



In Touch

Communications that "put the *me* into *mentorship*"™

For the friends of **Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Catharines- Thorold & District**
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A Member Agency

Message from the Executive Director: Mentoring Works!

Mentorship can seem like a 'BIG' word, but it's really the "Little" things behind it that are truly making a difference in the lives of children in our community.

Who is a mentor, you ask? They are people making an investment of time, talents and resources to make a powerful community impact. They communicate with warmth and care. They provide friendship and guidance. They share experiences that will shape a child's life.

They are people just like you!

And as they can confirm, giving a little bit of their time is truly make a big difference in another person's life.

Through our volunteers' generosity, we are changing the way kids grow up in our community.

Through one-to-one and group mentoring services, our volunteers are empowering children with the tools, confidence, and guidance to make decisions that will positively impact their well-being and their potential.

We believe our mentoring programs are one of the most effective and efficient ways of positively affecting children in need. Your support of mentoring is truly a cost-effective investment into the future of our community's children.

I thank all the volunteers that are empowering youth through mentorship and giving back to the community. I look forward to our continued work together.

You are truly making a BIG difference and I thank you for all that you do!

Dale J Davis
Executive Director

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We love hearing from former Alumni. Stay connected and informed.

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It takes \$650 to create and maintain ONE mentorship match.

Our programs get 'BIG' results

Dear Damaris, Thank You
for giving me and Rana
those all about me folders
You a really nice person
I like you, thank so
much for bringing materials
to everybody's place I like
the books its a good
idea and we are making
bookmarks for them with
Lauren, I like the idea
of calling them all about me
books, Sincerely, Sherifa Ahmed

Our caseworker Damaris was given this beautiful thank you note from a young lady in the Not Just Homework Club program.

Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts about our programs with us, Sherifa!

Title: Homework time!
Author: Tamara



My favourite thing at home work club is when amanda helps and ronnie helps me with my homework and when ronnie makes me awesome pictures

Thanks to Tamara for sharing her favourite thing about our Homework Club!

If you have a picture or story you would like to share with BBBS, please send them to events@bbbsmentors.ca or drop by the office. We would love to hear from you!

Our fundraisers are 'FUN' raisers!



Beach Bash Is Just Around The Corner! Saturday, July 9th 2011

Join us for the 11th Annual Beach Bash Co-ed Beach Volleyball Tournament for BBBS. This is the hottest FUNraiser to hit the beaches of Port Dalhousie all summer long! Your day will include: A minimum of 5 matches, a free pizza lunch, an incredible swag bag to take home and, a chance to win great prizes all for a good cause!

You can register your team today by following these easy steps:

- 1) Call the BBBS office at 905-646-3230
- 2) Visit www.beachbash.kintera.org to begin your online fundraising
- 3) Show up at the beach on July 9th for a fun filled day in the sand!



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"A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer." -Author Unknown

Kidz Korner

Fun Summer Activities for Kidz!

★ Visit an Orchard and pick fruits

★ Help out at the Humane Society

★ Visit the Drive In Movie Theatre!

★ Go on a tour at the Fire Station

★ Play sports like soccer

★ Build a sand castle

★ Grow a garden of your own!

★ Build a paper airplane



Kidz Picnic!

Date: Thursday, July 7th, 2011

Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Location: Grantham Mennonite
Brethern Church
469 Grantham Avenue
St. Catharines**



**Contact your caseworker to
reserve your spot today!**

Staff Speaks out...

A Little Time Makes a Big Difference...

Like to have fun? Play Games? The feeling that you have helped make a difference in a child's life?

The agency is currently recruiting volunteers interested in becoming a Big Brother. If you have thought about getting involved, NOW is the time! For more information or to set up an appointment, please call **David Hutt at 905-646-3230 ext. 24.** You can also email David at **david.hutt@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.**

We look forward to hearing from you real soon!



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Welcome Aboard Ronnie!

"Many opportunities have opened up for me with my new position as a caseworker with BBBS.

I have been given the responsibility to run the Game On! program, as well as the most recent addition to our After School Homework Club, Rykert St.

I plan to use my knowledge and skills to make these programs as successful as possible; providing positive support to our mentors and mentees."

To contact Ronnie Graham please call 905-646-3230 ext 35 or email him at ronnie.graham@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

"Be yourself, who else is better qualified." - Frank J. Giblin

Spiritbuilder Spotlight

"Growing through the Spirit of Giving"

Miller Restoration Baseball A Grand Slam!



Tracy Holmwood,
Matt Holmwood
Dale J. Davis,
Tracy White and
Angel Boccia
get together at
Miller Restoration
after another amazing
slo pitch baseball
tournament in support
of BBBS.

Over the years, Miller Restoration has raised more than \$25,000 to support our programs!

Thank You to our wonderful friends at Pitcher's Bar & Grill for their hard work and support. The team at Pitcher's collected many great items and organized a yard sale for BBBS. Almost \$900 was raised! Pitcher's has been a wonderful community partner for many years and we cannot thank you enough for your continued support!



A special thank you goes out to
**Carm and Noreen
Pitcher's Bar & Grill
Owners and Operators**



In Touch Highlights

Thanks to all of the sponsors that helped make this year's Bowl for Kids Sake event another fun filled event for BBBS!

Thank you to all the generous sponsors of this year's Wine, Women & Style event!

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction."
- John Crosby

What if becoming a volunteer helped send a child on the right path?



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"Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don't say it mean." - Unknown