

BIG News



Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF PEEL | YORK

Spring/Summer 2022

Celebrating

the unification of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel
and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York



By joining together, our new agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York will be able to provide increased mentoring support to vulnerable children and youth in Peel and York Region, promote the sharing of best practices, increase innovation and ensure sustainable growth and impact for the long term.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York is looking forward to continuing to work together with all of our valued volunteers, families, donors, partners and supporters in the years to come to help ensure the young people in our community have the mentors they need to excel.

**Join BBBSPY & ESCAPE to our
2022 Gala Celebration!**

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Thank You To Our Volunteers, Donors And Community Partners!

On Friday, September 24th Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel proudly recognized our most outstanding volunteers, donors and community partners at our 'Evening of Wonder' 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 wonderful entertainment from our youth, a fantastic magic show thanks to our dynamic magical duo Brent & Sarah, and a delicious dinner delivered to everyone's homes from 10tation Catering.

A special thank you to our 2021 Gala sponsors for their very generous support: The Sharpe-Way Group at Scotia Wealth Management, Johnston Equipment, Peel Regional Police Services Board, TD, Coats O'Neill LLP, Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP, MNP, Formcor and Razor Creative.

We would also like to thank our very hard working Gala committee for their time and energy to plan a safe and fun event despite not being able to join together in person. A total of \$58,000 was raised to support our mentoring program for the young people in our community.



Michele Darling Big & Little Sister of the Year - Bernadette Farag & Aniesha



Couples for Kids Match of the Year - Adam Johnston, Claire McCallum & Dylan



Conversation Club Mentor of the Year - Christine Le



In-School Mentor and Mentee of the Year - Don Smith and Noah



Game On Mentor of the Year - Aaron French



Virtual Stars of the Year - Elise Casimiri and Eliza



Big Heart Award - Linda Weeks, Forest Glen Public School



Community Partner of the Year - Mississauga Fire Fighters Association Benevolent Fund



Corporate Partner of the Year - Hoffmann-La Roche Limited

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

COVID Wonders

This past year it was also our pleasure to recognize six organizations who helped us tremendously to provide quality mentoring programs to our youth through the pandemic. Thank you to our COVID Wonders!



Amgen Canada



Advance Brampton Fund



Sheridan College, Davis Campus



University of Toronto Mississauga



Visual Arts Mississauga



KidsBridge Initiative

Celebrating a 25 Year Partnership With The Peel District School Board



It was an incredible 25 years ago when BBBS first partnered with the PDSB as we began our In-School Mentoring program.

We are so thankful for our incredible partnership with PDSB and are so proud that we are now providing five different mentoring programs in PDSB schools; programs that support social-emotional competence, mental health and well-being and serve diverse youth, including students from the Black community and newcomer youth. Thank you Peel District School Board for your incredible commitment to our agency.

Congratulations To Long-time Volunteer Donna Madill!

Congratulations to Donna Madill who won \$16,330 in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ontario 50/50. Donna has been a volunteer for 36 years with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York.



Meghan Crook Memorial Hike raises \$40,000!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the 1st Annual Meghan Crook Memorial Hike. A total of \$40,000 was raised to provide scholarships to Peel & York youth going on to post-secondary education.



A special thanks to Meghan's Big Sister Donna and friends Rhonda and Jacqueline who created this incredible event in memory of Meghan and to everyone at York Regional Police and all Meghan's friends and family who supported the event.

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

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 6 - 8 pm

Join us for highlights of 2021, to recognize our very dedicated volunteers of 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years and to present eight scholarships to our very deserving youth who are going on to post-secondary education.

Please RSVP to Lori Plati at lori.plati@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca by June 10, 2022

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Tim Hortons.

