

Newsletter

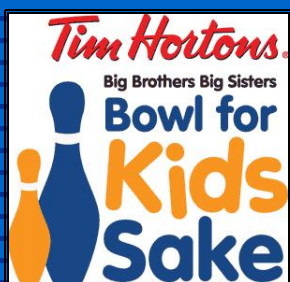


*Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Georgian Triangle*

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**Karen Webb
Executive Director**

Happy New Year Everyone!

Here we are entering 2012 – a new year and a new start.

*Our annual **Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake** event is more important than ever this year with our three year Ontario Trillium Grant coming to an end.*

Prior to Christmas, we were busily writing a grant submission for some wonderful programming enhancements. Keep your fingers crossed; if we are short-listed, we will have an onsite visit in the spring.

There are 25 grants available in total; however, since charities across Canada were invited to submit applications, we will be up against a lot of competition.

We will continue to seek out new grant and fund development opportunities throughout the year.

2012 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake

Since we serve children and youth covering such an extensive area across the Georgian Triangle, we have the good fortune of support from several Tim Hortons locations.

A special thanks to Tim Hortons, Collingwood, Meaford, Stayner, Thornbury and Wasaga Beach, our Title Sponsors.

*Our partnership with **Tim Hortons** is vital, providing us with financial support as well as quick pay Tim Cards that our fund raising bowlers love so much!*

*This is the fourth year that **Investors Group** has been our Signature Sponsor - our thanks go out to this community-minded business.*



More about the 2012 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake Event

Everyone raising \$50 receives a prize! We have a NEW entry-level prize again this year!

Raise the most funds and get ready to win: A week at a Condominium in Stowe, Vermont donated by **Wayne and Hilda Noble**; 2012/2013 Super Pass for **Blue Mountain**; A foursome of Golf including electric cart at **Lora Bay** or a \$300 Gift Certificate for **Scandinave Spa**.

The Team raising the most funds receives gift certificates for Thornbury's newest dining spot, **Simplicity Bistro**. Like last year, we will have recognition and draw prizes at Georgian Bowl and Meaford Bowl.

A Big Thanks goes out to all the individuals, organizations, restaurants and stores that donated product or a gift certificate. Since our list is not yet complete, we will list all donors in our next newsletter.

A complete list will be on our website also at: www.bigbrothersbigistersgeorgiantriangle.org

Georgian Bowl: Kickoff is **Saturday, February 18th** at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Official fund raising bowling teams start at 2:30 p.m. on February 18th and this will be followed by three weeks of bowling, ending on March 9th.

Our generously donated gift cards that bowlers can win based on funds raised include; **Tim Hortons** (Collingwood, Stayner, Wasaga Beach), **The Empire Grill** (Collingwood), **Dairy Queen** (Collingwood & Stayner), **Subway** (Collingwood), **Topper's Pizza** (Collingwood & Wasaga Beach) and **Chocolarte** of Collingwood.

Meaford Bowl: There will be one full day of bowling on **Saturday, February 25th** with the ceremonial kick-off at 12:30 p.m. and a second evening of bowling on **Tuesday, February 28th**.

Our generously donated gift cards that bowlers can win based on funds raised include; **Tim Hortons** (Thornbury, Meaford), **The Leuky Canoe** (Meaford), **New Orleans Pizza** (Meaford & Thornbury), **Subway** (Meaford) and **Chocolarte** of Collingwood.

School Challenge Wednesday, February 29 at 7:00 PM

Everyone raising \$50 receives a prize. Raise the most funds and get ready to win: an iPod Dock, donated by **Farrow AV**; Half Day of Climbing/Caving for two with **Free Spirit Tours**; Half Day for two at **Blue Mountain Go-Karts** or an 18 speed Bike donated by Title Sponsor, **Tim Hortons**.

Members of the two teams raising the most funds receive: a Free Movie and Popcorn at Collingwood's **Galaxy Cineplex** or a Large **Topper's Pizza** Gift Certificate.

Our generously donated gift cards that our youth bowlers can win based on funds raised include; **Tim Hortons**, **Subway** and **Dairy Queen**. Draw prizes include a variety of youth appropriate items, gift certificates and passes such as Ridge Runner passes donated by the **Village of Blue Mountain**.



Credit: The Connection



High school students also earn volunteer hours for their fund raising efforts and participating in the event itself! The team captain earns volunteer hours for posting posters, distributing pledge forms, explaining how the event works, and holding meetings.

Help Spread the Word

Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake is a fun event for a great cause – our local children and youth. Recruit a team, form a team, join a team, sponsor a bowler or simply make a donation. Make a difference in the life of a child.

Pledge Forms for **Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake** are available at our office, simply call **705-445-2330** or pick up pledge forms from your local Tim Hortons locations in Collingwood, Stayner, Wasaga Beach, Thornbury or Meaford.

You can also fundraise online – send personalized e-mails to friends and family, your donor gets an immediate Official Tax Receipt. Register at <http://georgiantriangle.kintera.org/bfks>

2011 Annual Huron Club Restaurant Golf Tournament

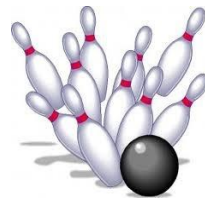
Congratulations and a Big Thank You to Big Brother Jay Worsley and owners of the Huron Club Restaurant, Ian and Joanne Duff, for their support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle.

The Second Annual Huron Club Restaurant Golf Tournament raised **\$6000**, which is double the first year's event!

The Big Brother Big Sister family is most appreciative.

Hope to see many of you at the bowling alley!

Karen





A Great time was had by all at International Snow Day



Ready to hit the slopes!



Fun at Blue!



