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Big Brothers of North Simcoe / Big Sisters Association of Huronia

~ Agency News ~

The summer weather is around the corner and for kids that only means one thing – school's out for the summer! And summer fun is here.

Throughout the summer we are happy to be hosting some exciting events that are sure to be memorable. Upcoming events include our 15th annual Golf Tournament and our annual Blue Jays Day. Another Project we are currently working on is the creation of a billboard. The billboard will be located on Bay Street in Midland facing

the water front. Our focus "Looking for a few good men". This is only the beginning of our campaign to recruit much needed male volunteers.

Be sure to direct your family and friends attention to the billboard location.

When two friends connect, it can be a magical experience. Big Brothers/Big Sisters are people just like you.

Whether it is playing sports, learning a new skill together or simply just talking, being a Big Brother/Big Sister is a

gratifying experience. Children aged 6-16 are hoping to find a friend like you to spend a few hours with – each week or every couple of weeks, its up to you. By becoming a Big Brother/ Big Sister you can "share a little magic" with a young child. And you will both be forever changed by the experience.

SHARE a little
MAGIC.

~ Upcoming Events! ~

Jack and Jill Ride In! Tuesday July 4th, 2006

Jack and Jill's motorsport have arranged for Big Brothers of North Simcoe to take part in on one of their Ride – In's. This is a great opportunity to view some of the nicest bikes that most people only dream of in their sleep! A great chance for the Big's and Littles to mingle with the crowd and share this experience together! We will be receiving proceeds from the event.

Big Brothers Golf Tournament

Friday July 14th 2006

FOUR! The 15th annual Big Brothers golf tournament is just around the corner and we still need players. Join us on July 14

at the Brooklea Golf and Country Club, Midland Ont. Help support Big Brothers and have some fun in the sun. 18 holes of Golf with Cart, a chance to win a car with our hole in one contest, prizes and a BBQ steak dinner buffet, all included with your entry fee, see you on the greens.

Golf sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Chad at the office for more details.

Big Brothers Blue Jay Day August 27, 2006

Sunday August 27, 2006 at 1:07PM, the Blue Jays take the field at the Rogers Centre. Join us as we venture to Toronto to watch the Blue Jays take victory against Kansas City. You must reserve your spot as

spaces are limited. Bus leaves the Big Brothers parking lot (67 Fourth Street, Midland) at 10:00a.m. sharp and will return after dinner around 6:30PM PLAY BALL!

Thanksgiving Showcase of Homes Tour

Saturday Sept. 30, 2006

This year the Showcase of Homes 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.



~Caseworkers' Corner~

Summer camp

We are pleased to announce that we have secured Camp spots at the Huron Gymnastics club, Midland Bay Sailing, Midland Rowing, The Wye Marsh, Town of Midland and Tiny Township. Please call Sharon or Ashley to reserve your spot. Served on a first come first served basis as spaces are limited.

Summer Fun – SAFETY RULES

- Children should be supervised at all times when near water no

matter how good they are at swimming. It is recommended that every child should have some sort of lessons in the water and be taught to stay with a buddy. Remind children to be sure to check the depth of water and any hazards that come with being in a new surrounding.

- Remind children to wear a helmet when riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades for safety. Helmets should fit comfortably, but securely, sitting level on the top of the head and not rocking in any direction.

- Children should play in safe

areas under adult supervision at all times. Close attention should be kept on any climbing structures to ensure safety. Check for any loose bars on equipment, glass, metal, wet equipment or any other objects that could cause potential harm to children. When your children go out keep tabs on where they are and be sure to get contact numbers where they can be reached. If they are out with friends tell them to check in throughout the day.

Quote to Ponder

Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay in the way
~Denis Waitley

~Birthdays & Anniversaries~

A Welcome to New Little Sisters

Kieara A.
Jessica A.
Deana L.

Little Sisters Birthdays

Krystin M. June 02
Melaney H. August 02
Danika L. August 06

Big Sisters Birthdays

Fran R. June 03
Josie L. June 07
Katrina L. June 23
Laura D. June 26
Meggin D. July 10
Marie M. July 12
Elaine H. July 12
Mary L. August 10
Janet G. August 18
Joy E. August 20

Board Members Birthdays

Robert G. August 30

Board Members Anniversaries

Andrew K. June 09
Robert S. June 09

Big Brothers Birthdays

James F. June 30

Little Brothers Birthdays

Kenny B. June 13
Landon A. June 11
Andrew H. June 24
Jamie H. June 24
Dalton H. July 16
Caleb G. July 20
Chris S. August 26



Colour me in!



