

BIG Times

April 2019

thank you!

Thank you Gabriola PAC Group!

THANK YOU to the Gabriola Elementary School PAC for helping to fund the Go Girls and In-school Mentoring Programs in their school! Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of children!



Welcome Ryan Dolan

A BIG Welcome to Ryan Dolan, our new practicum student. Ryan is in his third year in the Bachelor of Social Work Program at VIU and will be assisting us in helping to Coordinate the Game on Program as well as getting involved in In School Mentoring.

Welcome Ryan!



A BIG Thank you to Country Club Centre!

We want to send out a very special "Thank you" to Country Club Centre! Country Club Centre ran a promotion in December where shoppers could get a photo with Santa called "Ready - Set - Santa" and offered the opportunity for shoppers to leave donations to charity.

Country Club Centre selected us as one of the charities of choice and our agency received a total of \$4330.86 !!

Thank you Country Club Centre for running this program and for supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver Island !



Birthdays and Match Anniversaries

Congratulations to everyone celebrating Birthdays or Match Anniversaries!

Birthdays for the month of February

Big Sister Amber

Match Anniversaries:

Big Sister Janet and Little Sister Chloe - 3 years
Big Brother Jason and Little Brother Ezra - 3 years

Birthdays for the Month of March

Big Brother Liam
Little Brother Kalen
Little Brother Ira
Little Sister Pauline

Match Anniversaries:

Big Brother Liam and Little Brother August - 2 years



Welcome Taylor !

A BIG Welcome to Taylor Oriecual! Taylor is joining us on staff as our new Program Coordinator. Taylor will be assisting with Case and Program Management as well as assisting with Program Delivery in all of our programs!

Welcome aboard Taylor!



Welcome Ballenas Secondary School !

A BIG Welcome to our new school partner, Ballenas Secondary School in Parksville who is now participating in our Teen In School Mentoring Program. Teens from Ballenas will be mentoring children as well as participating in the Game on and Go Girls Programs at Springwood Elementary School!

A special Thank you to Greg Meredith, school counsellor for being such an active part in promoting the Teen In School Mentoring program. Thanks also to Kate Taylor and Heather MacLeod for helping support the program!



Join our Van Advertising Sponsorship Program

We have an exciting opportunity for Corporate partners in our community! In 2017 we were very fortunate to have a van donated to us thanks to the support of the Roger's Foundation. This van helped cut the costs of clothing pickups throughout the Central Vancouver Island Region for our Recycled Clothing Program.

The Opportunity

We are offering exposure for your brand by having your corporate logo on our van. The van travels from Nanaimo to the North Island twice per week. During the rest of the week the van will be driving throughout Nanaimo doing pickups and will be parked in front of our office on Northfield Road which provides excellent visibility on a major thoroughfare.

Extra Bonuses

In addition to exposure on the van all participants in the Van Advertising Sponsorship program will get recognition on our Website and our very active Social Media Channels. In addition to that all sponsors will also be recognized at our Annual General Meeting as well as our quarterly newsletter.

The Investment

We are offering van advertising sponsorship packages for as little as **\$50.00 per month** **. We will structure something based on your company's budget and needs.

** a 2 year commitment is required.

To learn more about this opportunity, contact Jennifer at jennifer@bigscvi.ca or give her a call at 250-756-2447



Welcome Tarushi !

A BIG Welcome to Tarushi Vashishta our new Internship Student! Tarushi is in her 2nd year of the MBA program at VIU and will be assisting us in the Big Deals Boutique as well as in admin and marketing.

Welcome Tarushi!



Mentor Appreciation Event

We will be holding a special Mentor Appreciation Event on Sunday May 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. All current mentors and mentees and families in any of our programs are welcome to attend. We will have food, games as well as an awards presentation!

The event will be held at the **Departure Bay Activity Centre (1415 Wingrove St, Nanaimo)**. Please RSVP to Stephen if you plan to attend at stephen.cochrane@bigbrothersbigisters.ca or give him a call at 250-756-2447.



Beer and Burger Fundraiser - Friday June 7th

We are planning a Beer and Burger Fundraiser at the **Old City Station Pub (150 Skinner St, Nanaimo)** on Friday, June 7th starting at 5:30 PM.

Tickets are only \$20 and are available at our office at 2030 Northfield Road. There will be a silent auction with some great prizes to win as well as a 50/50 Draw! You can also purchase tickets by doing an e-transfer to: admin@bigscvi.ca, the password is: beerandburger

See you there !!



New Programs Launching in April !

We are happy to report that Teen In School Mentoring as well as 2 Game on and 1 Go Girls program are launching in April! A special thank you to the students from Ballenas Secondary School for volunteering as mentors!



Curious Comicon 2019 - Saturday May 4th

We are happy to report that we have been selected as a charity of Choice for Curious Comicon 2019!

Curious Comicon, hosted by Curious Comics in Nanaimo is on Saturday May 4th, 2019 from 9:30am-6:00pm at Country Club Centre.

There will be lots of exhibits featuring your favorite Comic Book characters..... great fun for the whole family. A great idea for a match activity!

A special "Thank you" to Curious Comics in Nanaimo for selecting us as a charity of choice!

OUR LOCATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver Island
2030 Northfield Road
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Big Deals Boutique Hours
Wednesday to Saturday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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