



Bobbi & Beau joining in the holidays festivities!

Happy New Year!

From our Executive Director

As we begin 2011 I would like to thank our Board, Staff, volunteers and members of the organization for contributing to a very successful 2010. The year ahead looks exciting and we have a number of new endeavours to look forward to.

First I would like to welcome Beau MacLellan to our agency. Beau has been a volunteer with us for the last year and he is currently with us under contract until at least June of this year. Beau is working with Heather in the ISM Program as well as helping Bobbi out with the Traditional Program.

We are very pleased to announce the addition of Go Girls and Game On to our program line-up. These programs promote healthy active living for boys and girls and are currently running in two elementary schools in Durham Region. Bobbi Wallis is coordinating Go Girls and Beau MacLellan is coordinating the Game On program. We hope to expand these programs in the next few months.

We have a couple of new Fundraisers happening in 2011 and I would ask you to support these events if at all possible. We also have a year full of great group activities planned so please check out your newsletter for all the exciting information.



Sincerely,
Mark Shuwer
Executive Director

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***"There is more to life
than increasing its
speed"***

Mahatma Ghandi



Bigs & Littles get a good work out at boxing class

The Astrological Volunteer Guide!

Capricorn: Dec 22- Jan 20

The earth sign, you are in the balance between excess and idleness! For you life should be lived fully, with equality and justice for all. Love is what makes the world go round and as a volunteer that is what you advocate. The world would be a better place with Capricorns at the helm....

Volunteer Guide: active listening, citizen advocacy, tutoring would appeal to Capricorns!

Aquarius: Jan 21 to Feb 19

You are a breath of fresh air! Any volunteer organization would be privileged to accept your services. You are one of a kind....You want to improve the world. You are a free spirit. You accept everyone at face value. You like to be by yourself, but when you are with people, you're the life of the party!

Volunteer Guide: teaching / tutoring, organizing special events. Fundraising may appeal to Aquarians!

BBBSOW Annual Family Christmas Party

Thank you to all who attended the 2010 BBBSOW Annual Family Christmas Party.

With over 150 people in attendance the evening started with board games and crafts then went on to a scrumptious dinner prepared by the Durham College/UOIT catering service.

After dinner we presented some of our Bigs with 2 and 5 year certificates followed by Big of the Year Awards. We have to say "Awesome Job" to those Littles who read their amazing nomination letters to everyone. They were terrific!

What night would be complete without a visit from Santa who greeted all of the Littles with a gift. It's great to see all those Littles who are not so Little anymore still participate in this tradition.



Congratulations to our 2010 Big Brothers and Sisters of the Year

2 Year Certificates

Trevor A.
Alanna A.
Brad A.
Michael C.
Samantha E.
Calvin F.
Ron H.
Derek M.
Kimara M.
Stephen M.
Melissa P.
Blair R.
Maria S.
Danielle S.
Jennifer V.
Doris W.
Bruce W.

5 Year Certificates

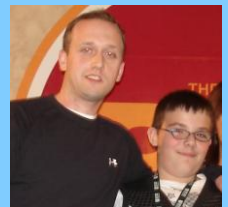
Jessica C.
Cassandra D.
Gordon F.
Jodi H.
Christian M.
Stephanie S.

Every year we like to recognize our Big Brothers and Sisters for their outstanding support. Earlier this year we asked our Littles (and parents) to write in nominating their Bigs for Big of the Year in 3 categories – Big Brothers/Sister of the Year, Big Brother/Sister Rookie of the Year and In-School Mentor of the Year. At the Christmas Party Littles (and parents) were invited up on stage to read out their letters and let their Bigs know why they are so important to them and to our agency.

Congratulations to all those who received certificates and awards and to all of our Bigs who volunteer their time each week and/or month for a truly amazing job. Your dedication is most definitely making a difference in the life of a child and you are all very much appreciated.



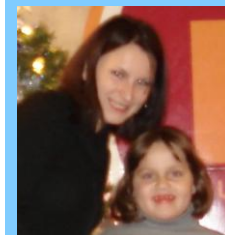
Big Brother of the Year Brent J. with Little Brother Scott



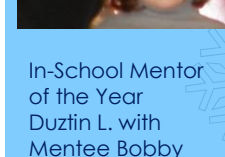
Big Sister of the year Katie A. and her Little Sister Jasmine



Big Brother Rookie of the Year Chris F. with Little Brother Harrison



Big Sister Rookie of the Year Jasmine R. with her Little Sister Hannah



In-School Mentor of the Year Duzfin L. with Mentee Bobby



WINGFEST

It's worth working up an appetite for!

Saturday, February 26th 2011
General W. Sikorski Hall
1551 Stevenson Road N
Doors open at 7pm
Wings & Silent Auction 7:30-9:30pm
DJ, Dancing and Prizes 9:30-12:00am

Tickets \$25/person*
for 2 lbs of wings

Limited # of tickets available.
Full table reservations may be available upon request when purchasing tickets in advance

Join us for a relaxed evening of great food, music, dancing, silent auction, draw prizes and more.

All the while supporting



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Oshawa-Whitby**



Jumpstart

Giving kids a sporting chance.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Oshawa-Whitby partners with the
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program
to get Littles active.**

A little about the Jumpstart program.....