MOVE FOR KIDS' SAKE *WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?*

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON CHIEF NISHAN DURAIAPPAH



FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2022

Thank you to each individual, team and business who participated in our 2022 Tim Hortons Move For Kids' Sake event from February 1 – March 31. We appreciate you getting moving to support young people's mental health in our community. We are so thankful to have had 95 participants who helped to raise over \$46,000 and donations are still coming in. A special thank you to our presenting sponsor – Tim Hortons and to our Tim Hortons Move For Kids Sake' Honorary Chairperson Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah. Many thanks to our media sponsors: Z1035, Mississauga News, Brampton Guardian and Caledon Enterprise as well as our other event sponsors Rotary Club of Mississauga, Dominion Lending Centres and Topac Express. We also want to thank Black Fly Beverages, Coke Canada and Margaret Good – Independent Mary Kay Consultant who generously donated products for our participant gift bags.

Congratulations to our event contest winners:

Highest Fundraiser – Trevor Dale
Most Unique Activity – The Bearded Villains
Top Recruiter – Razor Creative

Thank You To Our Sponsors

Tim Hortons.



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CALEDON
Enterprise

We look forward to seeing you all at our 2023 Tim Hortons Move for Kids' Sake event!

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 CALEDON WOODS | CONSECUTIVE TEE TIME START

*Our tournament will be in compliance with all
Provincial Health Orders at the time of the event.*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Sign up today for a great day of golf while supporting a great cause. We look forward to seeing you on the First Tee!

Registration: \$225 for a single golfer; \$900 per foursome or \$1,100 per foursome plus hole sponsorship. Many great sponsorship opportunities are available!

Registration includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart rental, giveaways & prizes, breakfast & lunch, silent & live auction, swag bag. Consecutive tee times begin at 8 am.

To learn more and register today visit: www.GFKS2022.com or go to www.bbbspeelyork.ca and click on EVENTS

Please note, this tournament Sold Out in 2021 and will have individual foursome tee time format again this year. You will be advised of your foursome's tee time closer to the date of the tournament. There is an opportunity to indicate your preferred window when you register.

Thank you to all of our golfers, sponsors, donors and volunteers who helped to make our 2021 Golf For Kids' Sake event a great success. A total of 158 golfers participated and we raised \$46,000!

Our thanks to our Hole in one Sponsor – Lexus on the Park, Cheers Wall sponsor – Chaggares & Bonhomme CPA, Media Sponsor – 105.9 The Region & Product donor – Byrdi™ Golf. A big thank you is also extended to all of our hole sponsors.



JOIN US

and Escape to our **BBBSPY 2022 Gala Celebration!**

Fri., Sept., 23, 2022 at 6 pm, Mississauga Convention Centre

We are looking forward to seeing you in person!

To reserve tickets email events.peel@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Thank you Car Hub!

Thank you to Car Hub North York and Caledon Chrysler for their generous support of their community. Through their Holiday Charity Contest they supported seven different charities with a total of \$25,000 in donations. Big Brothers Big Sisters is very thankful to have come in 2nd place receiving \$7,000 to support our mentoring programs for youth in Peel and York Region.



Thank You To The Pendle Fund At The Community Foundation Of Mississauga

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga, a registered charitable public foundation serving the people of Mississauga. Their donation of \$15,000 provides vital support for our One-to-One Mentoring programs in the community and in schools.

Thank You For Helping to Ignite Potential!



DONORS SUPPORTING BBBSY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND!



A BIG thank you to the following Corporate funders whose support has been instrumental in providing both program support, and items for virtual activity kits to make virtual programming fun and engaging.

Advanced Brampton Fund - \$25,000

Cummins Foundation - \$33,600

Hoffman-La Roche Limited - \$30,000

Amgen Canada Inc. - \$18,000

We would also like to send a BIG thank you to the following Corporate funders for their continuous support and engagement. Their support keeps our waitlist shorter and gives our families the opportunity to benefit from our vital virtual and in-person mentoring programs.

