



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of North Wellington

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



Big Brothers Big Sisters

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Respectfully submitted by: Marianne Christie, Executive Report for 2016

2016 Stats for the BBBS of NW:

6 Big Brothers; 15 Big Sisters; 21 matches; 6 unmatched children. 7 adult In-School Mentors and 3 coop students mentored 39 students. 3 group leaders and 19 group participants.

Around 80 children were positively affected by our mentoring programs in 2016.

During 2016, I attended numerous meetings with neighbouring BBBS agencies sharing resources and I attended one meeting in Toronto regarding the Ministry of Education funds. As well, I met with the past and currently-closed Bruce Grey BBBS agency and I gracefully accepted their donation of professionally printed BBBS signs for our windows, Board room and for display at our events.

Our Display Board and signs were in the public at the Palmerston Library, at the Saugeen Fitness 10th Anniversary as well as our fundraising events. I had several interviews by "The River" radio station for our upcoming fundraisers and recruitment of mentors.

I collaborated not only with neighbouring BBBS agencies but also with Barry Laver from Wellington North on a Recreational Grant application and worked on several other grant applications throughout the year. We received grants from JP Bickell Foundation; Guelph Community Foundation; County of Wellington; Blessings to You; Arthur 2nd Look; Jump Start Community Funds; Upper Grand District School Board and the Ministry of Education.

United Way Impact Reports are extensive and due yearly. As well, in 2016, I applied for additional funds to go towards our ISM and Group programs - to no success. United Way provides approximately 1/3 of our operating budget and we are grateful to receive the money we are allotted. I attended United Way Receptions and agencies-meetings as per invitations.

I work with the Jump Start representative and the owner of the Canadian Tire store in Mount Forest. I attend meetings and apply for Jump Start funds for our programs and obtain donation prizes for our 2nd place raffle. Our agency has a partnership with Jump Start in our community and applications from families for their children are channeled through me before I submit them to Jump Start Canada.

I work with Adopt-A-Family out of Guelph and I submit applications for families who can benefit from receiving assistance during the Christmas season.

2016, our agency took part in the Big Little Run alongside BBBS of Guelph. I also assisted Andrea Abraham, a big sister, who undertook the project of our First Annual Golf Tournament. Air Miles, via National, donated 10,000 miles to our agency to be used towards our programs and fundraising initiatives.

Accreditation.... 2016 was the year for updating policies, procedures, forms, writing new plans and manuals. I kept everyone clearly informed from the beginning to the end. Prior to the onsite visit on October 31st and November 1st, we conducted a good cleaning of our office: old documents, forms and junk were tossed. I received good input and support from everyone including our stakeholders in our community throughout the process. A progress report was received with program and board non-compliances. These are due to be fully completed by June 19th, 2017.

In 2016, we wished Anisha Dhillon all the very best as she resigned from our Board. Sadly, we had to say good bye to a long term past board member, past big sister and our current social convenor assistant, Ruth Shaw.

In that note, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone here as I am a firm believer it takes a village to raise a child and even though we all have unique responsibilities, we need each other to operate a successful organization.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers Report

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington Jan.
1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016



All financial records were kept electronically using Sage 50 Pro Accounting in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Revenue Agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and our own policy as adopted from the Centre for Philanthropy's Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code.

The financial records were submitted to BDO Dunwoody in January 2017, both electronically and by printed record. Our Financial Records were returned to us with corrections for depreciation. Otherwise, the books were in order

The Canadian Revenue Agency allows registered charitable organizations to recover 50% of the HST paid in the course of their activities and also 82% of the PST if they are not registered to collect HST.

Charities need not register until they exceed \$50,000 in annual sales. Non-registered charities such as ours file GST returns twice a year. Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington's previous year GST claims have been rejected for calculation errors and we received those funds in 2016 along with the current year (1,688.29 to the end of 2016). I would like to stress that it is important that when purchases are made on behalf of the agency, that the required GST information be present, where ever possible in order to claim the taxes back. I need an invoice, bill of sale or till slip with the complete business address, taxes paid, and HST registration number of the vendor.

Revenue was up from \$96,213 to \$112,046 (16%) over the previous year and expenses up slightly from \$102,430 to \$104,761 (2%). Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington showed a deficit of \$6,217 in 2015, against a surplus of \$7,285 in 2016. Donations and grants were up and that contributed to our surplus. The insurance costs are actually down, because the insurance for 2017 were paid in 2016 and is reflected in the report. The biggest fundraiser expense was the lineage fee for Bowl for Kids. In retrospect, our expenses were consistent with the previous year. Finally, a retroactive refund from the CRA re small business payroll was realized for past 3 years and reduced our net payroll costs.



Thanks to staff for actively pursuing grants, we ended our fiscal year with a surplus as we hoped for in our budget. In addition, we receive strong funding from United Way of Guelph and Wellington County. In past years, year-end was always stressful on the treasurer, 2016 was financially a strong year.