Who do they fund?

The program assists financially disadvantaged families in getting their individual children aged 4-18 involved in sports and recreation programs.

What types of activities do we fund?

Activities must be physically active programs and does not include summer or day camps (i.e., prefer sports with seasons, lessons, etc., over longer periods of time).

What time of year can I apply?

There are two submission/application sessions per year: spring-summer (January 1 – June 1) and fall/winter (July 1 – December 1)

Can I receive funding for more than one sport?

Each child can only request funding for one sport per submission session – maximum \$300.

Can more than one child in the same family receive funding?

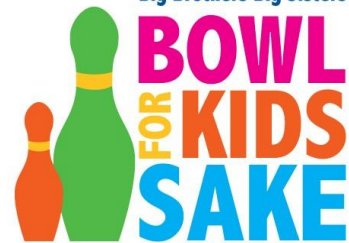
Funding can be requested for more than one child in a family in a submission session.

Are families able to request funding two seasons in a row?

Families can request funding for successive submission sessions for the same sports or different sports

For an application give us a call!

Big Brothers Big Sisters



It's that time of year again!
That's right it's time to **STRIKE IT BIG** for
Big Brother Big Sisters of Oshawa-Whitby!

Bowl For Kids Sake

May 11, 2011

6-9pm

North End Bowl Oshawa

Teams of 8 collect pledges and have a great time while supporting our programs.

This is years grand prize is an all-inclusive trip for 2 to

Gran Bahia Principe Jamaica Royal Golden in Runaway Bay, Jamaica

courtesy of



"A change of shoes can change a life"



A change of shoes can change a life.



Just by spending a few fun hours bowling, you'll ensure that Little Brothers and Sisters who desperately need a mentor and a friend will have someone they can count on!



New Matches



October 2010

BS Vanessa C. & LS Amy H.

November 2010

BS Melissa B. & LS Jessica H.
Couples Nicole & Bob F. & LB Josh H.



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

December

Alexis C-R.
Breanna N.
Harrison B.
Scott F.
Braden C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Colton H.
Dylan T.
Emilee M.
Emily R.
Shelby M.
Brody L.
Deeanna J.
Rahul A.

February

Carter P.
Crystal H.
Jessica P.
Kyla V.
Tyrell D.



Housekeeping

We hope you enjoy our January (hard copy) edition of the "BIG NEWS". For the remainder of the year (unless prearranged with Kelly) you will be received the newsletter via email. If you are not getting regular emails (generally once/week) from Kelly or the staff here at BBBSOW please let us know. Otherwise, we will assume that every thing is running smoothly and you are receive our emails.

Also, please keep us up to date with all your contact info – mailing address, phone number and email addresses.

Reminder:

Big Bunch activities are for Littles on the Waiting list and Big/Little matches. If you are a Little on the waiting list and want to attend an activity give us a call and we will find a Big Bunch leader for you to attend with. Spaces are limited and everyone must contact the office to register. Bigs please confirm with your little that they are available to attend prior to registering.

Thank You!

Tickets

We currently have tickets for the following.

2011 Canadian Open Grand Slam of Curling

Friday January 28th 10:00am GM Centre
Friday January 28th 5:00pm GM Centre
Saturday January 29th 7:00pm GM Centre

Durham College/UOIT GAMES

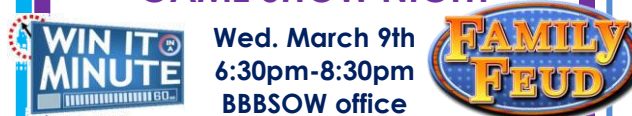
Variety of Dates and Games available
please call

BIG BUNCH ACTIVITIES

Prize & Chocolate Bar Bingo!

Wednesday February 16th
6:30pm-8:30pm
BBBSOW Office
We're combining our 2 favourite bingo's!
Everyone is sure to win and have a great time.
space is limited

GAME SHOW NIGHT



Wed. March 9th
6:30pm-8:30pm
BBBSOW office

Join us a teams compete for the Game Guru cup playing

MINUTE TO WIN IT - FAMILY FEUD
- WIN LOOSE OR DOODLE
space is limited

Big Day Out

With The Raptors!

Toronto Raptors vs. Charlotte Bobcats
Sunday March 13th at 1:00PM

Free Raptors toque for each Big and Little

Bigs and Littles will get to watch the pre-game shootaround courtside before the game (First 60)

All Littles will be invited down to the court post-game to take a foul shot with the basketball on the Raptors net

The national anthem will be sung by (a big, a little or even a small group)
If your interested let us know

For each ticket sold a portion will go back to the BBBS location that the ticket was purchased from

\$31.26/ticket-upper bowl
\$56.26/ticket-lower bowl

Depending on group size a bus may be available to and from the game for a small fee.

Guys Night!

Tuesday April 5th
6:30pm-8:30pm
BBBSOW office
Rock Band, Wii, Cards & more!
Pizza & Beer (rootbeer)
space is limited

Girls Night!

Tuesday April 19th
6:30pm-8:30pm
BBBSOW office
We will be making Charm Bracelets
Courtesy of
Freckle Face
snacks and fruity drinks too!
space is limited