



BIG Times

February 2016



Our First Ever Saturday Clothing Sale coming up on February 6th!

We are planning our first ever Saturday Clothing Sale on Saturday, February 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM at our office (at 2030 Northfield Road)

We will feature a great selection of top quality Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing. Proceeds from our Saturday Clothing Sale will help fund our programs for deserving children in our community. (We can accept cash only, we are not able to accept debit or credit cards at this time).

For more information, give us a call at 250-756-2447 or email: jennifer@bigscvi.ca



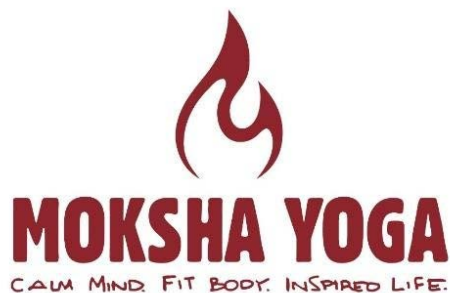
A BIG Thank you and congratulations to Canadian Western Bank for their Greater Interest GIC Campaign for 2015!

Canadian Western Bank has once again run their Greater Interest GIC Campaign this past year with fantastic results!

The Greater Interest GIC Campaign is an annual campaign whereby a portion of all funds placed into a Greater Interest GIC is donated to the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency. This year the Courtney and Nanaimo Branches have donated \$19,041.60 to our agency!

For more information on the Greater Interest GIC Campaign, visit www.greaterinterest.ca

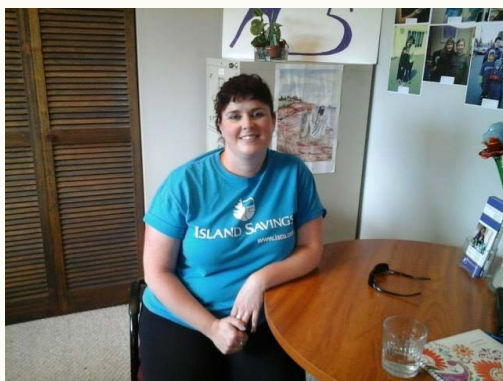
A BIG Thank you to Moksha Yoga



for their donation !!

Many Thanks to Moksha Yoga for their recent donation of \$3000 to our agency. We certainly appreciate their continued support!

For more information on Moksha Yoga and their programs, visit: nanaimo.mokshayoga.ca/



A BIG Thank you to the fantastic In-School Mentor from Island Savings!

We sincerely want to Thank Nikki McClellan from Island Savings for making a difference in a child's life by volunteering as an In-School Mentor this year. We also want to thank Island Savings for their continued support and for promoting our In-School Mentoring program to their staff.



Thanks to the group from TLC Services/The Light of Christ Church for constructing our new storage facility!

Bruce Taylor and Martin Henniger of TLC Services (A ministry of the Light of Christ Church) working with Martin's grandson Lucas and Dan Chambers donated their valuable time and effort to construct a fantastic storage facility for our Recycled Clothing Program at our office on Northfield Road.

The storage facility will store our clothing which is used to help fund our programs. When asked to comment, they said, "We are happy to help... We really appreciate the work that Big Brothers Big Sisters does in the community."

Used Clothing Partnership Program

The Used Clothing Partnership Program continues to be a great success. The profits from the sale of donated clothing helps to continue the vital work of helping children in our community.

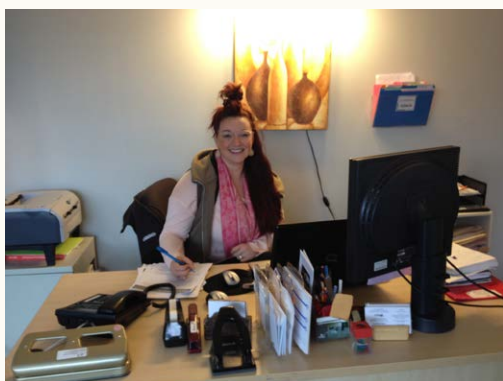
Remember, your clothing donation helps us



to help children to be matched with positive role models in their lives !!

Please drop off your donated clothing at our office or at VI Fitness at 1815 Bowen Road or 4300 Wellington Road.

Many thanks to all who continue to help out with this program!!



A Testimonial from one of our VIU Practicum Students

Alise McKenzie is a practicum student in her 3rd year of studies in the Child and Youth Care Program at VIU. She had heard of Big Brothers Big Sisters and was volunteering at the Workability Farm when she got to know Paulyne and when practicum time in her program came along, Paulyne offered her an opportunity to work with us!

Alise is working at Springfield Elementary School in Parksville where she is involved in In-School Mentoring (she mentors 3 girls and 1 boy) and also facilitates the Go Girls Program. "I really was excited to do one on one mentoring because before that I had only worked with groups of kids", she said. "This practicum has really given me the opportunity to practice my skills as well as to get integrated into the community." When asked what challenges she has encountered so far, she said "Sometimes they have a hard time opening up. I have also encountered a few behavioral challenges but nothing overwhelming. But I really see the benefits of mentoring to the kids, they get to have one on one attention that they desperately need and I have learned that to befriend a child, you need to meet them at their level.

Her feedback on facilitating the Go Girls program has been equally positive, "I run one group of 6 girls in grades 6 and 7. I have never ran a group by myself before so it has been a real growth experience for me I have also learned leadership skills

For more information on doing your practicum with our agency or any program related questions, call Paulyne at 250-756-



Big Brother Andy and Little Brother Griffin got to attend a hockey game!

We are happy to report that some generous folks donated two tickets to a Canucks game as well as two ferry tickets to our agency with the hope that a Big and a Little would have the opportunity to attend a hockey game. Big Brother Andy and Little Brother Griffin, one of our matches, attended the game on January 11th and had a great time there! A BIG Thank you to those who donated!



Highlights of 2015

Last year was an excellent year for us as an agency! Here are a few highlights that made 2015 memorable:

- We served 147 children!
- We sent four deserving children to Tim Hortons Camp last year!
- We gave our eight Christmas Hampers at Christmas time and helped 30 people!
- We opened our programs at a new school: Georgia Avenue Community School in Nanaimo!



Congratulations to our Match Anniversaries

September 2015

Big Brother Tyler and Little Brother Chris
1 year
Big Brother Doug and Little Brother Ira
2 years
Big Brother Doug and Little Brother Kalen
2 years

October 2015

Big Brother Chris and Little Brother Colton
1 year
Big Sister Marci and Little Sister Mya
2 years

November 2015

Big Brother Felix and Little Brother CJ
1 year

December 2015

Big Sister Emily and Little Sister Kaydence
- 1 year

Quotes from our Supporters



*"As a little brother for over 8 years I know the kind of impact it has on a little. From my big brother I was taught about reaching for the stars and never letting anyone take me down. He taught me to be the person I am today, and to always give back. He taught me the important things in life and I am happy not only to call him my Big Brother and part of my family, but my best friend." - **Little Brother***

*"I cannot stress enough the positive change this program has had on my son. Everyone who knows him, including a high school teacher, has commented on the difference." **Mom of a Little Brother***

*"I do feel that I have made a difference in my buddy's life. He runs to the door to greet me whenever I come to his class. He has become much less shy around me and already is showing more confidence in his speech." **Teen In-School Mentor***

*"The Big Brothers' Big Sisters' program supports the idea that it take a whole community to raise a child." **School Principal***

OUR LOCATION

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OUR HOURS

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

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