



BBBSH Invites you to be a BIG BOOSTER



A lot of people, including many of our own volunteers, are unaware of where we receive our operating dollars from. We receive about 40% from United Way, 20% from our events like Bowl for Kids Sake and the Golf Tournament and an additional 20% from grants. The remaining 20% comes from donations from people in the community like you.

We call these donors "BIG Boosters" and we would love for you to meet one right now.

Meet Ian Miersch. Ian is a group recreation volunteer with our agency. Through the Group Recreation Program, 'littles' have made trips to a Toronto Marlies game, African Lion Safari and the Burlington Air Park to fly in private planes, to name just a few activities! While these programs are a great way for children on the waiting list to stay involved, they do

rely on outside donations from generous supporters of the organization. Supporters like Ian.

Over the last half year, Ian started running long distances, participating in 5K and 10K races, as well as two half marathons. Ian decided to sign up for the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon and raise funds for BBBS Halton group recreation program. He surpassed his fundraising goal of \$1,000!

Join Ian and others like him and consider being a BIG Booster. Participate in or plan your own fundraising event, donate proceeds from a garage sale, or ask your work place to make a donation. Many workplaces are eager to support causes important to their employees. To get more information on being a BIG Booster, call Susan Coyne at (905) 339-2355 ext. 236.

3rd Annual "16" Dragon Boat Challenge

On a beautiful, but cool Saturday September morning over 60 participants from the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club, Burloak Canoe Club, Oakville Power Boat Club, Oakville Yacht Squadron and BBBS of Halton challenged each other through Dragon Boat racing to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton.

Congratulations to the combined team of the Oakville

Yacht Squadron/Bronte Harbour Yacht Club for their down to the wire win over the Oakville Power Boat Club by 35/100th of a second. This year's event raised over \$2000 for our mentoring programs. Thanks to Jim Reardon for all his hard work organizing this event and to Bill Croft of the Oakville Power Boat Club for hosting the after race B.B.Q.

Whole Foods B.B.Q.

We had a fabulous day for a weekend charity B.B.Q. hosted by Whole Foods Market on Saturday, September 12th. Whole Foods has been a great supporter of BBBS Halton, especially in our Bowl for Kids Sake Event. Last year, FIVE teams participated in the Bowl for Kids Sake. Talk about team spirit!

We were very pleased that they chose us as one of the recipients of their charity B.B.Q. weekends which raised \$205! Thanks to our volunteer chefs who did an amazing job of cooking and dressing everyone's food. Who knew how good goat's cheese is on a burger? If you have never been to Whole Foods, make sure you check out this unique grocery experience.



Upcoming Events

Shop For Kids Sake Online Auction

December 1st-December 6th on the BBBS Halton website. Lots of great items to bid on.

Wrap for Kids Sake at Oakville Place Mall

Volunteer Opportunity. Students can earn hours. Runs from Dec 11th – Dec 24th. Call the office beginning November 1st to sign up.

Curl for Kids Sake – Annual Bonspiel – February 20th – Oakville Curling Club. Limited spots available. Reserve your spot now.



World Champion Jeff Buttle with Virginia, last year's highest bidder for his championship skates auctioned off in the 2008 Online Auction.

Thanks Bruce!

Bruce Outridge literally sketched his way into our hearts by drawing caricatures at two different events and selling them for \$1.00 each. We call this "Talent for Kid's Sake". Bruce raised over \$50 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton.

3 on 3 Basketball—Thanks Upper Oakville Shopping Centre



High fives to Upper Oakville Shopping Centre's Megan & Ken

The Upper Oakville Shopping Centre once again hosted their 3 on 3 basketball tournament in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton on Sunday, May 31st.

Organizer extraordinaire Ken Stockstill was joined by former NBA player Gene Banks as their special guest star. "A

basketball tournament is a great way to engage the community, but we wanted to do more than just plan a great new community event. It was important to do more, that a true "Community Cup" should give back to those less fortunate in our local community. We could think of no better group than Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton" says Ken. This year's event raised \$7,310 dollars. A special mention to Upper Oakville Shopping Centre's Megan Richardson for all her hard work and support. Congratulations to both Ken and Megan for an amazing day of basketball!

Message from the Board



Executive Director
Jules Graham-Hood

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton is pleased to announce the appointment of new Executive Director, Jules Graham-Hood.

Jules, prior to joining Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton, was the Executive Director Business and Program Development and Communications at Merry Go Round Children's Foundation.

Jules has worked extensively in business development for the past twenty-five years with stints with Jump T.V, Torstar Media Group, Kids Futures Inc. and the KL Consulting Group. Please join us in welcoming Jules to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton family.

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