

Leaders transition at Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

March 17, 2008 (Windsor, ON) – Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex is pleased to welcome a new executive director to the team. Effective April 1, 2008, John Sutton will take over the leadership position from Wendy Leigh, who is retiring after 32 years with the agency.

“Mentoring is one of the most important tools in the toolkit when dealing with our community’s children and youth,” says Sutton. “By providing friendships, Big Brothers Big Sisters is proactively engaging with Windsor Essex County’s young people. As the new executive director, I look forward to working with our community partners, staff and volunteers to ensure the continuation of our valuable programs.”

“Being a part of the mentoring movement for the past 32 years has been very rewarding,” says Leigh. “Our many ‘Bigs’ and ‘Littles’ give so much to each other. I have seen friendships develop, children’s grades improve and confidence increase.”

John Sutton was the executive director at House of Shalom Youth Centre from 1999 to March 2008. He is an elected member of the Amherstburg Town Council and a Leadership Windsor-Essex Alumni.

Wendy Leigh joined Big Sisters in 1976 as a caseworker. Eight years later, she became the executive director of Big Sisters and continued in that position when Big Sisters and Big Brothers merged in 2005.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex is a United Way member agency that facilitates mentoring friendships through the traditional match program, in-school mentoring and group programs. For more information, please visit www.bigbrothersbigsisterswe.ca

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