



Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex

September 2011

FALL



A Message From The Executive Director ~ John Sutton

As you know, September is Big Brothers Big Sisters month across Canada! We have several events planned this month to promote our world class mentoring programs. Look for us at Charles Clark Square on Friday, September 16 from 11 am to 1 pm as part of the United Way campaign kickoff. We receive about 55% of our funding through United Way so I ask you all to be generous during this year's campaign. Together we really do change lives!

We will also be hosting an Open House and Yard Sale here at the agency on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 10 am until 2 pm. There will be lots of activities for our Littles to participate in

and it's a great way to meet our staff, learn about volunteer opportunities and just have fun too! I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Another exciting initiative we are working on involves a ball hockey game with the Spitfires. This will be a great opportunity for all of our kids to get active, meet some local heroes and get a few autographs as well. Stay tuned for further details!!!

I also want to send our sincere thanks and appreciation to Roth Mosey & Partners LLP. Each June, this wonderful company hosts a golf tournament for their clients and donates the proceeds to BBBSWE. This summer they

raised over \$10,000 for the agency and we are so grateful for the effort put forward by their staff under the direction of Susan Church. Roth Mosey & Partners are a shining example of our great community partners and we could not continue our valued work without their support!

Finally, we want to welcome Hayley Morgan to BBBSWE. Hayley is our new Development Officer and many of you will meet her as you volunteer for or attend our many fundraisers. In addition to her vast experience, Hayley brings an enthusiasm for our movement that is contagious. Please join me in welcoming her to our team.

Fund Development

Windsor Spitfire Tickets

Bartlett Lodge, has graciously donated 20 Windsor Spitfire season tickets per game for our volunteers and families! Also, Dr. Jason Azad and his wife Janey have once again graciously donated their Windsor Spitfire season tickets to our volunteers.

Please call the office (519-945-6232) to inquire about dates and arrange pick-up of tickets. They are given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Facebook

We have recently set up a new facebook page...please "like" our page and keep up to date on all upcoming agency events and information.

Event Committees

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Battle of the Hors D'Oeuvres, Bowl for Kids Sake, and Marketing/PR committees. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact hayley.morgan@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



Program Activity...

NEW MATCHES

May—August 2011



Karim Saakan & Casey
Stephan Fillion & Preston
Ed Caulfield & Justin

Rob Allison & Jaden
Tom Conlin & Randy
Ramy Osman & Dylan

Maureen Bruner & Mya
Natali Serafimovski & Brooke
Vanessa Joubert & Ashley

Andrea DiMenna & Lowen
Lisa El-Helou & Destiny
Danielle Cloutier & Melissa



MATCH ANNIVERSARIES

Since May 01, 2011

Amanda Middleton and Josephine (2 years)
Jessica Gaspar and Brianna (3 years)
Randy Mascarin and Marlin (2 years)
Laurie Dufour and Colleen (5 years)
Helen Maisonville and Alysa (5 years)
Stephanie Glandon and Samantha (1 year)
Alexis Seu and Brittany (5 years)
Nicole Sweet and Courtney (3 years)
Nicole Fields and Hayley (2 years)
Wendy Durocher and Jessica (2years)
Janice Breault and Danielle (4years)
Blair Allan and Lauren (9 years)
Belinda Ruggirello and Tina (2 years)

Lyndsey Lalovich and Kayla (2 years)
Maureen Haworth and Samantha (6 years)
Jose Bravo-Pallero and Elisha (4 years)
Mike Young and Austin (6 years)
Chris Pittao and Frank (1 year)
Christian Pinard and Rae (1 year)
Peter Quick and Jonathan (2 years)
Jenn Bell and Jasmine (2 years)
Colin Bottoset and Austin (4 years)
Gary Strong & Sabastian (5 years)
Jeremy Valenciuk and Justin (4 years)
Raylene Wallace and Susie (2 years)
Erika Pozzuoli and Katie (5 years)

Program Activity...

In-School Mentoring

September officially starts off another year for the In-School Mentoring Program and Go Girls!! It has been a busy summer preparing for the new school year. A special thanks to both the Greater Essex County District School Board and the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board for once again providing us with this amazing opportunity to make wonderful matches within their participating schools. We are optimistic that we will continue making many more matches. Thank you to all the mentors who are returning and to all the new mentors starting this year. Your dedication is invaluable to the program!



The Focus on Group...

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2011

Once again BBBSWE was able to hire three students, as Summer Day Camp Leaders, through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. The program ran for seven weeks from July 5th through August 18th. Each week we provided 3 day camp sessions. Every Tuesday we had a Co-Ed Group (Boys 7-9 years & Girls 6-10 years of age). On Wednesdays we had an all Boys Group who were 10 years old and up and on Thursdays we had an all Girls Group who were 11 years old and up. Day camp typically ran from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each week of camp incorporated a certain theme like a physical fitness week, a water fest, a nature week, a beach day activity and there was even a Pay it Forward theme that involved the camp participants to do something for someone else while expecting nothing in return. Pay It Forward involved providing a free car wash to the public at large who were driving pass the BBBSWE building. Signs were displayed at the foot of the driveway advertising the free car wash. Customer donations were welcomed and accepted. When considering all the activities the camp participants were engaged in, nutritious lunches and snacks were also provided each camp day. In all, an accumulative total number of a 138 children & youth attended day camp.

Overall, the summer day camp experience for the participants proved to be enjoyable, worthwhile, fun and positive.

“Instruments for Kids”

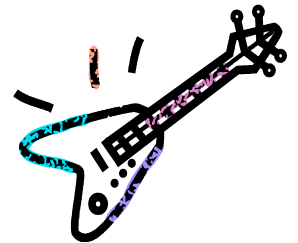
Jam Space Academy of Music is currently working on programs to promote music to youth of Windsor-Essex County. Jam Space Academy has been running since October 2010. This is a program where Jam Space would advertise within the community for people to donate new or used instruments. Jam Space would refurbish all the used instruments that are donated and distribute the new and used ones to youth in the community.

Jam Space has graciously extended an offer to the children and youth of Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex. If any children and youth are interested in having a musical instrument, we would ask you to simply call Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex informing us of your wish to own an instrument. We would then forward to Jam Space the number of youth interested along with the ages and the type of instruments requested. Jam Space will do their best to fulfill the requests. The instruments that are donated to Jam Space will then be given to Big Brothers Big Sisters and the agency will contact and distribute the instruments to the children and youth who requested them.

As Jam Space programs develop local musicians / teachers will be approached by the academy to donate their time and provide workshops or clinics throughout the year to those children and youth who are interested.

If you would like to find out more about Jam Space Academy of Music please feel free to explore their website:

www.jamspacewindsor.com



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:

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Did You Know.....

- ◆ We have 85 Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring Matches
- ◆ We have 86 In-School Mentoring Matches
- ◆ We have 77 children waiting to be matched to a Big Brother or Sister



HELP US BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION...

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.

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 by going to www.canadahelps.org and choose Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor.**

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

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

Please forward to: Big Brothers Big Sisters, 3050 Jefferson Blvd., Windsor ON N8T 3G9

Name _____ Phone _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal _____ Fax _____

Email _____

For more information about making a donation contact John Sutton, Executive Director, 945-6232 ext. 11 or Hayley Morgan, Development Officer, ext. 13.

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