



2010 AGM Annual Report



"Maybe I can't change the world but I can make a difference in the life of at least
one child who is not my own" Author Unknown



*Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Georgian Triangle*

Message from the President of the Board

What a wonderful year 2009 was for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle. It was again another growth year for us as more and more children were referred to us in need of a stable adult mentor in their life. Our amazing staff has worked as a team to ensure that the needs of these children as well as our “Bigs”, In-School Mentors, Sandparents, and the other various volunteers were met.

This past year hit the area hard economically but in spite of that or maybe because of that the community has once again supported Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle financially, so it has also been a growth year financially. With the community support and an Ontario Trillium grant we have been able to introduce some new programs and the staff has been able to reach out to some of the farthest ends of the Georgian Triangle. As well as the valuable relationships that were built through the one on one mentoring of the traditional matches and the In-school mentoring, the children gained skills and experiences (and of course had fun!) camping, tobogganing, skating, movie watching, doing homework together, and gathering in mentoring groups.

We expect even more in 2010.

Iona Tough

President Board of Directors
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle



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Our Vision

“Every child that needs a mentor has a mentor”

Our Mission

“To build brighter futures for children through volunteers using professionally developed mentoring programs delivered in a safe environment that encourages positive friendships and self-esteem building”.

2009 Board of Directors

Executive

President: Iona Tough

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Trevor Percy

Secretary: Kate Knox

Directors At Large

Dick Corner

Tim Fryer

Doug Paul

Jeff McAlister

Colleen Swinwood

2009 Staff

Karen Webb — Executive Director

Cathy Couttie — Casework Manager Community – Based Programming

Christy Coutts — Caseworker Site Based Programming

Tabetha Terrell — Activities Coordinator/Outreach Caseworker



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**Program
Special Presentations & Awards**

(June 17, 2010 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Welcome	Karen Webb
Recollections: Power Point Presentation	Tabetha Terrell
Introduction Board Members	Karen Webb
CIBC Youthvision Scholar	Karen Webb
Special Support - Special Recognition	Karen Webb
Bowl for Kids Sake Accolades	Karen Webb
Special Appreciation	Christy Coutts
Mentorship Recognition In-School Mentors	Christy Coutts
Mentorship Recognition Sandparents	Christy Coutts
Special Appreciation	Tabetha Terrell
Special Appreciation	Cathy Couttie
Special Anniversary Matches	Cathy Couttie
Surprise Presentation	Little Sister Mariah
Message from Gabriella	Little Sister Gabriella

Refreshments

Business Meeting to Follow at 7:45



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Annual General Meeting
(Review of 2009)

**Held on Thursday June 17, 2010
Collingwood Public Library
55 St. Marie St
Collingwood Ontario**

Business Meeting

Call Meeting to Order	Iona Tough
Introductions	All
Approval of Agenda	All
Approval of Wednesday June 17, 2009 AGM Minutes	All
Treasurer's Report	Trevor Percy
Approval 2009 Audited Financial Statements	All
Appointment of BDO Dunwoody as Auditors for 2010	All
Election of Officers Board of Directors	Tim Fryer
2009 Staff Reports	Karen Webb Cathy Couttie Christy Coutts Tabetha Terrell
Closing Remarks & Adjourn	Iona Tough



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2009 REPORT

I was appointed Executive Director September 30, 2008 — as a result 2009 is the first full year I have the pleasure to report on. I have been faced with a rather steep learning curve related to many different facets in the world of charitable organizations and I continue to learn something new everyday.

2009 was filled with lots of good news in the area of funding. Our 2009 BFKS event raised an all time record high at \$95,000. Our Ontario Trillium Grant was approved and came into effect April 2009 – the grant was approved at \$151,500 over three years. Our 2008 Application to the Georgian Bay Club Foundation was approved in 2009 with a cheque for \$19,000 presented in late December with funds targeted for 2010. A capital Request to Big Brothers Big Sisters Ontario Endowment Fund was approved resulting in a new desktop computer and colour Laser Printer which meant being able to print flyers and cards internally. A grant proposal to the Ontario Ministry of Education administered through BBBSC was approved at \$25,000 for In School Mentoring for the 2009/10 school year. The United Way of South Georgian Bay presented BBBS with a series of cheques for a total \$12,384 compared to \$17,500 in 2008. The financial support provided by the United Way of South Georgian Bay has been declining and needs to be addressed. Walker Aggregates of Duntroon were approached for support and donated \$5000 targeted for re-location once the agency finds a suitable space.

