

# 2008 Audited Financial Statement

## Income

United Way	\$115,078
Fundraising (Net)	76,860
Grants	58,000
Nearly New Store (Net)	26,828
Donations	46,922
Misc.	5,176
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$328,864</b>

## Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$132,848
Programs	116,084
Occupancy	13,626
Office	12,877
Membership Dues	7,302
Capital	6,973
Mileage	4,127
Advertising/Promotion	4,059
Insurance	2,511
Misc.	4,652
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$305,059</b>

## Thanks to your support in 2008;

- **Over 130 children and youth from Niagara Falls were matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister!**
- **Over 25 children were matched with an In-School Mentor!**
- **Over 80 girls participated in Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds!**
- **71 New Volunteers were matched through Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters!**

## Children involved with a mentor will be:

- **More likely to graduate from high school!**
- **Less likely to abuse alcohol or drugs.**
- **Less likely to rely on Social Assistance as adults.**
- **More likely to attend a Post Secondary Institution!**

**Mentoring Programs help children and youth in YOUR community reach more of their potential!**

## 2008 Matchmakers

United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie	Bruce Ward
Sleep Cheap Charities	Bruce Peters
Reap	Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Association
Lucky Friday Productions	Great Wolf Lodge
Ministry of Education (Student Success Branch)	RBC Foundation
Alderson and Company	Nick Tsmidis
TV Cogeco	Strategic Legacies
105.1 The River	Niagara Parks Police
Meridian Credit Union	David Fast
Brandon Boone	CGA Ontario—Niagara Chapter
Tim Hortons Restaurants of Niagara	PartSource
OxyVinyls Canada	The Keg Spirit Foundation
Ted Salci	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ontario Endowment Fund
Cataract Family Bowl	Vic Tesso Memorial Golf Tournament
Rob Petruniak Memorial Golf Tournament	Sun Media (Niagara Falls Review)



## Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters

## 2008 Annual Report



## 2008 President's Circle

Gales Fuels	Anonymous
Club Richelieu	BMO Nesbitt Burns
Niagara Volks Folks	Brian Sinclair
Tom Thornton	Jon and Mim Braithwaite
The State Group	Honorable Order of the
Air Care Services	Blue Goose International

*Thank you to everyone who supported Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters! Your contribution reached over 220 children in 2008!*

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*Because every child in need of a mentor, should have a mentor*



# Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Opportunities

**Traditional Program**—This is a match between a caring adult and a child in need of a mentor. We ask for a commitment of at least one year, and at least an hour per week of activities. Our commitment to the volunteer and the child is to strive towards ensuring that each 'match' is a compatible friendship, so that everyone including parents, children, and volunteers are happy with the relationships.

**In-School Mentoring**—It's not about homework! This is a program that takes place at the child's school, during the school year. The In-School mentor spends one hour per week during the school day doing fun activities of mutual interest with the youth in need of a mentor. We encourage employers to give employees the time during the work day to volunteer...studies show that people who volunteer perform better on the job!

**Big Bunch**—This program provides adult role models and the opportunity for positive peer interaction, in a group setting, to children who have met eligibility criteria for the one-one match and are waiting for a suitable match to be made. Commitment is only 2-3 hours per month.

**Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds**—is a mentoring program designed to encourage participation in physical activity, healthy eating choices, and the development of a positive self-image, among girls aged 12 to 14.

A seven-session program, led by women mentors 18-25 years of age, *Go Girls!* incorporates fun, educational games and activities to stimulate relationship building between the mentors and girls, and self-reflection and group discussions about healthy living and emotional, social and cultural issues.

**Other Opportunities**—Why not consider joining our board of directors? We also have room on the following committees: Tim Hortons Bowl For Kids Sake, Golf For Kids Sake, Recruitment, Fundraising, Risk Management. Regardless of the time you have to offer, we have an opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

## Over 220 children participated in a mentoring program with Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2008!

### IMPACTFUL

That's the main word that comes to mind when describing the benefits of Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs. Children and youth with a mentor achieve more of their potential. They're more likely to complete high school, and more likely to go on to attend a post secondary institution. Having a mentor means that children are less likely to abuse alcohol or drugs, and less likely to 'bully' both at school and at home. That's why Big Brothers Big Sisters programs are so important to our community, and more specifically, our children. We provide caring volunteer mentors to hundreds of children every year. These are children



Colin and Meagan, pictured with Veronica Loveless, were recipients of CIBC Youthvision scholarships. Shayne, not shown in photo, was also a recipient. Congratulations!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The key to Big Brothers Big Sisters making a difference in Niagara Falls starts with you. The individual, the volunteer, the donor, the caring corporation. That's who helps Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters reach out to our community. Whether as sponsors, donors, mentors, or volunteers, you are who can make a difference with the children and youth in Niagara Falls. Check out our website to find the opportunity that most suits your time/budget.

#### **2009/2010 Board of Directors**

Ron Bartleet—President  
John Riley—Vice President  
Kathleen Robbins—Secretary  
Rob Greatrix—Treasurer  
Tom Thornton  
Tim Bennett

Jay Newton  
Dave Cockburn  
Cathy Hopkins  
Jamie Jocsak  
Harriet Worden  
Melissa Fraone

#### **Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff Team**

Executive Director—Jon Braithwaite  
Manager of Programs and Services—Veronica Loveless  
Site Based Mentoring Coordinator—Sarah Van Leeuwen  
Intake Coordinator—Anna Mae Vaccaro  
Fundraising Manager—Miranda Beam  
Nearly New Store Manager—Gussie Wyld



Tom and "Little Brother" Ron



Chris Alderson and Jenny Chang, from Alderson and Company, display their hardware.



Tom receives Cliff Hall Alumni award from Randy Williamson.



Veronica receives Growth award from Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources.

## 2008 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada National Convention

It was a great time to be involved with Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters during the BBBS awards ceremony held in July, 2008. The agency received a growth award for continuing to increase the number of children we are serving in our community. Tom Thornton, board member with Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters, was honored for his contributions to the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement with the Cliff Hall Alumni Award, and Alderson and Company received a Medal of Excellence for their support of Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters.