



Reaching Out



Winter 2012

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron

Hello Everyone!

We made it through another very successful and very busy Christmas season here at the Agency. We had fun dressing up as snowmen for the Exeter Santa Claus parade, we wrapped and delivered gifts to the children in all of our families through the Adopt a Family campaign, we made sure our families had warm winter wear from our Coats for Kids campaign with the help of the South Huron District High School and we enjoyed a very delicious Christmas dinner put on by the Legion Ladies, along with entertainment from Peter Mennie and a visit from Old St. Nick himself. We also raised some money through the selling of Poinsettia's from Huron Ridge Acres, and through our annual Beat the Mall Christmas Shopping Event. All of these events would not have happened with-out the dedicated help of our Bigs, Littles, parents and community partners. Thanks to each and every one of you for your help! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all health and happiness in the new year!

Amy Wilhelm - Casework Coordinator



Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron 31st Annual Bowl For Kids Sake



Zurich Lanes

Town & Country Bowling Lanes - 38120 Zurich Hensall Rd., Zurich

Friday, March 16th, 1pm - 9pm / Saturday, March 17th, 3pm - 9pm / Sunday, March 18th, 1pm - 5pm

Lucan Lanes

Lucan Lanes - 252 Butler St., Lucan

Friday, March 23rd, 1pm - 5pm / Saturday, March 24th, 1pm - 9pm / Sunday, March 25th, 1pm - 5pm

A minimum of \$40 in pledges entitles you to 2 free hours of bowling.

Incentive prizes from Canadian Tire to be awarded

Pledge sheets and more information will be mailed out in February



**Watch for our bowling pin-ups in stores in March.
Your \$1 donation will go towards our campaign**

Thanks for starting something



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**All money raised helps children in your community
Big or Little, Your Support Makes a Difference!**

Tobacco Free Policy

We have received a Tobacco free grant through the Huron County Health Unit towards our annual Bowl for Kids Sake Event. Part of the process of receiving this grant requires us to develop a tobacco-free policy. As an Agency, we feel this is important, as we want to prevent our youth from starting to use tobacco industry products, protect the environment and protect our Littles from second hand smoke, among other reasons.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2012, our Agency is tobacco free.

There will no longer be allowed the use of tobacco products at any Agency-sponsored events (indoors or outdoors). At no time will we allow staff, board members, placement students, parents or any other volunteers to use tobacco products when children served by the Agency are present.

If a participant at any event violates this policy, a staff member will give a reminder of the policy and expectation. Any further incidents may lead to exclusion at future events.



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BIGBunch Schedule

BIGBunch is open to children who are on the waiting list for a traditional Big Brother or Big Sister. Traditional matches are invited to join our outings.



Tuesday January 10th, 2012
Tobogganing



Tuesday January 24th, 2012
Snowshoeing



Tuesday February 14th, 2012
Valentine's Day Party



Tuesday February 28th, 2012
Swimming at the Pinedale Motor Inn in Grand Bend



Tuesday March 13th, 2012
Movies in London



Tuesday March 27th, 2012
Pizza Night/Board Games



If you have any suggestions for future activities, please let us know!

Things to do in the Community



Grand Bend Winter Carnival - February 17th to 20th

Snow Sculpting, Kids Drive-In, Parade, Horse & Carriage Rides, Fireworks, Kids Talent Show, 2 for 1 Family Swim, Tobogganing and many other activities are planned through-out the week-end. Google 'Grand Bend Winter Carnival 2012' for further details.

Winterfest - South Huron - February 20th

The fun starts in the morning with breakfast and ends at night with fireworks. There are several fun-filled family events planned through-out the day.