New Partnerships have been established in the community including The Galaxy Cinema who hosted a Community Day in the fall of 2009 benefiting BBBS, there were 400 in attendance. We also partnered with the 2009 Wayne Gretzky Golf Tournament.

The Agency received its fifth consecutive growth award from Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada in 2009 - this would reflect 2008 numbers. In 2009 our agency programs reached 232 kids. The introduction of new programming contributed to growing our volunteer base which reached 128 in 2009. As a volunteer based agency our volunteers are our most precious assets. Thirty five kids went to camp and holiday hampers went to seven families helping 33 individuals. The list goes on.

In summary, 2009 has been a busy and productive year. 2010 is gearing up to be even more challenging as we expand our services to reach more kids, recruit more volunteers and prepare for our 2010 Accreditation by BBBSC. Having said that, we have a strong team of staff, we have a supportive Board of Directors and we have great kids and families. A special thanks to the staff – Cathy, Christy and Tabetha who consistently put their heart and soul into their work for the good of our kids. These gals are professional and forward thinking. I look forward to working with all of you in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted Karen Webb

Karen Webb



CASEWORK MANAGER'S 2009 REPORT - Community Based Programming

2009 has been a year of growth in many ways for BBBSGTRI. It was in 2009 that we came together as a team, complimenting one another's skills. Karen filled the role of Director, organizing dynamo and a talented fundraiser as she successfully secured grants and increased fund raising in our Bowl for Kids Sake Campaign. Christy continued to be our source of knowledge, community and history. Her work with schools, high school mentors and Katimavik Mentors is wonderful and her own mentoring to those students and BBBS staff is always evident. Christy can always be counted on to pitch in whether it is to offer a child a drive or fill in for you if double booked. Our collective dreams of having someone handle activities and serve more kids was realized in 2009 with the hiring of our activity co-coordinator Tabetha. Our goal of serving more kids in the Georgian Triangle was achieved as a result of her great work. Children on the waiting list got a chance to be more involved with the agency. Unofficially, Tabetha is our tech girl and she is teaching us things all the time.

March 2009 brought me to five years with BBBSGTRI. The year of 2009 included:

- New title of Casework Manager
- A full case load
- Support for complex cases
- Crisis intervention when required
- Interview Potential Volunteers, Guardians and children- filter out volunteers to other programs
- Safety training of traditional match volunteers/guardians/ children
- Support and Review of Matches
- Advocacy for families within communities
- Attend Compass meetings
- Community Development
- Christmas Hampers
- Kids, Cops and Communities in Huronia West and Collingwood
- Help at activities, driving, etc
- Arrange various camp opportunities for children including McGovern, Dreams, Tim Horton's, co-ordinate transportation
- Media involvement including Rogers Cable and working with newspapers around various events and celebrations
- Fundraising in various capacities
- Support of Bowl for Kids
- Support of two university placement students in 2009

Respectfully Submitted Cathy Couttie

Cathy Couttie



CASEWORKER'S 2009 REPORT – Site Based Programming

The other day, while I was mulling over the events of 2009 in an effort to come up with an AGM report, I had one of those moments that tell our story better than any report can.

I was dropping off one of my co-op students at Mountain View School for her last meeting there and we had spent the ride talking about how sad her two mentees would be to say goodbye. She hadn't even opened the car door when two little girls burst through the school doors and flew down the walk to welcome her with open arms. She dropped her bag and gathered them up and I sat there for a minute and watched, possibly with a tear in my eye.

We see those moments all the time, within our agency, but when it comes time to write an annual report we tend to point out the milestones and the accomplishments--how many matches we made, the number of children served, how many activities and fundraisers we attended.

We did all that in 2009—made new matches, participated in many activities and forged new partnerships with schools and community agencies and willing volunteers.

For my part, I welcomed several new volunteers to the In-School Mentoring program and watched as some of our longer standing matches continued to flourish. I placed new Sandparent volunteers at Birchview Dunes School and at area day care facilities and was delighted to see how warmly they were received.

Our agency continued to partner with Katimavik and was fortunate to have young volunteers from British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec spend time with our children in six area schools. Our Katimavik mentors have allowed us to serve many more children over the last few years and have been able to share their knowledge of other parts of Canada with their mentees. Oh, how I will miss them next year.

