

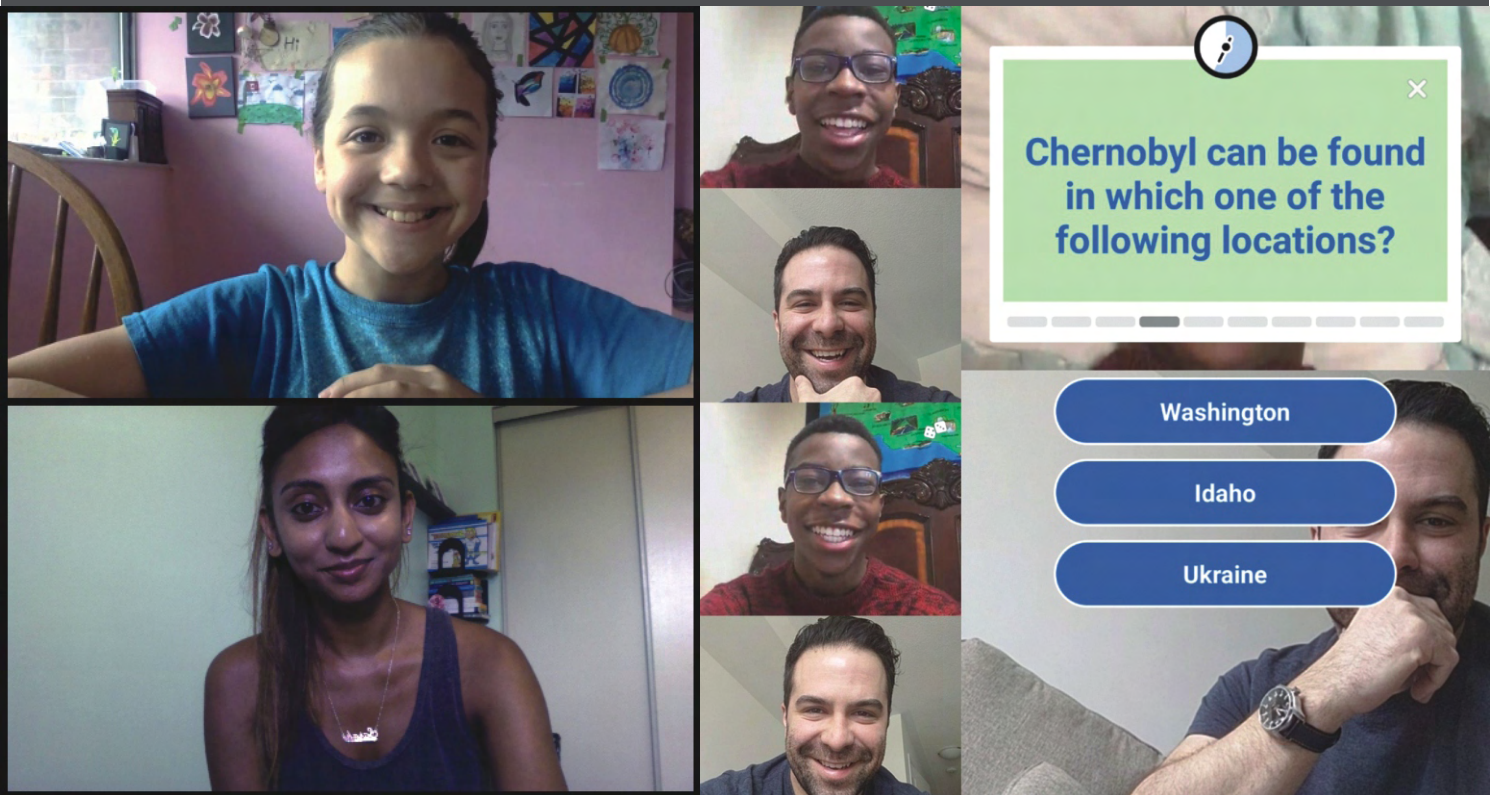
BIG News



Big Brothers Big Sisters
OF PEEL

Spring/Summer 2021

VIRTUAL MENTORING! SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH IN 2021!