Visit <http://www.familydaywinterfest.ca> for further details

Public Skating (no charge)

Exeter Arena Fridays from 4pm to 5pm (1st and 3rd Fridays leisure skate / 2nd and 4th Fridays Pucks and Sticks) /
Sundays from 1pm to 2pm
Huron Park Arena Fridays from 8pm to 9pm
Hensall Arena Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm / Sundays from 12pm to 1:20pm
Zurich Arena Thursdays from 4:40pm to 5:50pm / Saturdays from 2pm to 2:50pm / Sundays from 1pm to 1:50pm
Bayfield Arena Sundays from 1pm to 3pm
Lucan Arena Fridays from 4pm to 5pm / Sundays from 1:30pm to 3pm
Parkhill Arena Sundays from 2pm to 3:30pm

Check out www.londontourism.ca/events for free events in London



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Upcoming Agency Events

Visit our web-site at www.shbbbs.on.ca for more information

Clean out your closets for a good cause! Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, January 28th, 8am to 3pm
Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church

Drop off - Thursday, January 26th, 10am to 8pm
Or drop off at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office prior to
January 26th



No electronics or clothing please



Grand Bend Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture



We are entering into the Grand Bend Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture competition again this year.

This years theme is Medieval Times.

We will be carving our sculpture on Thursday, February 16th.
Location to be announced.

If you are able to come out and help with the sculpture, please let us know!

Past Agency Events



Adopt a Family



With the communities generosity, we were able to deliver gifts to 56 children, as well as food hampers to 15 families.

We received lots of appreciative feedback from our families.

One parent e-mailed 'My children would both like to thank you for their gifts they received. My daughter has walked miles already pushing whatever she can find in her stroller.

My son has already tackled the game he received. I can see this being a game he will be spending a lot of time playing... in a good way!'

Thank You to everyone who took ornaments, dropped off canned goods or made financial donations to this campaign.

Thank You also to our volunteers who helped wrapped every single gift (big or small) and helped to deliver the gifts to the families before Christmas.



Beat the Mall

This year's Beat the Mall helped our Agency raise \$2,185.78!!!

A big Thank You to the vendors and volunteers who helped make the day such a great success

Thank you as well to our Event Chair Lisa Pullman and our planning committee - Linda Pullman, Marg Collez, Doris Osgood, Bob Osgood and Amy Wilhelm

Plan to join us again next December.

Date and location to be announced

Poinsettia Fundraiser

This year we were able to raise \$914.38 through selling Poinsettia's. Thank you to everyone who helped to sell them, and to everyone who purchased them.

We hoped they help to add some festive spirit to your holidays.

And don't forget - we will be selling Poinsettia's again next Christmas season!



What we've been up to



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Littles Birthdays

January - Annie M., Jenna M.

February - Parker D., Stephen M.,
Madison W.

March - Dominick M., Hannah W.,
Hannah G., Brittany M., Gregory L.
Owen P.

Bigs Birthdays

January - Melissa M., April A.,
Leanna T.

February - Sassy W.

March - Jeff G., Lindsay H.,
Sharon T., Travis E., Pauline S.

Happy Birthday from BBBSSH!!!



Recent Matches:

Bigs and Littles

Travis E./Zach N.
Melissa T./Emily D.

In School Mentoring

Aaron L./Emily C.

In School Mentoring Co-op

Tess A./Conner M.
Tess A./Cole H.
Tess A./Brooklynn S.
Tess A./Dustin K.
Tess A./Madison W.
Tess A./Gregory L.
Tess A./Reise W.

Welcome On Board

Nick M. - Little Brother
Stephen . - Little Brother
Brooklynn S. - In School Mentee
Emily C. - In School Mentee
Travis E. - Big Brother
Clarence T. - Big Families
Chase B. - Little Brother
Owen P. - Little Brother
Emily D. - Little Sister
Madison W. - In School Mentee
Gregory L - In School Mentee
Reise W. - In School Mentee
Hallie B. - In School Mentee



In 2011 we had

13 new Bigs join our Agency
49 Bigs volunteering through-out our different programs
20 new Littles join our Agency
60 Littles supported through-out our different programs



Currently waiting we have

We have 13 Little Brothers, 2 Little Sisters and 7 In School Mentees

Do you have E-mail or Facebook?

If you have an e-mail address, and we do not have it at the office,
please send us a quick message to cw@shbbbs.on.ca

The Agency has also has a Facebook page.

Like 'Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron'



Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni

Why join the Alumni?

- ☺ Stay connected and stay informed.
- ☺ Listen to stories from across Canada from former Littles and Bigs
- ☺ Learn about events and activities that concern you

Visit www.bbbsc.ca and
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