



Quarterly Newsletter

# Big News.

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Coming Together for One  
Great Cause!  
**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

growth and renewal. Currently, there are 60 children taking part in various programs offered by the agency.

The campaign will include refreshed marketing materials, new messaging, and lots of enthusiasm to help us increase the number of volunteers as the need is great.

Have you visited the new [KidsDoMatter.com](http://KidsDoMatter.com) website yet?

Take a look, have a visit. Let us know what you like and what you don't. Our site is for you! We appreciate all your comments and suggestions. Be sure to visit it regularly to keep informed about what is going on.

## A BIG Month for BBBS

**Big Brothers and Big Sisters month is in full gear**

The month of September is Big Brothers and Big Sisters month; a time of year when agencies across the country join forces to bring awareness to the causes of healthy child development.

Big Brothers of North Simcoe and Big Sisters Association of Huronia will be taking part in this exciting initiative.

In celebration and awareness of Big Brothers Big Sisters month, Big Brothers North Simcoe and Big Sisters of Huronia will be launching

its newest recruitment and awareness campaign.

The campaign, entitled – **Be Part of Something Special** – will focus on three key areas:

- 1) Increasing the awareness of the organization
- 2) Increase the number of mentors, particularly men, on a local level,
- 3) To strengthen already established community relationships.

This represents an exciting time for the agencies, a time of

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# Case Workers Corner

## Gearing up for back to school

With another year of school beginning, children will be back on the streets on their way to and from school. So please take extra precautions on the roads. Slow down in the school zones, and be aware of children walking along side of roads in town. Talk to your children about the safety rules such as always walk with a partner, look both ways before crossing a street and come up with a route for the those who walk to school. Be sure to explain the importance of sticking to this route (make a route to the bus stop as well if it is out of the way).

## The First Day

The first days of school can be scary and face it; your kids may dislike you for a short time for sending them away.

Talk to your kids about the experience and tell them that you are proud of them and that they can get through it. Notes in lunches are always a nice surprise for kids to receive while they are making it through the school day. Tell them that they are doing a good job when they bring home a piece of work they have completed and perhaps hang it on the fridge.

Children will have the motivation to do well if it is recognized.

## Farewells

Chad Story and Ashley Green have finished their time with us as of Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 after completing a summer of employment within our office.

With combined hours of 850 completed between the both of them in the last 4 months, their dedication to Big Brothers and Big Sisters was very much appreciated.

Best of Luck In The Future You Two!



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Matched Anniversaries

Colton P./Tom G. Nov. 07  
Cheryl G./Lisa L. Nov. 17

## Little Sisters Birthday's

Kassandra H Sept.19  
Jessica St Sept.29  
Aaronna E Oct. 21  
Jennifer H Nov 03  
Maggie-Mae C Nov.16

## Big Sisters Birthday's

Rychelle R Sep. 02  
Holly P Sept. 20  
Sheila Sept. 21  
Jessica-Lynn C Oct. 13  
Sharon L Nov. 03  
Jill Dagg Nov. 24

## Welcome New Big Sisters

Alicia W Amy C  
Carole B

## Welcome New Little Brothers

Justin G  
Brandon B  
Danny D  
Braedan Q

## Board Members Anniversaries

Cindy M-F Nov. 01

## Board Members/Staff Birthdays

Shawn W Sept. 03  
Chris H Oct. 07

## Board Members Anniversaries

Chris H Oct. 07  
Tony L Sept. 23  
John R Oct. 08  
Paul H Nov. 06

## Little Brothers Birthdays

Nigel B Sept. 06  
Kaeleb B Oct. 09  
Zachariah M Oct. 27  
Colton P Oct. 29  
Michael M Oct. 31

## Big Brothers Birthdays

Tony L. Sept. 23  
John R. Oct. 08  
Paul H. Nov. 06



**Big Brothers of North Simcoe**  
**Big Sisters of Huronia**

# Events and Outings

## Upcoming events

We have a number of outings and events coming up within the next few months. Information will be posted as available at our newly designed website at:

[www.KidsDoMatter.com](http://www.KidsDoMatter.com)

You will be contacted in the near future. If you have any questions contact Sharon at the office at 705 526 5051.

## **In-School Mentoring**

We are once again happy to announce that school has started. Our In-School Mentoring program has started up again and we are looking for people to help in making a difference. Are you the type of person or know someone who is and has one hour a week to spend time with a child at school? If so contact the office for more details.



### **Go-Karts and Mini Golf**

Andrew, Danika and Sheyanne enjoying a fun game of mini golf in the great weather that May presented us with.

