We took on another little brother for a while and my "big" ended up leaving for Florida for a year. Me and him kept in contact for a while. When he was getting married he decided to allow me to stand up in his wedding and give a speech for the rest of the family. A few years after that his first born came into the picture and he made me the god father of his son James. I ended up heading out to Calgary, and after getting my roots all set up here I decided to join the big brother program myself. I have passed all of the screening process and am glad to notify that I am now a big brother in Calgary for an 11 year old boy. I just wanted to thank the program and especially Terri Hogan for making this match, because it has changed a lot of lives. This could be deemed the perfect match because of the outcome. I hope you guys are finding lots of Big Brothers out there and best of luck.

Joe Irving



## NEW MATCHES



Vanessa Seu to Brittney

Abdullah Allawnha to Cody

Shelley Oglan to Jessika

Amanda Lelyk to Makayla

Jessica Duchêne to Chelsey

Justin Barrette to Dylan

Victoria Buksa to Deja

## Group Program ...

Group has had a successful year and is preparing to break for summer holidays, but before they do, they will be participating in an outreach project and encouraging everyone to "pay it forward".

Pay it forward is a movement which encourages people to complete random acts of kindness towards others, and pass on the message for them to do the same. The actions often help someone out, make their day and put a smile on their face. The kids in group will have the opportunity to learn about this movement and act on it, sharing the message with our community.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the girls and boys groups will be hosting a FREE Car Wash to celebrate the message of "Pay it Forward". The car wash will be run by group and will encourage those who attend to "pay it forward". We will also be selling hot dogs and pop to raise money for group activities.

We welcome any Bigs and Littles who would like to come out and help us wash cars and spread the message. If you or anyone you know would like to come out and join us, please contact Erika at 519-945-6232 ext.14 to sign up.



## Program Activity...

### Thank You!

Besides our program volunteers, many others including companies, individuals and organizations assist Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Ongoing thanks to United Way Centraide Windsor-Essex County, our Board of Directors, committee members, fundraisers and individuals who help out in the office and at bingos and support us on a regular basis.

Your thoughtfulness, support and generosity have significantly made a difference.

### Did You Know.....

- ◆ Caseworkers have made 15 matches in February and March in our ISM and Traditional Programs
- ◆ We have 82 children waiting to be matched to a Big Brother or Sister
- ◆ We are currently serving 118 children in our Group Programs



## About Big Brothers Big Sisters News

The news is published by Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex as an information service to its members, alumni, supporters and others interested in the work of the agency. For more information about the newsletter contact our office.

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Volunteers... visit  
<http://www.citywindsor.ca/news/eventresultsfull.asp> for events going on in and around the city!

## HELP US BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION...

Our mission at Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex is to empower children and youth to reach their full potential by providing them support, guidance and mentoring friendship.

Our programs and services meet the needs of over 600 children and their families on an annual basis. Interacting with peers and mentors through group programs, one-to-one matches, fostering self-esteem and enhancing social skills are a few of the programs and benefits. The children we serve have unique needs that require qualified case workers in conjunction with volunteers to create effective change.

Your dollars directly impact the programming for our Little Brothers and our Little Sisters. Our Annual Giving Campaign is a fund resource tool that enhances our efforts to assist our Littles in the Windsor and Essex County area. Your pledge will help build a solid foundation for our organization to continue offering innovative programs now and in the future.

Please make Big Brothers Big Sister Windsor Essex your philanthropic priority to invest in the children of our community. It's as easy as completing this form and either mailing it or faxing it back to our office at the address below. **Or, now you can donate online at [www.bigbrothersbigsisterswe.ca](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisterswe.ca).**

\$25  \$50  \$100  Monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month

Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All donations over \$10 will receive an income tax receipt)

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