*Auxiliary Police Officer Erik Sandell,
Inspector Kevin Hunter and Staff
Sergeant Shawn Hewlit*



**Cathy Couttie
Casework Manager**

Happy New Year to you! Wishing you all the best for 2012!

Snow Day



*We had a great day out on Sunday, January 22nd with 48 Bigs and Littles attending **International Snow Day** at Blue Mountain. We had snow and sun and missed the rain that came the following day.*

*A very **"Big"** thank you to everyone for coming out. **Thank you** Bigs for helping out, it meant our kids, many for the first time, got out on our local ski hills. Without the supervision, it never could have happened.*

*The day was made possible by **Blue Mountain** with a special **thank you** to Paul Pinchbeck for his generosity. Brittany from Blue deserves **thanks** for keeping us organized and also, Joe from Blue.*

***S-Media** made it all possible by sponsoring the day with lift tickets, lessons and equipment. Their sponsor **Columbia** gave the Bigs and Littles knapsacks. We also had 2 pair of snowshoes donated to us thanks to S- Media.*

***Thank you** to Chris Robinson, Mark Kristofic, Janet Fairbridge and Lisa Crowley. I must say, they would all make great Bigs!*

*It was great also to meet Jake Holden from the Canadian Snowboard Team and Nick Zoricic from the Canadian Ski Team. We wish them all the best at the **World Snow Cross Event** at Blue Mountain on Feb 9th. We hope some of our BBBS group might get out to watch the hockey game at the outdoor rink at Blue with the National Snow Board Team challenging the Canadian Ski Team on Feb 4th.*

***Thank you** to Christy and Tabetha for keeping order and driving kids. We also think having a board member who drives a bus also is a pretty great thing. **Thank you** to Don for donating your time, helping out and for helping to get the bus at such a fantastic rate.*

*We would love to send on some **thank you** notes to **Blue Mountain** and to **S-Media**; great activity for the Littles to do with their Big. I just finished mine.*

***Thank you** to Big Sister Dayna for arranging gift certificates to donate for our Bowl for Kid Fundraiser. Also to Christy Deere for getting 4 ski passes to ski at **Beaver Valley**. As a non-profit, we appreciate the support in our biggest fundraiser of the year.*



*Making gingerbread houses
with our OPP friends*



Kids & Cops



*Thank you to Maximum
Physiotherapy!*



Great Job!

New Perks - It certainly helps to have our Bigs in the community. **Thank you** to Rebecca Fox, Big Sister and go getter, for getting us access to the **Cranberry Indoor Pool**. Bigs and Littles can now use the pool when together; just make sure you bring your membership card. The pool is open 7 days a week, until 9:30 pm. During the busy times, Christmas and March Break, Cranberry asks that we give way to guests if busy.

Just a reminder that you can get snowshoes and cross country skis out from the **Cranberry Recreation Center** also, and the Georgian Trail is close by.

Mark Groves at **Collingwood Trampoline** continues to offer his facility, which is always popular, and both **Meaford Bowl** and **Georgian Bowl** offer a free game of bowling once a month.

Thank you also to **Huron West OPP** and the **Wasaga Beach Superstore** for a great cooking night on December 1st; to Jim Otterson for his wonderful efforts in organizing skiis for our Littles and Bigs and Rebecca Fox and the folks at **Cranberry Resort** for lending us their venue for the Ski Swap.

Thank you to Jan Trude, Julie Buckley and **Tim Hortons** and **Alpine Ski Club** for organizing a very popular ski swap in November.

Thank you to all our Hamper sponsors, they did a wonderful job.

Thank you to Maximum Physiotherapy for raising \$710 at the Barrie Shepley Talk.

We are welcoming some new faces to our Big Brother/Sister family:

Welcome to our new matches:

Joanne and Kyla
Mike and Grady
Anne and Jacqueline

Welcome also new Little's Jasper and Griffin.

To my wonderful matches, please remember to call in and provide your updates. I do love to hear from you!

Wishing you all the best and Happy Valentine's Day!



Cathy Coultie
Casework Manager



*Lots of fun decorating
Christmas cookies.*



*High school volunteer Hai enjoying
special Christmas cookies.*



**Christy Coutts
In-School Mentoring
and Sandparents
Caseworker**

Homework Club

*Homework Club will resume right after Christmas holidays at **Mountain View School**, every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 until about 4:45. We always begin with a healthy snack before getting down to some serious homework assignments.*

It was great, during the fall session, to welcome about 10 new homework participants, all Mountain View students.

Because our numbers have grown by leaps and bounds, we're looking for more high school helpers. If you know a high school student who would like to help our happy little bunch with homework once a week, please get in touch with Christy at 705-445-2330.

Co-op Mentoring

It has been a pleasure to have five co-op students mentoring elementary school children during the first semester.

A big thank you to Alisha, Emily, Jenna, Kayla and Kymberli for doing such a great job and giving the gift of friendship to more than 45 children!



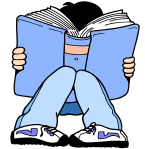
Halloween 2011 fun!



Funny faces!



**Tabetha Terrell
Activities Caseworker**



Do you wanna have fun? Prove it!



READ: REPLY: SEND:

Instructions:

1. Find a pen, pencil, crayon, marker, chisel, or whatever it takes!
 2. Check the circles that matter to you.
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 4. Check the website. Watch for program letters (or emails).
- Add us to your Facebook

Please complete the attached questionnaire.

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- activities corner

- Facebook: "Big Brothers Big Sisters GTRI"

- news.bbbs@hotmail.com

- Tabetha.terrell@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Wish List

- New Electric Kettle**
- New Vacuum Cleaner**
- House - zoned commercial**
- Fishing Poles (kids and adults)**
- Equipped Tackle Box**
- New or gently used tents (all parts included)**