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

The AGM will be held at the Port McNicoll Legion from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Light Supper and Refreshments provided.

**All Littles, Bigs, Parents and Volunteers and anyone interested in our agencies are invited to attend!**

## Outings

### **Big Brothers Blue Jay Day**

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation throughout the day. Once again it was another successful day in Toronto at the Rogers Centre, as the Toronto Blue Jays took on Kansas City. With ground level seats you could feel the excitement of the players, and not to mention all the other thousands of fans. With the Blue Jays winning 10 -6, and a grand slam all had a great time in Toronto.

### **Big Sisters Wonderland Day**

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 Big Sisters and Little Sisters visited Paramount Canada's Wonderland. Everyone reported having a great time. We would like to thank everyone for their time and cooperation throughout the day it was very much appreciated.

#### **Please Note:**

*When agency activities with "Bigs" and "Littles" take place, staff may or may not be in attendance. If parents/guardians would like to know about staff attendance prior to the activity, please call the office.*

## **Word Search**

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ACCOMPLISHMENT  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
FREIENDSHIP  
TEACHER  
BIG BROTHER

MAGIC  
MENTOR  
BIG SISTER  
LEADERS  
SUCCESS



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## Bingo

Time on your hand? BBBS can use your help with our Bingo's. If interested please contact our office.

The next Bingo Dates and times are:

Matinee (11:30 to 3:30)  
Main (5:30 to 10:00)  
Midnight (9:30 to 12:30)

### Big Sisters Schedule

#### September

8th Matinee  
15th Matinee  
22<sup>nd</sup> Matinee

#### October

6<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
13th Matinee  
20th Matinee  
27<sup>th</sup> Matinee

#### November

3rd Matinee  
10<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
14<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
17<sup>th</sup> Matinee

### Big Brothers Schedule

#### September

8<sup>th</sup> Midnight  
17<sup>th</sup> Main  
19<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
29<sup>th</sup> Midnight

#### October

15<sup>th</sup> Main  
17<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
27th Midnight  
29<sup>th</sup> Midnight

#### November

12<sup>th</sup> Matinee  
21<sup>st</sup> Matinee  
24<sup>th</sup> Midnight  
26<sup>th</sup> Midnight

## Fundraising

### Thanksgiving Showcase of Homes Tour

**Saturday Sept. 30, 2006**

This year the Showcase of Homes Tour will be held Saturday September 30, 2006.

Once again our chairperson, Cindy McQuiter-Fairley is working tirelessly to find intriguing homes for this self guided tour.

This year the Luncheon will be held at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre with food provided by Nick Boudouris Catering Services.

#### Be sure to Mark Your Calendars

**We hope to see you there!**

*If any matches would be interested in helping please call the office. This is a great way to get those community service hours for school!!!*

### Nevada Tickets

We have two locations where you can buy Nevada Tickets to help support Big Brothers of North Simcoe and Big Sisters Association of Huronia:

#### Big Brothers Nevada Tickets

Can be purchased at the  
Macs Milk on Vinden St., Midland

#### Big Sisters Nevada Tickets

Can be purchased at the  
Macs Milk on Yonge St. Midland

## Join the Alumni

Are you currently, or were previously a Big Brother, Big Sister, Mentor, Employee, Board Member or Committee volunteer? As a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni, you can stay connected with the movement and remain informed as we continue to grow and develop. Join the Alumni program today - it's free, but the rewards are priceless!

If you are interested in learning more about the Alumni initiative, please visit the Alumni website:

[www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/alumni](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/alumni)

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

On July 14<sup>th</sup> 2006 we were able to raise close to \$2,500 for Big Brothers of North Simcoe. We are very pleased with the outcome and are excited to be able to continue to grow in the years to come.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who took part in helping at our Big Brothers 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. It could not have been as successful without you.

Also we would like to thank all of the local companies that have so generously donated prizes, sponsored tees and carts, or who put in teams.

To the Brooklea Golf and Country Club for hosting our Golf Tournament on their course, and preparing the wonderful delicious dinner for the golfers.

**Thank You!**



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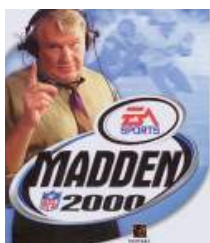
# Are You Looking For Deals?

## Look No Further!

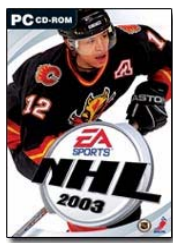
### Calling All "Littles" Its Contest Time

We have two computer games available in the office, NHL 2003 and Madden NFL 2000. Compatibility for games is as follows:

**Madden NFL 2000:**  
Windows 95 or 98



**NHL 2003:**  
Windows XP, 2000, 98



All you have to do is win them. How do you do that you ask, well, answer the following question in as much detail as possible.

