

BIG Times

July 2018



The Facebook Auction was a BIG Success

A BIG Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who either bid or were winners of the packages and prizes in our 3rd annual Online Facebook Auction in May. In total over \$2000 was raised which will go directly into our programs for children in our community! We are planning our next Facebook Auction for September of next year so stay tuned!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Chemainus Theatre
WestJet Cares for Kids
Paradise Fun Park
Days Inn / Ricky's Grill in Nanaimo
Vancouver Aquarium
Beach Acres Resort in Parksville
Nanaimo Golf Club
Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo
Port Theatre
Arbutus RV and Marine Sales Ltd.
Tigh-Na-Mara Resort and Spa
Wingren NuFloors



Thank you for supporting our Beer and Burger fundraiser!

The Beer and Burger Fundraiser held on Friday June 8th was a huge success! In total we sold 57 tickets and raised over \$1600 which will go towards our programs!

A Big Thank you to the Old City Pub for hosting the fundraiser for us and providing great food and service to everyone that attended!

A BIG Thank you also the sponsors of the Silent Auction:

Nanaimo Curling Club
Co Op Gas Station
John's Bedroom Barn
Tim Horton's - Wallace Street
Bosley's Pet Supplies in Parksville
Big Deals Boutique
Sylvan Learning Centre
Logo West
Salt Spring Coffee Company
Nanaimo Toyota
Lefty's (Parksville)
Kool & Child
Toulouse Family (Lynne & David)



Update on our In School Mentoring and Group Programs

The 2017/2018 School year was a busy and successful one with 46 In-School Mentors serving 56 kids. In the Go Girls Program we had 10 Mentors serving 70 girls and the Game on Program had 5 mentors serving 25 boys.

A BIG Thank you to our In School Mentors as well as everyone that participated in either Go Girls or Game On this past school year! Your valuable time is extremely appreciated by us and the children we serve, thank you!

A BIG Thank you to all the School liaisons for their collaboration in supporting our programs and our mentors. Autumn Taylor(Springwood), Trina Norgan(Brechin), Sam Brockman(Fairview), Lisa Marie Barron(Brechin/Fairview), Teresa Al-Hajj (NDSS), Paula Kuffler(Forest Park), Sara Anderson(Uplands), Jessica Nordal (Gabriola/ Park Ave), Jennifer Thorleissson (Georgia)

Thank you also to all of our School Partners for helping us offer these programs to the children we serve!

Brechin Elementary School
Park Avenue Community School
Fairview Community School
Forest Park Elementary School
Uplands Park Elementary School
Georgia Avenue Community School
Springwood Elementary School
Gabriola Elementary School



Birthdays and Match Anniversaries

Congratulations to everyone celebrating Birthdays or Match Anniversaries!!

Birthdays for the month of May:

Big Brother Bruce
Little Brother Chris
Big Sister Janet
Big Sister Jamai
Little Sister Bryleigh
Little Brother August
Match Anniversary
Big Sister Sara and Little Sister Amber - 5 years

Birthdays for the Month of June:

Little Sister Shae Lynn
Little Sister Abbie

Match Anniversaries
a BIG Congratulations on a 5 year match for Big Sister Kristi and Little Sister Jessie and also a 5 year match for Big Sister Amber and Little Sister Sara!

Birthdays for the Month of July:

Big Sister Aletha,
Micalla - In School Mentor
Little Sister Ariel
Big Sister Karly
Match Anniversary
a 4 year match with Big Sister Holly and Little Sister Shae-Lynn

August Match Anniversaries

A 1 year match with Big Sister Jamai and Little Sister Pauline

September Match Anniversaries

A 4 year match, Big Brother Tyler and Little Brother Chris
A 1 year match with Big Sister Sam and Little Sister Zoe
A 2 year match with Big Brother Dean and Little Brother Lincoln
A 1 year match with Big Sister Karly and Little Sister Ariel
A 5 year match with Big Brother Doug to both Little Brothers Kalen and Ira