Respectfully Submitted

Klaus F. Seibert,
Treasurer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Submitted by Marianne Christie, Match Caseworker

Mariane Christie – Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Program for 2016:

Four new little sisters joined our agency in 2016 and two little brothers. Three new big sisters: and one new big brother joined us as well. I made six new matches during 2016 matching our new bigs and also re-matched two big sisters. I had to close five matches. One of those matches closed due to the little sister turning 18 years old and being promoted from our program. Her match with her big sister was four years old. They were acknowledged at our June swim/bbq event.

We had seven children apply for Camp McGovern. Two of them did not attend after all, due to the preferred weeks being filled and one little brother lasted only one day before becoming home sick. We received a camp grant of \$2,500 from Guelph Community Foundation.

I arranged monthly group activities and worked closely with our social convenor, Beth Haines, who has always been available to provide snacks and instruct craft nights. Beth is greatly appreciated for her time and commitment to these activities. Many thanks to Woodland Springs Institute, Arthur Optimist Club, Klaus Seibert who provides his movie equipment and to our Bigs who offered their homes, Roger Woods and Jon and Jody House. Information about our activities is included in our quarterly newsletters that I ensure everyone receives either by email or regular mail. Drives are arranged for the children who are not matched.

Scholastic Canada once again donated boxes of books for the children in our programs.

Group Activities for 2016:

Report by Marianne Christie

Feb. 10th – Woodland Springs Women Institute hosted a Spaghetti Luncheon and Crafts.

Feb. 21st – Bowl for Kids Sake kick off – bowling.

Mar. 4th – Swimming and Pizza at the Fergus Swimming pool

Apr. 21st – Scavenger Hunt & Camp Fire/BBQ hosted by Jon and Jody House.

May 19th – Build a Craft – instructed by Beth Haines

June 9th – Arthur Optimist Club hosted a Fishing Derby and pizza.

June 26th – Swim and BBQ at Big Brothers, Roger Woods.

Sep. 13th – Mentor Appreciation evening with Guest Speaker, author and life coach, Gregory Smith.

Oct. 20th – Movie night at the Mount Forest Library. The New Jungle Book.

Nov. 24th – Make and Take Craft Night, instructed by Beth Haines.

Dec. 7th – Christmas Dinner, Party, Crafts and Gifts at Mount Forest United Church.

School Based Programs Report

Submitted by Teri Dykeman, ISM Group Coordinator

IN SCHOOL MENTORING:

In 2016 we had 8 adult mentors and 3 co-op students at 6 different schools servicing a total of 43 children (19 boys and 24 girls). Below is a more detailed chart of the mentors, schools, and mentees.

8 ADULT MENTORS in the following schools:

Victoria Cross Public School
Wellington Hts. Secondary
Palmerston Public School
Minto-Clifford Public School
Drayton Heights Public School

3 CO-OP STUDENTS In the following school:

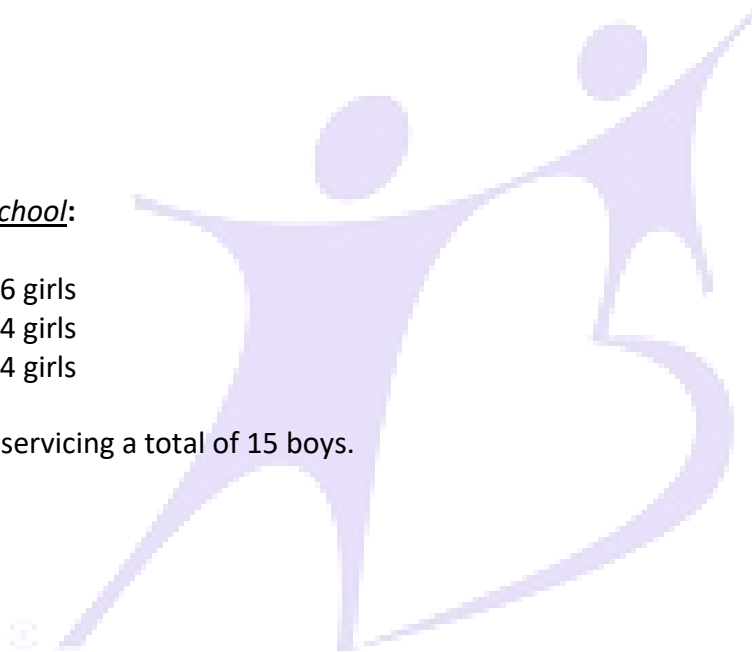
Victoria Cross Public School 9 boys, 6 girls
Victoria Cross Public School 4 boys, 4 girls
St. Mary Catholic School 4 boys, 4 girls

GAME ON: Overall we had 2 leaders servicing a total of 15 boys.