OLG Gaming - Bingo World and Gaming Richmond Hill - \$28,000

Noel Croxon Legacy Fund - \$20,000. *They have also encouraged our Littles to use their 13th Round Fight for Life program. They combine boxing instruction with life skills workshops and academic and social support.*

Bell Canada - \$20,000

Monat Global Canada - \$12,000

Wilson Nisbett - Patrick Priestner - \$10,000

Telus - \$10,000

Samuel Associated Tube Group - \$6,000

Tim Hortons - \$5,000

Jessica Harcourt Bradford Real Estate Agent - \$4,200

The Lind Realty Team - \$2,500

Thank you to the United Way of Greater Toronto

Many thanks to the United Way of Greater Toronto who has confirmed funding for Peel and York regions for the next three years, 2022-2025, supporting our Community-Based One-to-One Mentoring; School-Based One-to-One Mentoring and Group Programs.



Thank you to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)

Thank you MCCSS for continuing to provide funding for 2022-2023 for the BCAC Mentoring Programs which provide Black youth with mentors from the Black community.

Thank you to RBC Foundation!

Thank you to RBC Foundation for their invaluable investment in the BIG Possibilities Mentoring Program in Peel and York Regions. BIG Possibilities Mentoring provides youth, ages 14+, with the opportunity to explore post-secondary pathways and practice skills crucial for post-secondary and career success. Thank you RBC!

Thank you Ontario Trillium Foundation

Thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and it's funder The Government of Ontario, for your generous support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York through the Resilient Communities Fund grant. This grant will help strengthen our organization's capacity and meet changing community needs coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic allowing us to better support to children, youth and families in our community.



Thank You!

Thank you to the following donors who generously supported Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel between January 1, - December 31, 2021

\$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
TD Bank
United Way of Greater Toronto

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Amazon
Cummins
Hoffman-La Roche Limited
Z103.5

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Advance Brampton Fund
Amgen Canada Inc.
BBBSC - Boston Pizza
BBBSC - Scotiabank Thriving Communities Fund
Brampton & Caledon Community Foundation
City of Mississauga
Coke Canada Bottling
Community Foundation of Mississauga
Finastra
George Weston Limited
J.Y.S. Enterprise Inc.
Margaret Good
Razor Creative
Scotia McLeod - The Sharpe-Way Group at
Scotia Wealth Management
Tim Hortons Advertising & Promotion Fund (Canada)

\$5,000 - \$10,000

Alectra CARES
Capital Power
Car Hub North York & Caledon Chrysler
CHUM Charitable Foundation
Dan Millington
Formcor Inc.
Ian Macleod
Inscan Contractors Limited
Jagtar Dhaliwal
Joan & Cliff Hatch Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Brampton
Mississauga Fire Fighters' Benevolent Fund
Telus
The Macleod Green Family Foundation
Voxx Sports

Please note that italicized font indicates an in-kind donation

Thank You For Helping to Ignite Potential!

Thank You To Our Partners GlowZone 360 and Top Rock Climbing

Thank you to GlowZone 360 in Brampton and Mississauga for your ongoing support of Big Brothers Big Sisters! We greatly value our partnership and thank you for providing complimentary fun and memorable outings for Bigs and Littles for 7 years now!



We would also like to thank one of our newer partners, Top Rock Climbing at 284 Orenda Road in Brampton for providing rock climbing passes to our Big & Little Brother and Big & Little Sister matches. Thank you for your generosity!



Hope to Dream Program

Thank you to Ashley Home Store for their generous donation of beds and bedding for 500 youth with Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across Canada. In Peel and York regions we were excited to be a part of their launch event on March 5th and are so appreciative that 60 of our youth received new beds delivered to their homes.



One on One Charity Sponsorship Program

This program beginning in November 2020 by long-time volunteer and supporter Darren Sketchley has to date raised \$47,500 and provided support to 23 of our youth. Thanks to Darren and his many friends & colleagues who have helped to provide support to youth who are wanting to pursue an interest, passion or educational goals. Thank you for helping our youth reach their full potential.

Thank You to Reliance!

A big thank you to Reliance for their donation of 66 bikes to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York, Halton and Hamilton, Clarington and

South-West Durham. We were so thankful to receive 16 bikes delivered to our Peel York office right before Easter so that some of the youth within our agency in need of a bike were able to receive a great Easter surprise. Thank you Reliance for your community spirit and for supporting our youth at Big Brothers Big Sisters!