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



Shannon and Sydney – Balm Beach Go Karts and Mini Golf

Hope your special days are filled with fun and excitement!

Auction Time

Make a donation to help us out and receive some great items. All items will be sold on a first come first serve basis and are sure to go fast! Come on down to the office for a look at these items.

Fishing In the Dark?



Fishing Tackle –

A HUGE assortment of fishing tackle that is sure to bring success in your next fishing tournament. We have lures, bobbers, sinkers and much more. Come into the office at 67 Fourth Street or call at 526 – 5051 and talk to Shawn, make an offer and enjoy your time by the bay!

Odd Ball Out!



Sunglasses – assorted colours and sizes

Movie – Apollo 13

Kitchen Helper?



Pots and Pans – Set of 5 pots and pans.

Hand mixer – Electric mixer with attachments

Glass mugs - set of 4, Clear with Penetanguishene Midland Area Big Brothers Association written on the side in blue.

Can opener – manual can opener

Coffee maker -

At the Office or at Home?



2 computer Screens

- Zoltrix – White
- Daewoo – White

Colour Printer

- Canon / Bjc – 240 White

Keyboard – White

Computer Scanner – White

HP scanjet Scanner – 4400c photo quality, 1200 DPI with 48 – Bit colour

QTY - 2 available

Computer Disk Drive – 10 mega zip 100 with adapter (Blue)

Items Not Pictured

Cordless Phone – White
Answering Machine-

- Panasonic - black, call display, with adapter/plug

Soft cover book – How the internet work/ Millennium edition, written by Preston Gralla

Radio/ tape player – Citizen (black)

Digital Camera/ webcam – Net easy by D – Link DSC 350

Back to School

We received a generous donation from one of our Big Sister Volunteers. We have an assortment of school supplies. Get a head start for September and contact Sharon at the office for more information about how you can beat the back to school crowds.

Thank you Jill



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

SHARE a little **MAGIC.**

Take Care of You

Parents have a lot to do. They are teachers, caregivers, cooks, counsellors, workers, chauffeurs and managers. Sometimes a preschooler's schedule of school, outings lessons, community activities and sports becomes just too much – for you and your child. Kids need some unstructured, free time to play creatively and just be. So do parents.

Life does not have to be one long series of hurried activities. When you slow down, you and your child can enjoy simple pleasures like going for a walk, making cookies, planting a flower, reading quietly, dancing to music or just watching the clouds roll by. So go ahead. Waste a little time each day. You deserve it.

Quote to Ponder

*“You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through”
: Rosalynn Smith Carter*

~BINGO~

Quote to Ponder

*“Fate knows where you are going, but it is up to you to drive there”
~Michelle Keesling*

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)

Big Sisters Schedule

June
2nd Matinee
9th Matinee
16th Matinee
July
7th Matinee
14th Matinee
21st Matinee
August
4th Matinee
11th Matinee
18th Matinee

Big Brothers Schedule

June
17th Main
18th Main
25th Main
July
15th Matinee
15th Main
16th Matinee
August
19th Matinee
19th Main
20th Matinee

~Nevada~



Paramount Canada's Wonderland Gardens, Mountains and Fountains.
JUNE 10, 2006

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 **Macs Milk** on Vinden St., Midland

Big Sisters Nevada Tickets

Can be purchased at **Macs Milk** on Younge St. Midland

~Our Dedicated Staff at BBBS~

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We surely don't give enough credit to the dedicated staff that helps make the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization's what they are.

They open their hearts to the kids of need in our community. They give them opportunities to enjoy experiences and friendship's that they may not otherwise have been able to. From phone calls, organizing and planning trips and outing's, attending meetings and community events, handling crises, fundraising, advertising the agencies, doing follow ups, and not to mention all the administrative work. It's

surprising they don't go insane. Yet they still manage to come back day after day, with a smile on their faces. How do they do it? Are they robots? Are they Aliens from outer space? Where ever they're from they're a friend to us all and deserve a big thanks for doing what they do best, serving the children and youth of today to make a better future for them tomorrow.

- Ashley Green (student)

Quote to Ponder

*“Nothing is a waste of time if you experience it wisely”
~Auguste Rodin*

Has anyone seen my mouse?