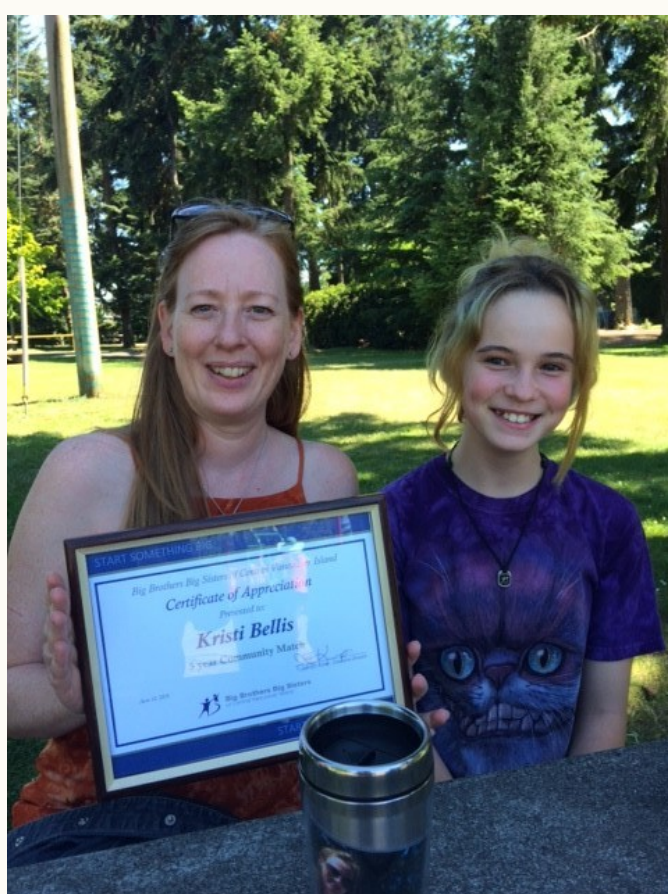
Thank you Tim Hortons for sending our kids to camp!

We are happy to report that five of our littles will be going to Tim Horton's Camp this summer. Thank you to the Tim Horton's on Bowen Road as well as the Tim Horton's on Wallace Street for sponsoring these children for camp, it is much appreciated!



Thank you and Congratulations Andy Parker

We would like to offer a sincere congratulations and Thank you to the amazing service of Andy Parker. Andy has been a mentor in the Community Program for 10 years from 2008 to 2018. Pictured here is Andy receiving our Community Service Award for 10 years of Service. He has also been a Big Brother for 5 years to Little Brother Griffin, whose match recently came to an end. Thank you for your amazing contributions into the lives of deserving children, Andy!



Thank you Kristi for 5 years of service!

A BIG Congratulations and Thank you to Kristi Bellis whose 5 year match with Little sister Jessica has just ended. Thanks Kristi for donating your valuable time to make an impact on a child!



Update on the Big Deals Boutique

The Big Deals Boutique continues to grow as word of mouth and social media advertising continues to attract new shoppers. We also have attracted some very enthusiastic repeat shoppers who shop with us on a regular basis.

We have gotten in some fantastic summer stock which has been very popular. We also have added Square Point of Sale which allows our customers to shop with a regular Credit Card or Interac Tap, making it more convenient.

We are currently running a special Summer Refer-a-Friend Promotion. Till the end of August any shopper who refers a new customer to us gets a \$3 credit and the new customer gets a one time 3 for 1 promotion.

You can shop with us Wednesday to Saturday from 10 AM - 4 PM at our location at 2030 Northfield Road. All funds go directly toward supporting our programs.



Thank you Cheyanne

Cheyenne McPherson who worked with us as a practicum student for her Social Services Diploma is continuing to work with us as our Summer Student. Cheyanne will be involved in the Big Deals Boutique as well working in admin at our agency. Congratulations Cheyanne and Thanks for a great job!



Annual Summer Picnic - September 9th

Our annual picnic at Rathrevor Beach is coming up on Sunday September 9th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. There will be games and food for everyone. A BIG Thank you to the Light of Christ Church for putting this on for us! Please RSVP to Stephen by September 1st. Call 250-756-2647 or email: stephen.cochrane@bigbrothersbigsis.org



September is Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

September is National Big Brothers Big Sisters month across Canada, with Big Brothers Big Sisters Day happening on Tuesday September 18th. To celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters month we are planning a fundraising and mentor recruiting campaign planned for September. Details will be on our website and social media channels so stay tuned for that!

National Stats:
1.2 million of Canada's children live in poverty, and research demonstrates that Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs yield positive results in mental health, employment and civic engagement - factors that can help break the cycle of poverty.

Of those youth who were part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring program, 63 per cent had post-secondary education, 80 per cent pursued healthy lifestyles and 98 per cent felt they make good life choices as adults.

| OUR LOCATION | Office Hours | VISIT US ONLINE |
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| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver Island 2030 Northfield Road Nanaimo, BC V9S 3B8 | Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Big Deals Boutique Hours Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM | www.bigscoi.ca |

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