Thank You Coke Canada Bottling

Many thanks to Coke Canada Bottling who partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters across Canada to provide one hour career mentoring sessions with their employees and BBBS youth.

Newcomer youth 14 - 18 years of age were paired with a Coke Canada employee who shared their expertise as well as their educational and career journey opening their minds to new possibilities. We were fortunate to have 10 youth from BBBSPEY participate in the sessions.



Additionally, we thank Coke Canada for inviting our families and volunteers to their Red Sleigh event during the Holidays and for providing a product donation for our Tim Hortons Move For Kids' Sake event.

Thank You HAYS!

Congratulations to Little Sisters Donee, Anesu, Neta and Ari who were selected to participate in the HAYS "Dream BIG Project". In recognition for their commitment to their studies, each youth has received a \$250 gift card and a free dream job session with a HAYS professional who will help them align their education with their future ambitions. We are all wishing Donee, Anesu, Neta and Ari great success!

Thank You To Our Holiday Giving Donors!

Thank you to the many generous individuals, companies and organizations who supported our families over the holidays. Some of the highlights included:

\$30,000 USD donated from Amazon for gift cards to support families; 550 wrapped games and toys from Mattel; Turkey dinners for 24 of our families from The Kitchen at Mono Mills; plus many generous donors such as UTM, National Logistic Services, Samsung, Stephanie Falacho, Mary Kay, Luv Amani, Amazon Sort Centre, Aritizia, Weston, Coke, Formcor, Cawthra Park S. S. and many others who made the holidays brighter for so many of our families.

Overall, a total of 265 young people and 152 families received holiday support within BBBS Peel and BBBS York. Our thanks to everyone who supported our 2021 Holiday Giving Program.

Thank You Amazon!

A huge thanks to Amazon in Mississauga (Millcreek and Erin Mills Pkwy) who donated \$30,000 USD to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel to support more than 100 Mississauga families over the holidays.



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



I am thrilled that in January of 2022 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York unified to create our new agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York. By joining together we are able to provide increased mentoring support to vulnerable children and youth in Peel and York Region, promote the sharing of best practices, increase innovation and ensure sustainable growth and impact for the long term. I would like to thank our newly created Board of Directors, with representation from both Peel Region and York Region, for their incredible leadership as we navigated our way through the unification and as we continue to evolve as the new Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York. I would also like to thank our incredibly dedicated staff who have been so supportive to our agencies joining together. We now have an incredible staff of 36 dedicated employees who are working diligently to ensure we are providing quality mentoring programs for the young people in our community.

The past 2+ years have been a challenging time for everyone, especially many of our families. We have worked hard, with the support of many grants and companies partnering with us, to provide the best mentoring service to our young people as possible. We are thrilled to now be moving our programs to in-person where we can continue to build on our mentoring relationships in our many different programs.

I would like to express thanks to our many funders who provide us with the dollars to keep our programs growing. I would also like to highlight the dedication of our many volunteers who we are looking forward to recognizing at our Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Evening. We are fortunate to have 129 volunteers who will be receiving awards including two 25 year award recipients.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe and healthy summer!

Until next time...

Did you know?

- In 2021 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York provided service to 1,700 young people with the support of 1,350 dedicated volunteers.
- Did you know that we are part of a federation of 99 Big Brothers Big Sisters member agencies across Canada providing mentoring relationships to 27,444 young people.
- Across Ontario there are 40 Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies who work closely together to ensure we are providing quality life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people.
- Who are the young people we provide service to? Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies provide quality mentoring relationships to young people in our community who are facing adversity and are in need of an additional consistent and supportive developmental relationship.
- Who are our volunteers? Our volunteers are individuals who are 18 years of age or older who are interested in making a positive difference for young people in their community. Our program volunteers are carefully screened and are matched either individually with a young person or are matched in a group setting with several youth and other mentors. Each volunteer and young person is provided with the support and monitoring of a professional caseworker throughout their involvement with the agency.

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