



# Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

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# NEWS update



## The *BiG* Give...

Besides our program volunteers, many others including our Board of Directors, committee members, fundraisers and other individuals, companies and organizations assist Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex through their support, donations, tickets and in-kind gifts.

Sincere thanks to: Sobey's-St. Clair Beach, E.V.'s Vending, Clancey's Convenience, Lynn's Variety, Paradise Bingo, Roth Mosey & Partners, Devonshire Seniors Residence, AM800CLW-Noon Report, A & P - Central, Zehrs-Dougall & Malden, Food Basics-Dougall & Goyeau, Price Chopper-McDougall, Real Canadian Superstore, City of Windsor Parks & Rec, Actors Theatre Windsor Group, Fleetwood Metals, Tim Horton's / T.J. Enterprises, Ministry of Education, Fuller Construction, Leroy Gray, Jordana Strosberg, Jeff Farrow, Stephen Greff, United Way, David Abraham, Arnold Blaine, Caesar's Windsor, Scholastics, Shirley Bellmore, Al Cappuccino Café, Chad Bertrand, Chris Damphouse, The Greater Essex County School Board, Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, The following ISM Elementary Schools - St. Francis, Langlois, Roseville, Margaret D. Bennie, Belle River, Immaculate Conception, Marlborough, St. John, Benson, Eastwood & Gordon McGregor, The Windsor Essex Community Foundation

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the BBBSWE team. Not only have we seen transition in leadership as Wendy Leigh enjoys her well deserved retirement but we've been able to realize some important goals as well. With funding from the Windsor-Essex Community Foundation we were able to resurrect our Group Program. This valuable initiative serves children on our waiting list and provides them with social and recreational opportunities within a group environment. I can't tell you how thrilled we all are to be able to offer this incredible program.

More good news came our way at the end of August as we received a \$50,000 grant from the Ministry of Education that will help grow and expand our In School Mentoring Program (ISM). Government support and recognition of the value of the ISM program will help us serve more children and more schools as we move through the year. If you have ever considered becoming a mentor now would be an excellent time to start! It takes only one hour per week and the positive results for the child and for yourself are truly life changing.

We are busy starting preparations for both our Bowl for Kids Sake and Battle of the Hors D'Oeuvres events. These two fundraisers supplement our core funding received from United Way of Windsor Essex. Remember it is campaign season for United Way. Please give generously and if you have made your donation already our heartfelt thanks. Together we do change lives!

On behalf of the staff I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support.

### Upcoming in October

- Kids Groups (Wait List), 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Tues-Co-Ed, Wed-Boys (10+), Thurs-Go-Girls (11+)
- Wed. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, BBBS – 6pm
- Thurs. Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Ann Glover's last day – On Maternity Leave
- Thurs. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fund Development Meeting, BBBS – 5:30pm
- Sat. Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Pizza & Pumpkin Carving for Bigs and Littles–11am -1pm, BBBS Office
- Wed. Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Information Sessions (learn about BBBS) – 5:30pm (call to register)
- Thurs. Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Battle Committee Meeting, BBBS – 6pm
- Fri. Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, Raffle Ticket Draw - 12 noon, BBBS Office

hold the date...

**October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 – 12 Noon** - 'Big Prizes – Little Prices' Electronic Raffle Draw at our office, 3050 Jefferson – still time to get a ticket for the laptop, video camcorder or GPS system! Only 3,000 tickets printed. \$2 Each



**2009 Bowl for Kids Sake**, Windsor, Rose Bowl Lanes, Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm & 8:30 pm, Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm & 6 pm, Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 pm. County, Empire Lanes, TBA

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