

## Mentoring Programs

### Traditional Mentoring

We match a volunteer mentor with a Little Brother or Little Sister, taking care to ensure they have similar interests. Matches spend one-to-one time together doing things that friends do – like talking, playing ball in the park, watching a movie or just hanging out. Our caseworkers will provide you with all your support. Any questions or concerns and our staff are only a call away.

### In-School Mentoring

In-School Mentoring runs throughout the school year with the Big spending one hour per week onsite with their Little engaged in a fun activity, or just talking. We encourage employers to allow employees time during the work day to volunteer for this program.

### Big Bunch Program

This is a small group-based program that matches Children on our waitlist with an adult mentor. These outings can take place as little as once a month. Children gain tangible life skills and have valuable social interaction with their peers and the mentor. Ideal for a volunteer who wants to mentor children, but has a schedule that only permits monthly activities.

### Big Hearts, Little Hands

An intergenerational mentoring program offered to local elementary school children. With their Mentors, the children complete crafts, do puzzles, draw pictures, play games, engage in conversation, and most importantly, have fun. They meet once per week, for one hour after school and, once a month, all the children and mentors gather for a group activity.

### Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Go Girls! is an after-school, seven-session program for girls aged 12 to 14 led by women mentors 18 to 25 years of age. Go Girls! is designed to encourage participation in physical activity, healthy eating choices and the development of a positive self-image. The program incorporates self-reflection and group discussions about healthy living and emotional, social and cultural issues, and uses fun, educational games and activities to stimulate relationship building between the mentors and girls.

## Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters

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## 1 Year 100 Men Campaign

### The need is urgent.

Big Brothers need men like you – or, if you're a woman, like men you know and love – to step up to the plate. Our campaign has been successful to date, and we are pleased to announce that we are halfway to our goal of 100 Big Brothers. But we aren't there yet!

Throughout the Niagara Region, there are over 250 boys – enough for almost 30 baseball teams – waiting for a Big Brother right now. The average wait for boys to be matched with a Big Brother can be 12-14 months. Some boys wait up to two years.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW! The need is not to adopt these boys. Rather, the need is simply to mentor them, showing them the clearest way possible – through the gift of relationship – that they matter, that people care, that life is good. In addition to one-to-one mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters offers various opportunities for mentoring in group settings. Either way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters invest in the lives of young people, many of whom come from lone-parent families and all of whom need positive role models.

We need Niagara men to come forward and make a difference now.



Please, be one of the 100 and visit  
[www.1year100men.com](http://www.1year100men.com)



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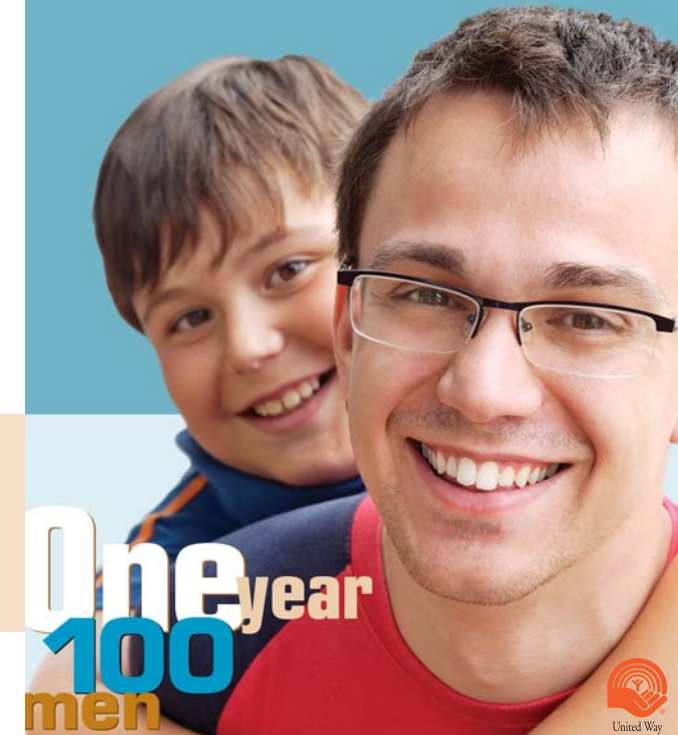
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# 2007 Annual Report



One year  
100  
men



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## A letter from Our President and Executive Director

2007 represented a lot of growth and change for Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters. In March of 2007, Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters approved a strategic plan that will help guide the agency through the next three years. This plan has led to streamlining our process for new volunteer orientation, leading to shorter times between application and matching with a child from our waiting list.

We launched a new recruitment campaign, aimed at addressing the severe shortage of new Big Brothers. In collaboration with partner agencies in Fort Erie and St. Catharines, we created 1 Year, 100 Men, a year long

***In 2007, close to 40 girls participated in Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds***

effort to recruit 100 new Big Brothers to match with the boys on our waiting list. As of March, 2008, we were over halfway to

our goal, with every reason to believe that we will achieve our target by the end of September, 2008.

This past year, we completed our Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada Accreditation, and we learned through the process that our agency, staff, board, and volunteers have done an incredible job of staying true to our mission. The accreditors' report told us that our systems and processes are excellent. The community told the accreditors that our focus remained strong in ensuring quality and safety in all aspects of our programming, and our moms and dads confirmed the great work that our casework staff has continued to do to support their children and their families.

Finally, the Niagara Falls community continued to provide resources for our mentoring programs with their financial support. Our Tim Hortons Bowl For Kids Sake and our Golf For Kids Sake both reached record levels in 2007, and we are very grateful for the continued support of our programs.

We were pleased to welcome two new staff to our team this past year. Julie McCourt joined us as the Coordinator of Intake and Recruitment, and Sarah Van Leeuwen assumed the role of Coordinator of Site Based Programs. They join Veronica, Noelle, and Jon to make up our outstanding staff team.

***In 2007, over 35 children were matched in new mentoring relationships – including 15 boys matched with new Big Brothers***

At Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters, we are proud to be the leading youth mentoring organization in our community. And we are proud to be allowed to serve those who need us most, our community's children and youth.

Sincerely,  
Ian Gollert, *President*  
Jon Braithwaite, *Executive Director*

***In 2007, over 160 children participated in one of our mentoring programs.***



## Thank You to Our Supporters

Whether it's by sponsoring an event, holding a third party fundraiser, or making a personal donation, the Niagara Falls community continues to support the work of Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your support helps us provide caring volunteer mentors for the children and youth of our community. Thank you for your continued support.

### 2007 Matchmakers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ontario Endowment	Meridian Credit Union
Ontario Trillium Foundation	Oxy Vinyls Canada
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada	Mr. Nick Tsmidis
United Way of Niagara Falls	TV Cogeco
McDonald's Restaurants of Niagara Falls	Alderson and Company
RBC Foundation	The Keg Spirit Foundation
CGA Ontario, Niagara Chapter	Cataract Bowl Family Fun Centre
Tim Hortons Stores, Niagara	Niagara 21st Group
Matthew Daniele Memorial Fund	Niagara Falls Review
	Rob Petruniak Memorial Golf Tournament

### 2007 President's Circle

Mayor Ted Salci	Air Care Services
Peter Partridge and Poppy Gilliam Family Fund	Filter Media Plus
105.1 The River	Optic Light
CIBC	Delta Monte Carlo Bingo
AGF Group of Funds	The State Group
Mr. Tom Thornton	Anonymous
Niagara Parks Police	Niagara Falls Labour Charitable Foundation
Great Wolf Lodge Resort	Jon & Miriam Braithwaite
Mr. Brian U'Ren	Quadrus
Ivan's Bar	Charter Building Company
Bell Canada Employee Giving Program	Maid of the Mist
Gales Fuels	Mr. David Fast
Canyon Creek Chophouse	

### 2006 Champions Circle

Mr. Jumbo Halligan	Mr. Dragan Matovic
Mr. Ian Gollert	L. Walters and Sons Excavating LTD
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***Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters works in partnership with schools in Niagara Falls:***

### 2007 School Partners

Princess Margaret, John Marshall, Simcoe Street, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, Kate S. Durdan, Valleyway

## Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007  
Presented by Anthony Finnucci,  
Forsythe and Finnucci LLP

Revenues	2007	2006
United Way	\$110,229	\$113,000
Project Income	102,576	84,683
Donations	46,779	36,613
Nearly New Store (Net)	17,375	16,540
Grants (general)	24,308	11,000
Bingo (net)	9,640	9,673
Trillium	7,500	4,500
HRSDC Grant	4,018	3,743
Interest Income	2,892	1,642
	<u>\$326,676</u>	<u>\$282,584</u>
Expenses		
Salaries and Related Benefits	\$126,923	\$110,505
Program Expenses	118,931	84,685
Project Expenses	26,027	26,852
Office	10,369	11,313
Memberships	6,186	5,762
Rent	5,511	5,728
Advertising and promotion	5,059	4,583
Subcontract	3,876	2,279
Automotive	3,203	2,091
Insurance	2,358	2,520
Professional Fees	1,924	6,169
Telephone	1,916	1,866
Capital Expenditures	724	2,252
Interest/bank charges	569	487
Repairs and Maintenance	174	2,666
	<u>313,750</u>	<u>269,758</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$12,926</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,826</u></b>

\*Please note that full audited statements are available upon request.