Co-op mentoring, with students from area secondary schools, continues to be a very successful program for us. The co-op students are energetic and enthusiastic and eager to try whatever activities the mentees enjoy. We've had a number of co-op students struggle to learn chess from nine year olds who have already mastered the game. We were fortunate, during the spring of 2009, to have Yuko Nagashima, an exchange student from Japan, do a co-op placement with our agency. The children were fascinated to learn about Japanese customs and Yuko was thrilled to share her culture and, in turn, learn more about ours.

Our two Georgian College student interns also devoted some of their time to the In-School Mentoring Program as well as taking lead roles at our weekly Homework Club.

Homework Club ran throughout the winter and spring of 2009 and again during the fall. Our first group of volunteer tutors moved on to post secondary at the end of the school year and, in the fall, we managed to attract seven wonderful new students who provided able assistance to the seven or eight children who attended regularly. There were some Tuesdays when you couldn't move through the office because homework was happening in every possible space.

And to keep all these programs running we spent time—a lot of time—doing grant related work. There was regular reporting for the Ministry of Education grant and Karen and I spent the better part of a late August week juggling numbers and ideas and coming up with a proposal for the second leg of that grant.

I took part in many of the group activities including cross country skiing by moonlight, the popular sledding event and outdoor pizza party at the Corners', skating with Big Brother Pete, summer boating and mini golf Kids and Cops events and the Christmas parade and party to name a few.

In our spare time, we managed to pull together statistics for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and for grant proposals. And believe me when I tell you that no two requests for statistics are ever the same.

On a community level, I continue to chair the local chapter of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness and again took part in funding allocation sessions at the county level. Along with Cathy, I attended COMPASS meetings and took part in all the Local Katimavik Committee events. I continue to advocate for athletic opportunities for children in our program and must commend Collingwood Minor Hockey and Collingwood United Soccer Club for their generous inclusion policy.

I invited myself to a number of Meet the Teacher Night events at area schools and in our effort to reach out to new communities, Karen and I took part in a volunteer fair in Meaford.

And, in between, there were all those moments I spoke about at the beginning: hearing from children how much they enjoy their mentors, watching from a distance while a child and a mentor play cards or shoot hoops or decorate cupcakes, looking through a scrapbook lovingly crafted by a little girl and her mentor, reading an email from a Sandparent who tells me "I just love the program....I get more out of it than I give".

And, of course, it continues to be a pleasure to work with Karen, Cathy and Tabetha who are the best people with whom to share those moments. We've had plenty of moments of our own in the past year but I like to think what happens in the office stays in the office.

Respectfully Submitted Christy Coutts

Christy Coutts



CASEWORKER'S 2009 REPORT – Activities and Outreach

It has been a pleasure to spend the last year working in the Activities and Outreach position at Big Brothers Big Sisters Georgian Triangle. The agency itself has a hard working, caring, dedicated staff team that has pulled together time and time again to provide quality programming to our Littles.

In the 2009 year we were able to hold 36 program opportunities for our Littles who are matched and wait listed. Some of these opportunities included boys and/or girls groups, sports activities, arts programs, movie nights, educational events, and holiday activities. We have had the privilege of watching our children grow and mature in their various stages of life, and have witnessed many “firsts”. We have had opportunities to dry tears, lift spirits, celebrate successes, and support through the hard times.

In addition to agency activities I dedicated a portion of the year to planning and implementing our new 180 Kids Group – a program designed as an after school team building activity. The program was designed for kids who struggled at school and home, and promoted growth in social skills, friendship development, cooperation, self-esteem and group working skills. This program launched at Clearview Meadows and mirrored at Connaught Public School.

A second program developed was the Recess Program. This is outreach based program, designed to serve children in the school setting who will have never been introduced to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency. Again this program seeks to promote growth in social skills, friendship development, cooperation, self esteem and group skills. Implementation is planned for 2010.

Aside from programming, I was able to assist again this year with Bowl for Kid Sake and took the lead in training a volunteer to use the Kintera inputting program. I also took part in the 2010 BFKS committee and assisted in Bowling nights at Georgian Bowl.

It was an exciting year and 2010 will surely continue to be a time of fun and laughter for our children and staff. I look forward to many smiles.

Respectfully Submitted Tabetha Terrell

Tabetha Terrell



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