~Acknowledgements~

SPA DAY!!

Once again we would like to send out a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers from **Quota Club and the owner/manager of European Body Works.**

We have received positive feedback from all of the Little Sisters who attended. The day at the spa was a day to lay back and be completely pampered, a day for the girls to be in complete paradise for just a few hours.

The increase in confidence and self esteem reached a new level.

They came out feeling rejuvenated, sparkling, and glamorous. It was a time for the Little Sisters to relax and be waited on hand and foot, literally, without worries. A little girls dream, I think so! Who could ask for a better outing to boost the self-esteem and confidence level of the Little Sisters as much as a day at the spa! The Little Sisters had the opportunity to embrace something that was being done just for them.

Thank you to everyone.

Go-Karts and Mini Golf

Thank you to **Balm Beach Go Karts and Mini Golf** for inviting us to enjoy a day of fun. The Big and Little Brothers and Sisters thoroughly enjoyed themselves! From riding into the tire walls, to getting that hole in one, the excitement never stopped, even the rain couldn't bring us down! We couldn't have done it without your patient and supportive team, they were fantastic.

Thanks again for everything!

*I opened his box for half a minute,
Just to make sure he was really in it,
And while I was looking, he jumped outside!
I tried to catch him, I tried, I tried...I think he's somewhere about the house.*

Has anyone seen my mouse?

Uncle John, have you seen my mouse? Just a small sort of mouse, a dear little one, He came from the country, he wasn't a town one, so he'll feel all lonely in a London street;

Why, what could he possibly find to eat? He must be somewhere. I'll ask Aunt Rose: Have you seen a mouse with a woffely nose? He's just got out...

Hasn't anybody seen my mouse?



SHARE a little MAGIC.

CCL Containers



Wendy Corbeau presenting Shawn Ward cheques from CCL containers

Wendy Corbeau of CCL invited Shawn Ward, Executive Director of Big Brothers of North Simcoe and Big Sisters of Huronia, to CCL to accept cheques on behalf of both Big Brothers of North Simcoe and Big Sisters Association of Huronia. **CCL Containers** is a continuous supporter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters THANK YOU to **CCL Containers** and all of their employees.

Rona and Home Building Centre

A big thanks goes out to Rona and the Home Building Centre, for the donation of wood for our billboard. Our billboard will be located on Bay Street and Midland Avenue facing the water. THANK YOU!!!

Be sure to look out for this bright and catchy billboard the next time you drive down to the water!



We would like to welcome and thank

Ashley Green co-op student and summer career placement. Ashley will be assisting Sharon in the capacity of Caseworker's clerical assistant.

Chad Story summer career placement will be working in the capacity of special events co-ordinator. Chad will be assisting Shawn with the Big Brothers of North Simcoe 15th annual Golf Tournament.

Jennifer Passa will be leaving us in June after completing a 110 hour co-op placement.

If you are in the office over the summer be sure to introduce yourself to them.

Thank you !

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Materials

Leaves of different shapes and sizes, Paper, Crayons, chalks, pencil crayons, Newspapers

Collect several different types and sizes of leaves. Place some leaves on several layers of newspaper position your

Short Story – The Starfish

There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea. The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water. He asked, "Old man, why do you

rubbing paper over the leaves. Use the sides of the crayons to rub over the paper with steady, firm strokes, and the leaf will be outlined on the paper.

Jokes for the Kids

What is green and can fly?
Super Pickle!

spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?" "But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish!" exclaimed the young man. "How can you make a difference?" The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand, and as he threw it to the safety of the sea, he said, "I make a difference to this one." *This story, attributed to an anonymous author.*

Lessons for the Kids

Saving water is often just as easy as turning off a faucet! Here are some simple things you can do at home:

- Don't keep the water running while you're brushing your teeth
- Don't run the tap for a cold drink of water. Use ice cubes or keep a pitcher of water in

the refrigerator

- Take shorter showers or use less bath water. When showering, try keeping an egg timer in the bathroom to see if you can get your shower down to three minutes... while still getting clean!

What is a cat's favorite color? *Purrrrrrrrrple*

What kind of keys do kids like to carry? *Coo-kies!*

What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish? *Every morning you'll rise and shine!*



Madison and Melaney At Paramount
Canada's Wonderland June 10th 2006



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