Adapting virtually to support our youth when they need it the most!

Staying safe and healthy and making an impact in 2021!

See page 4 for details on our Tim Hortons Move For Kids' Sake event!

Thank You To Our Volunteers, Donors And Community Partners!

On Friday, September 25th Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel proudly recognized our most outstanding volunteers, donors, and community partners at our 'Dine and Celebrate' Virtual Gala Celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us virtually and shared in recognizing all of our special award recipients, as well as enjoying some great entertainment from our youth, and a delicious dinner delivered to everyone's homes from 10tation Catering.

A special thank you to our 2020 Gala Sponsors for their very generous support: Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP, Johnston Equipment, The Sharpe-Way Group at Scotia Wealth Management, Peel Regional Police Services Board, TD, MNP, Formcor, Jack Greedy Limited, Razor Creative and The Johnston Family.

We would also like to thank our very hard working Gala committee for their time and energy to plan a safe and successful event despite not being able to join together in person. A total of \$57,000 was raised to support our virtual mentoring programs during a time when our youth need the support of a mentor more than ever.



Michele Darling Big Sister of the Year - Shiela Smith



Michele Darling Little Sister of the Year - Lily



Big Brother of the Year
Jim Veres



Little Brother of the Year
Hydden



Group Mentor of the Year
William Walker



In-School Mentor & Mentee of the Year
Angela Wildman & Queen



Youth of the Year
Denzelle Lauzon



Conversation Club Volunteer of the Year - Ahmed Alafanji



Johnston Equipment Volunteer of the Year - Elaine Odetoynbo



Corporate Partner of the Year
Finastra



Local Business Partner of the Year
Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP



Community Partner of the Year
Scientists in School

Congratulations to all our volunteers, donors and community partners for making an incredible impact!

Congratulations To Our Volunteers For their Years of Service!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first virtual Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Evening on Wednesday, June 17th. Along with sharing highlights of the past year and how we are adapting virtually, we also had the pleasure of recognizing several of our volunteers for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Congratulations to each of you for your incredible dedication! Additionally, we had the opportunity to present scholarships to 8 very deserving youth from our programs to assist them in their post secondary education. Although nothing can compare to making these presentations in person we are very thankful to have the opportunity to be able to make these presentations virtually and we thank you for staying connected!



President & CEO, Shari Lynn Ladanchuk and Board Chair, Jared Bourne

Congratulations to our Awards Recipients

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Sabrina Abrol
Martinson Arhen
Michael Burnes
Cory Crabtree
Kevin Christopher George
Jaspreet Gill
Jason Hepburn
Salman Khalid
Colette King
Neil Kubeer
Adrian Lisena
Charles Manuvelpillai
Usman Naseer
Barbara Pereira
Sunita Prasad
Pearline Rae
Carly Spragg
Graham Steele
Maureen Thornton
Shaista Uddin

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Pierre D'Souza
Vytautas Dzemionas
Brian Johnston
Simratpal Singh Soodan
David Straughan
Lisa Wright
Manreet Yadav

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Andrea Bates
Dave Chondon
Jane Costaris
Nora Guinane
Donovan Irving
John Manning
Bruno Matta
Glen Way

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Scott Brooks

Congratulations To Our Scholarship Recipients!

We wish you all the best in your studies!

SYLVIE HYNDMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Aaliyah C.
Denzelle L.

KIWANIS CLUB OF BRAMPTON BURSARY FUND

Alaysia W.
Georgia D.
Jahnaye F.

Jordan V.
Lucas M.
Sonika V.

"So very grateful for my Little Sister, Lily. I love the time we get to spend together doing creative and fun activities. Our continuous video calls has made quarantining a lot more enjoyable! – Big Sister, Sarah Indarjit"

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Tim Hortons.



