



# BIG Times

March 2017



**We were happy to promote #Pinkshirtday again this year!**

On **February 22, 2017** in Canada we celebrated National Pink Shirt Day which is an effort to treat everyone with kindness and respect and to draw attention to and end bullying in all its forms. People are encouraged to wear a pink shirt, button or ribbon to help show support for Pink Shirt Day.

Our National Organization partnered with National Clothing Retailer Bootlegger to introduce two limited edition pink t-shirts (men's / women's) which were created to promote kindness, compassion, diversity, and acceptance in honor of Pink Shirt Day. Let's remember to honor the sentiment of Pink Shirt Day all year long!



**A BIG Welcome to Angelene Peter**

Angelene is a graduated MBA Student from VIU doing her practicum with us. She has been working primarily in the BIG Deals Clothing Program and has also been working on a number of other proposals and projects for our agency. Thanks Angelene for doing a great job!



## Update on the BIG Deals Clothing Program

The BIG Deals Clothing program continues to grow and we are serving new customers every day!

The BIG Deals Clothing Program sells a wide variety of Quality Mens, Womens and Childrens clothing with new stock coming in daily thanks to the donations of our local community. Thank you to Angelene Peter who has helped out with this program.

We continually run new sales and promotions so stay turned to our website at <http://www.bigscvi.ca> or our Facebook page. Please come and LIKE our facebook page if you haven't already at: <https://www.facebook.com/bigdealsclothing>

Our hours run from from Wednesday - Saturday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

We have also launched a new video advertising the program which you can view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm85dwYLyh8>

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



## Update on the Go Girls Program

The fall session of our Go Girls Program have wrapped at Springwood Elementary, Forest Park Elementary and Uplands Elementary Schools. In total we served 16 girls in the program and a great time was had by all.

All three schools gave us excellent feedback on the program. The consensus was that the girls really benefited and they are looking forward to running the program again next year!

A BIG thank you to our volunteer facilitators Andie, Taylor Melissa and Sabrina

## Brechin Lanes Bowling Fundraiser

A special thanks to Brechin Lanes for hosting a fundraiser on our behalf. From March 20-31st during the special Glow Bowling Time which runs from 4 - 6 PM, Brechin Lanes will donate \$5.00 per lane to our agency!



We will also be selling paper bowling pins (in your name) which will be posted on the wall at Brechin Lanes. You can purchase them at Brechin Lanes or purchase them online by clicking [this link](#). Staff from our agency will be at Brechin Lanes on March 20th and 27th to kick off the fundraiser and sell bowling pins.

Breachin Lanes is at 1870 East Wellington Road Nanaimo, BC.

For more information you can call Brechin Lanes at 250-753-2341 or call Stephen at 250-756-2447.



## Thank you Canadian Western Bank!

A BIG Thank you to Canadian Western Bank for your donation of \$3015 from the proceeds of your Greater Interest GIC Campaign!!

For more information visit: <http://www.greaterinterest.ca>



## New Game on Program coming up!

We are planning a new session of Game on starting April 19th at Brechin Elementary School. A BIG Thanks to our volunteer facilitator Sirreal for helping to coordinate the program!



## Congratulations to our Match Anniversaries!

### February 2017

Big Sister Janet and Little Sister Chloe - 1 year  
Big Brother Jason and Little Brother Ezra - 1 year

### March 2017

Big Brother Tim and Little Brother Sam - 1 year  
Big Sister Susan and Little Brother Khiam - 1 year

### April 2017

Big Brother Bruce and Little Brother Felix - 3 years!!



## **Welcome our New Matches!!**

We are happy to report that we have added five new matches to our Community Program! Thank you to all the Mentors for investing your time in the lives of the children we serve!

Big Sister Lori and Little Sister Sadie

Big Brother Matthew and Little Brother Darius

Big Brother Ken and Little Brother Ben

Big Brother Mike and Little Brothers Gavin and Damon



## **Welcome to our new Board Members!**

Shannon Katz  
Renee Clements  
Frank Bailey  
Laurie Bienert

Welcome to the Team!!

thank you!

## **Thank you to Melissa Tracey**

A special "Thank you" to Melissa Tracey for all your contributions to our board. We wish you all the best!

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## **Thank you to Nic Wassbauer from the VIU Business Administration Program**

Thank you to Nick Wassbauer from the VIU Business Administration (with a specialty in Marketing) program who has done some fundraising on campus and in the public for us, it is much appreciated!





## Interview with Melissa Peoples

Melissa Peoples is in her 4th year of the Child and Youth Care program at VIU and is doing her internship with us. She also works in the Child and Youth Counselling Program with the Haven Society. She knew Stephen through her involvement in the community and was interested in learning the dynamics of the mentoring process and the impact it has on children.

Melissa ran two Go Girls programs at Uplands School this year and is also involved in program and proposal development with us. She has also helped out in our internal operations related to our programs and helped out with this year's Christmas Parade.

"I like the fact that the agency is smaller and very accessible to the public". She said. "I really have seen firsthand the impact of the programs. I noticed a big difference in the Girls I mentored in the Go Girls Programs. I also like the fact that the programs are cost effective due to the fact that they are run by volunteers." She said.

Overall, Melissa said that she had a good experience with us. She liked the staff and other internship students who have helped out with us and said she has had a positive experience with our agency.



## Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM

A BIG Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out with our recent Annual General Meeting. Thank you also to those who spoke and shared their experience with our programs, thank you for doing that for us!



## Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for some dedicated volunteers in a couple of areas in our agency

1. Our Fund Development Committee
2. Clothing Loaders in our Clothing Collection Program

For more information on our Fund Development Committee contact Laurie at [Laurie@bigscvi.ca](mailto:Laurie@bigscvi.ca). For more information on helping out with our clothing loads contact Jennifer at [Jennifer@bigscvi.ca](mailto:Jennifer@bigscvi.ca) or call 250-756-2447.



## Your Clothing Donations help fund our Agency!

Your clothing donations help fund our programs for deserving children in our community! Donations can be made during Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

at:  
2030 Northfield Road  
Nanaimo, BC  
V9S 3B8 **(Look for our sign on Northfield Road)**  
**250-756-2447**

After Hours Donations can be made at:

VI Fitness - 1815 Bowen Rd. Ph. 250-754-2348  
or  
VI Fitness - 202-4300 Wellington Rd. ph. 250-756-2985

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Central Vancouver Island  
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### VISIT US ONLINE

[www.bigscvi.ca](http://www.bigscvi.ca)

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