### **What does being part of the Big Brothers or Big Sisters mean to you?**

Then once complete, drop it off at the office, or mail it to us and we will decide on a winner. The winner will have a choice of the two available games and the second place winner will receive the other.

Ideas to Write About:

- Outings
- Making Friends
- Happiness
- New Experiences

**"Bigs" we would love to hear from you to. Write and tell us what your favorite part of being part of the program is!**

### Auction

We still have lots of stuff left from our summer auction. Everything from fishing tackle, scanners, monitors, webcams, digital cameras and so much more. Contact our office at 526 5051 for more information about these amazing deals. Make an offer and help Big Brothers Big Sisters.

### Looking For a Computer

We have had a generous donation of used computers donated to the Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies by people in our community to distribute to our "Littles". If you are in need of a computer to start off the new school year, call the office and get the details.

### School Supplies

We still have school supplies at the office donated by one of our Big Sisters. Save yourself some panic when it comes time to go back to school shopping!

Binders, notebooks, erasers, calculators, pens, pencils, Mathematical sets, rulers, sharpeners, highlights, scissors and much more!

### In Need of a Bike

Need a bike? Thank Big Brother Mike! Mike has donated 2 used bicycles to the agencies for our "Littles".

**One small girls bike ages 7, 8, and 9**  
**One unisex bike for ages 10, 11, 12**

To receive your bike call the office and talk to Sharon at **526 5051**.



Girls bike age 7-9



Age 10-12



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## Simple Recipes!

### Breakfast - Birdies in Nest

- 4 slices of bread
- 1tbsp butter, softened
- 4 eggs
- Pinch salt and pepper each

Cut the crust from the bread and flatten to about 3mm in thickness. Spread butter and press the butter side down into 4 slightly greased muffin cups. Bake in the oven at 375 for about 10 minutes or until golden. Break 1 egg into each cup careful not to break the yolk; add salt and pepper to taste and bake again for 20-25 minutes or until whites are set and yolks are firm. Let cool and enjoy!

### Lunch - Toasty Peanut Butter and Apple Sandwiches

- 4 Slices of bread
- 2tbsp Peanut Butter
- Half Apple, peeled and grated

Heat a sandwich maker and spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray or spread a thin layer of margarine or butter on bread. Spread peanut butter on two pieces of bread and top with apple. Place the remaining two pieces of bread on top and close sandwich maker and cook for 3 minutes or until golden. Take out and let cool, enjoy!

### Dinner - Hawaiian Quesadillas

- 2 Small flour Tortillas
- 2 tbsp Pasta sauce
- 2tbsp Chopped ham
- 2tbsp Pineapples tidbits
- ¼ cup Shredded cheese (any)

Spread half of each tortilla with pasta sauce and sprinkle with ham, pineapple and top with cheese. Heat on a nonstick skillet over medium heat; cook quesadillas for about 2 minutes per side or until filling is hot and cheese is melted. Cut into wedges and serve.

## Time Savers!!!

We all know how crazy going back to school can be, with packing lunches, doing homework, laundry, after school activities, cooking dinner and at the end of the day you feel like crashing, with no time just to relax! If only there was a guide to managing the back to school chaos.

Now we don't have a book, but we do have a few simple tips to help! Take a Look!

## Cleaning Tips

**There's always so much to do when you become a parent especially when back to school comes. Cleaning is the last thing you want to do after the homework, dinner, bath and bed routines are done. To cut down on cleaning time here is a few simple tips to speed up the process.**

- 1) Use a fabric softener sheet to dust your TV or computer screen. It'll remove the dust easily and keep it off for a while.
- 2) To clean crayon marks from clothing place clothing between a few paper towels then press with a warm iron. The towels will absorb the crayon wax.
- 3) For mud stains, rub stain with a raw potato, cut in half. Soak clothing in cool water for a few minutes and wash as usual
- 4) Put hydrogen peroxide and cream of tartar on rust stains on sinks and tubs for 30 minutes and then wipe clean.
- 5) If you have a cat and use clumping cat litter, coat the litter box with cooking spray so it wont stick to the bottom of the box, or put a garbage bag over the box then put the litter on to of the bag, that way you just need to turn the garbage bag inside out and clean up is done.

**Once your done take time to sit back and relax! Read a book, watch TV, it's entirely up to you!**

**We are a proud member of:**



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