MOVE FOR KIDS' SAKE

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON CHIEF NISHAN DURAIAPPAH



FEBRUARY 16 – MARCH 31

GET ACTIVE TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

It's easy to participate! Create a fundraising page, set a goal, select a fitness activity to do in exchange for donations.

Example – 1 push up for every \$5 raised!

Every \$1,000 raised helps to ensure a young person is matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister!

Thank You To Our Sponsors

Tim Hortons.



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Register online at www.bbbspeel.com

Questions? Please email - events.peel@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Are you up for the challenge? Help us reach our GOAL - \$50,000!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you Ontario Trillium Foundation!

A BIG thank you to **Ontario Trillium Foundation** for their three year grant of \$368,000 to expand group mentoring programs in Peel Region for youth facing barriers. Starting October 1, 2020, BBBSP is expanding our group mentoring programs, MSpire, implementing the new Bigs on Campus program with our new partner, Sheridan College and expanding the reach of the Newcomer Go Girls Program. We are looking forward to an exciting 3 years together.



Thank you to the Canada Emergency Community Support Fund Grants!

A Big Thank you to the Canada **Emergency Community Support Fund Grants** through United Way of Greater Toronto, Community Foundation of Mississauga and Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation. Thank you for your generous support of our transition to virtual mentoring programs for youth facing isolation during the pandemic. With their generous support, we were able to provide virtual one-to-one mentoring relationships for youth and offer 7 week virtual Go Girls and Game On Programs in Mississauga and Brampton. Thank you for all your support to children and youth in our community during this challenging time!



Hoffman-La Roche Limited donates \$30,000!

A BIG thank you to our long-time supporter Hoffman La-Roche Ltd. Their very generous donation of \$30,000 in 2020 supporting our community-based programs assisted us in delivering quality virtual mentoring programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their generosity continues with another \$30,000 donation in 2021. Thank you, Hoffman La-Roche, your support helps our agency to ensure that all young people realize their full potential.



Thank you to Cummins!

A BIG thank you to Cummins for your continued support in 2020. Cummins generously donated \$26,040 to support virtual mentoring during the COVID-19 pandemic. This investment by Cummins provided staffing resources for our virtual programs and an invaluable contribution to the provision of activity kits to youth and mentors. The activity kits were essential in keeping youth engaged in the program delivery and enabling a range of recreation, art and science-based activities to be facilitated.



Thank you to Weston Bakery!

Thank you to George Weston Limited for organizing their Weston...Seeding Stronger Communities Employee Campaign once again in 2020.

We thank all of the employees at both the Weston Foods Mississauga Plant & Brampton Plant for choosing to support Big Brothers Big Sisters and for working so hard to raise a total of \$23,501.



Thank you to the Advance Brampton Fund!

Our thanks to the Advanced Brampton Fund (ABF) for your generous donation of \$17,211 in 2020. Funding from ABF supported our Brampton Group Mentoring Programs and BIGS on Campus, Sheridan. Their generous donation allowed us to run successful virtual mentoring programs in Brampton. BBBSP was able to order, organize and deliver hundreds of kits to mentees and mentors to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic, which greatly enhanced their virtual mentoring experience.



Thank you Amgen!

A BIG thank you to Amgen Canada for their ongoing support and partnership over the past 7 years. Their very generous donation of \$18,000 in 2021 supports BBBSP in helping us provide impactful science-related learning opportunities. We are thrilled to be able to give our youth the opportunity to engage with inspiring leaders and mentors through science-related programming. Through virtual STEM activities, slime nights and learning about nature and the environment our youth have been given the opportunity to learn and love all things science! Congratulations Amgen Canada on celebrating your 30th Anniversary!



Thank You For Helping to Ignite Potential!

Partnership with Sheridan College Davis Campus!