St. Mary Catholic School 9 boys
Minto-Clifford Public School 0 boys
St. Mary Catholic School 6 boys

GO GIRLS: Overall we had 2 leaders, 1 assistant servicing a total of 4 girls

Victoria Cross Public School 2 girls
St. Mary Catholic School 2 girls



FUNDRAISERS

Submitted by Teri Dykeman, Fundraiser Coordinator

BOWL FOR KIDS:

In 2016 we had 106 teams, 509 bowlers, plus 7 schools and 836 bowlers raising \$52388.90 and a final net amount of \$44585.97 Theme was "Hawaiian Luau".

Day of:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Number of Bowlers</u>	<u>Number of Teams</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>
Arthur	122	25	\$11256.00
Minto-Mapleton (+663.00)	173	35	\$14144.00
Mount Forest	214	46	\$17610.00
School Challenge	836	7 schools	\$ 8715.50
TOTALS	1345	106	<u>\$52388.90</u>

Overall Total:

Gross Revenue \$52438.90 (had an additional \$50 come in after above accounting)
Net Revenue \$44394.29 total of 1345 bowlers

WESTJET RAFFLE 2016:

We sold a total of 541 tickets with a gross revenue of \$3928.60, and a net revenue of \$3646.96. The draw for the winners was held at our recruitment barbecue on August 27, 2016 at 1:30 pm behind Foodland. The winner of the WestJet tickets was Ken Rowbotham and 2nd prize of 2 youth tent/sleepover kits went to Morgan Coffey.

JUST FOR WOMEN JUST FOR FUN 2016:

Just for Women was held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Wellington Heights Secondary School in Mount Forest. We had a total of 75 participants with a gross revenue of \$7502.00 and a net revenue of \$6694.55

Golf Tournament 2016:

Our first annual Golf For Kids Sake, run by Marianne Christie and big sister Andrea Abrahams, was held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Mount Forest Golf Club. We had a total of 24 golfers with a gross revenue of \$2052.00 and a net revenue of \$975.00.

BOARD

Executive and Committees were elected for a two year period of 2015—2016:

President	Bob McIntee
Vice President	Barb Burrows
Secretary	Dianne Lawless
Treasurer	Klaus Seibert
Activities Chair	Beth Haines
Bowl for Kids	Bob McIntee
JFW JFF	Heather Bults
Members at Large	Hope Lehman Roger Woods



OUR WONDERFUL MENTORS

Big Brothers

Roger Woods
Eric Mills
Gary Ghent
Jon House
Josh Heiliger
Jordan Taylor
Greg Mason

Big Couples

Jon & Jody House

Big Sisters

Patricia Sharpe
Tammy Stewart
Melanie Sheilds
Kendra Manion
Joyce McLean
Andrea Abraham
Lindsay Hall
Stacey Romat
Lisa Cotton
Katrina Corley
Jody House
Robin Ross
Patricia Palmer

Adult In-School Mentors

Dianne Lawless
Jody Fraser
Maureen Pronk
Caroline Beren
Patricia Palmer
Marlene Ottens

Game On Group

Greg Mason

Go Girls Group

Hannah Morden

OUR LITTLES - 2016

LILY

EVELYN

BRONWYNN

MAEVE

HEAVYN

KENNEDY

RAVEN

KYLIEGH

KELSEY

JADEN

MARISSA

TORI

TANYA

WESLEY

COLTON

MATTHEW

JOSH

ETHAN

IAN

SHANE

AARON

ETHAN

MATTHEW

LUKE

DESMOND



LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR LITTLES:

What is a Big Brother?

B - He is somebody to BOND with.

I - is for INVESTING the time we spend together.

G - A GUY to talk to.

B - is for BARBEQUE, he's a good cook!

R - is for the RRRR...

O - is for ON-TIME. He's always late!

T - is for the TIME we spend together.

H - HOCKEY, he never misses a game!

E - for EFFORT that he puts in our relationship.

R - is for ROGER - thanks for being in my life!

That's what my Big Brother means to me.

Thank you!!! From your Little Brother

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR LITTLES:

To My Big Sister:

Thank you for being my big sister. I have found a new big family. I have had fun going places with all of your family and spending time at your home. I hope we will be sisters forever.

Love your Little Sister

Dear Big Sister,

Best of the Best, you're someone I trust

There for me and help me to adjust

Thanks for your friendship

With you, I can just be chill

And if I need someone to support me

I know you will

We baking up a storm

The smell of fresh cookies out the oven warm

Warm like your personality

I love that you can be yourself

And you let me be me

You're awesome, you can't be beat!

Love Your Little Sister

Dear Big Sister,

I just want to say that I'm glad I joined Big Brothers Big Sisters program because without it, I wouldn't have met such a wonderful, kind generous, fun, Beautiful person! I wouldn't have met you! I also want to thank you for everything you've done with me. Just going to your house for dinner is fun and I enjoy every minute we spend together. I am so glad you're my

Big Sister!

From Your Little Sister xoxoxo