



BIG Times

December 2017



We had a great time at the Santa Claus Parade on December 2nd!

Although we had some rain, a good time was had by all at the Annual Santa Claus Parade in Nanaimo on December 2nd. 15 people from our agency came out to support the event and we had a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who came out!



Christmas Bowling Party

We had an excellent turnout at the Christmas Bowling Party which took place at Brechin Lanes on December 3rd. We had 45 people including staff, Bigs and Littles who had a great time bowling. Thank you to everyone who came out and especially to Brechin Lanes who allowed us to host the event, it is much appreciated!



Updates on our Programs

The fall is always a busy time with everyone getting back to school and our programs starting up again. We are happy to report that 41 Mentors are currently serving 47 Children in the In School Mentoring Program. We are also happy to announce that there will be 5 Go Girls and 3 Game on Programs that will be starting up January.

We want to give a sincere "Thank you" to all of the mentors in all of our programs who volunteer their valuable time to make a difference in the lives of children. We also want to Thank all of our School and Community Partners who make our

programs possible!



Birthdays and Match Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Dec 12th Big Brother Chris and Big Sister Holly

Dec 16 Little Sister Kassie

Dec 18 In School Mentor Craig

Match Anniversary:

Big Sister Emily and Little Sister Kaydence LS, Dec 17, 3 yrs
(Emily and Kaydence celebrated 3 years together but the match closed due to Kaydence moving away. Emily will continue to mentor in 2018)



Thank you Rogers Foundation

We want to offer a sincere "Thank you" to the Rogers Foundation for supporting our agency with their recent donation, it is much appreciated!



Thank you Hans Bischoff

A BIG Thank you to one of our In School mentors, Hans Bischoff who raised \$750 in corporate donations for our mentoring programs.. Good job Hans!



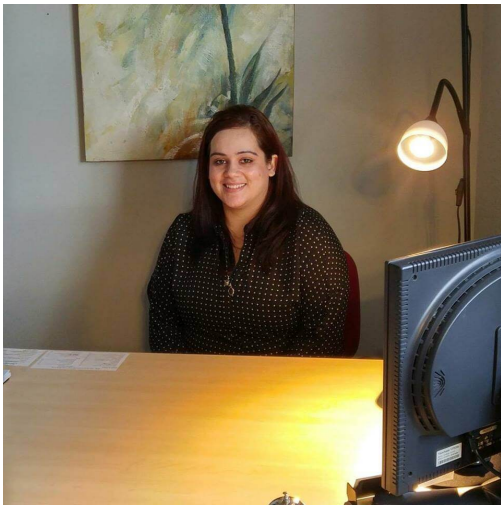
Thank you and Congratulations to Island Savings

Congratulations to Island Savings for receiving the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada's Community Partnership Award. The Community Partnership Award is given to the community partner who demonstrate Community Leadership and act as a Corporate Role model in the community. Pictured here are representatives from Big Brothers agencies in Nanaimo, Cowichan and Victoria.



Thank you Martika

We want to thank Martika McLean our clothing volunteer for her great work at the Big Deals Boutique, it is much appreciated!



Thank you Sonal

We also want to thank Sonal Malik, our MBA Internship Student from VIU for her excellent work for us. Sonal assists us in Admin. Marketing and the Big Deals Boutique!



Thank you to Saeka

Saeka Tsunoda is our practicum student in the Child and Youth Care Program at VIU. She has been assisting us as an In School Mentor, In Go Girls and also in other areas of program delivery and administration. Thank you Saeka!



Congratulations to our Volunteer Homebuilders

Five people from our agency (Our Executive Director Denise Robinson, Board Member Roger Lytton and Staff Member Len Giberson with volunteers Colleen Carlson and Emily McCarter) spent three weeks in November building homes for impoverished families in the Dominican Republic along with other volunteers from Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across Canada. They built two houses for two families which will house a total of 18 people.

A BIG Thank you and congratulations to all of them and to Westjet for sponsoring their flights. Great job everyone!!

Denise would like to personally thank Westjet for their support, "On behalf of myself and four other people from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver IslandI would like say thank you so much for sponsoring our flights to the Dominican Republic with Live Different to build houses.

Our group described this experience as; life changing, humbling, a gift, a life time experience that will remain with us forever. Our group is already making plans to go again next year.

In closing, we would like to thank West Jet for your support and making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and other countries. Your company and employees are truly AMAZING!"

Many thanks,

Denise Robinson
Executive Director



Introducing... Big Deals Boutique

Our Clothing Store has undergone a rebrand with a new name and logo and we have new business hours! We still offer top quality gently used clothing for women and children with all items \$10 or less. All proceeds help fund our programs!

We are open Wednesday to Saturday from
10 AM - 4 PM
2030 Northfield Road (our office location) in
Nanaimo
250-756-2447



All the very best to everyone this
Holiday Season!!

Our office and store will be closed starting
Saturday December 23rd and will re-open
on Tuesday January 2nd.

We want to wish everyone all the very best
and a safe and happy holiday season and all
the best in 2018. Thank you to all of our
supporters for making 2017 so successful
for us!

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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