In 2020 we began a partnership with Sheridan College, launching our BIGS on Campus Program. Running virtually for the 2020-2021 school year, Sheridan College student volunteers mentor youth from the community age 9-13. They have done some amazing activities so far including science experiments, clay modeling, origami, paint nights and more! Sheridan faculty have also hosted a variety of virtual workshops keeping youth engaged and eager to learn. Thank you Sheridan for this valued partnership!

Thank you to Mattel!

A special thank you to Mattel who has supported Big Brothers Big Sisters in a variety of ways in 2020/21. Early on in the pandemic they reached out to donate games and toys to families in need, they also donated 50 backpacks for our youth full of school supplies. Additionally they have donated three Power Wheels vehicles and several Towers of Toys for our fundraising events and they sponsored 10 families and donated 150 games for the holidays. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Our new One on One Charity Sponsorship Program!

This new program began in November 2020 through the initiative of long-time volunteer and supporter Darren Sketchley. Darren has been working with numerous friends and colleagues to help provide funding to our youth for them to pursue an interest or passion.

In 2020, **\$19,355 was raised** to sponsor **10 of our youth** to grow and learn through a variety of sponsorships including art, coding, gaming, Kumon, tuition for post-secondary education and to cover laptop and internet expenses for schooling and BBBS programming. This program continues to grow and is an ongoing program into 2021. Our thanks is extended to Darren and the many donors who have made so many great opportunities possible for our youth.

Thank You to our Holiday Giving Donors!

- 84 generous individuals, companies and organizations supported our families for the holidays
- \$11,515 was donated for our agency to convert into gift cards to support our families through grocery gift cards and gift cards for their children
- 150 games and were donated by Mattel
- 25 families received a delicious turkey dinner for 6 through The Kitchen at Mono Mills
- A total of 65 families and 165 youth were supported through holiday sponsorships

Overall, a total of 99 families and 343 youth received holiday support. Our thanks to everyone who supported our 2020 Holiday Giving Program.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following donors who generously supported Big Brothers Big Sisters between January 1, - December 31, 2020:

\$50,000+

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Johnston Equipment
Ontario Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services
Ontario Ministry of Education
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Region of Peel
United Way of Greater Toronto

\$25,000 - \$49,999

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\$10,000 - \$24,999

Advance Brampton Fund
Amgen Canada Inc.
Brampton & Caledon Community Foundation -
Emergency Community Support Fund
Car Hub North York & Caledon Chrysler
City of Brampton
City of Mississauga
Community Foundation of Mississauga - Pendle Fund
Community Foundation of Mississauga -
Emergency Community Support Fund
Scotiabank Thriving Communities Project
The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation
The Sharpe-Way Group at Scotia Wealth Management
Tim Hortons Advertising & Promotion Fund (Canada)
Vox Sports
Z103.5

\$5,000 - \$9,999

CHUM Charitable Foundation
Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP
Inscan Contractors Inc.
Mississauga Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund
Razor Creative Solutions Inc.
The Joan and Cliff Hatch Foundation

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Brad Hains
Brita Canada Inc.
Making Waves Swim School
Mary Kay Cosmetics
MNP
National Homes
Peel Regional Police Services Board
TD

2020 Agency Highlights



Program Highlights

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, BBBSP successfully transitioned its mentoring programs to virtual formats in 2020, serving 1,200 children and youth

Program Innovation

Innovation was highlighted in programs in 2020. An on-line application for families was developed for the website; website enhancements were made for virtual program promotion to families and partners; all programs were adapted for virtual program delivery; new resources and activities were researched and shared with mentors, youth and families.

Curriculum Adaptation

Go Girls and Game On curriculums were adapted to support virtual program delivery; Staff shared their innovations with agencies across Canada.

Partnerships

Sheridan College became a new program partner, hosting the Sheridan Bigs on Campus Program virtually with staff, student mentors and faculty. Collaboration began with Black Youth Success (BYSSI) to support their capacity to develop their own BYSSI Mentoring Program. Community partners such as Scientists in School, KidsBridge Initiative and Visual Arts Mississauga were engaged to bring our youth interactive and educational virtual learning experiences.

BBBSC Project Ignite

BBBSP participated in the pilot of the Need Registry and the Developmental Relationships Training with Search Institute.

Fundraising Highlights

Agency fundraisers -

Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids' Sake, Move for Mentoring and Dine & Celebrate Gala

Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids' Sake - \$115,000 gross raised - Our agency was fortunate enough to be able to have 4 out of our 5 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids' Sake events happen successfully before Peel Region was in lockdown due to COVID-19. Highlights included over \$50,000 raised by Peel Regional Police and \$30,000 raised by Brampton City Councillor Pat Fortini.

Move For Mentoring Virtual Fundraiser \$26,000 gross raised - Virtual Fundraiser planned together with BBBS York for May 19th - June 30th aimed to raise \$15,000 and to get members of our community engaged, active and raising funds to support mentoring. End total was \$26,000 raised which was split between York and Peel.

Dine & Celebrate Gala Virtual Fundraiser - \$57,000 gross raised - Our virtual Gala was held on Friday September 25th. A total of 179 guests joined us and we were thrilled to be able to virtually recognize all of our top volunteers and donors. Meal delivery was provided to our guests by 10tation and delivery of celebratory materials was completed by a team of volunteers. Welcoming videos were sent in from Mayor Crombie, Mayor Brown, Mayor Thompson, as well as Peel Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah.

A Message From BBBSP's President & CEO, Shari Lynn Ladanchuk



It has now been one full year since the pandemic first hit and our world shifted in so many ways. This has been a year of tremendous change and it has forced us to challenge ourselves to look at things differently and to adapt to our new normal of social distancing. As the pandemic has continued so much longer than any of us ever anticipated it has become even more evident the vital role that mentors play in the lives of our youth as so many have battled anxiety, loneliness and uncertainty from COVID. Thank you to all of our mentors for being there for our youth when they have needed it the most!

At Big Brothers Big Sisters we are proud that we were able to very quickly shift our programs, fundraisers and events virtually. Our top priority will always be the safety and well-being of our youth, and to provide our youth with life-changing mentoring relationships. I would like to thank our many dedicated volunteers and donors who have stood by our agency during this past year. I would also like to give special thanks for the Emergency Community Support Funding

we received to help us through this past year from the United Way of Greater Toronto, Community Foundation of Mississauga and Brampton & Caledon Community Foundation.

We have learned much about ourselves, our friends, family and co-workers as we have navigated, and still continue to navigate, our way through the many changes COVID has brought to our lives. It has taught us to be resilient and in many ways has brought us together as we all work our way through these challenging times.

I encourage everyone to take time for yourselves to take care of your own mental health and to reach out to support one another. We will get through this together. We are #StrongerTogether.

Until next time...

You are invited to our Virtual Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Evening!

Join us for an evening to look at highlights of 2020, the direction of our agency in 2021 and celebrate our dedicated volunteers who are celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and a very special award for 50 years! We will also be presenting scholarships to several of our youth to assist with their post secondary education.

Wednesday, June 16th at 6 pm (link will be sent out a few days before the event)

To register please email Lori Plati at lori.plati@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Save the Date for Big Brothers Big Sisters Virtual Gala Celebration!

Friday, September 24, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm To register email events.peel@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



In memory of Meghan Crook 1989 - 2021

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Meghan Crook. Meghan, who was a 31 years old York Regional Police officer, was incredibly involved in BBBS of Peel. Meghan was a former Little Sister and for the past 11 years she had also been a Big Sister and a wonderful advocate and champion of mentoring impact for BBBS of Peel. Meghan was in a snow mobile accident at the beginning of January where she sustained critical injuries and passed away on Feb 2nd. Our sincere thoughts are with Meghan's family, friends and everyone who was inspired and impacted by Meghan's passionate legacy of helping others. She was a shining light in the lives of many and we at BBBS of Peel will endeavour to ensure her light continues to shine brightly!

Join us on social media:



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