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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie **Bowl for Kids Sake**

**BOWL, SPONSOR, PLEDGE!**



DEAN  
Former "Little Brother,"  
Former "Big Brother" to Cam,  
Current CEO Wendcorp  
Holdings Inc.

CAM  
Former "Little  
Brother" to Dean,  
Current Business  
Owner

KYZER  
Current "Little Brother,"  
Future...  
endless possibilities!



*"The Big Brothers organization changed my life. After my father was killed in a traffic accident when I was 10 years old, Big Brothers gave me mentoring and optimism that allowed me to get through a pivotal time in a young person's life. In the many years since, I have tried to give back to Big Brothers Big Sisters at every opportunity and hope our communities continue to support them as they truly **make a difference** when it counts."*

*Dean Braund ~ pictured above (left)*

Bowl For Kids Sake is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our goal this year is \$85,000 which we need to maintain our programs that served 493 in 2013! You can register to fundraise on our behalf, sponsor the event, or pledge one of our bowlers (including any of our staff members!)

### All money RAISED local, STAYS local

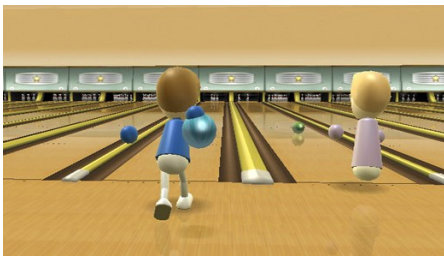
This years' theme is: "Once Upon a Time" because we believe every child should get their *Happily Ever After!*

Even if you don't like bowling (by the way, you don't actually have to bowl if you don't want to) there are lots of ways you can take part as an individual, family, business, or service club. If you want any details please contact Renee 519-759-3222 or [renee.vanderharst@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:renee.vanderharst@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca)



**SIMCOE – THE WHITE HORSE LANES: FRI, April 4 - SUN, April 6**  
**BRANTFORD – ECHO BOWL: FRI, April 11 - SUN, April 13**

### Did You Know...?



--- We have a number of partner schools that raise money on our behalf under the Bowl For Kids Sake Campaign. Instead of renting a bus, getting permissions for a "field trip" to the bowling alley, and getting teacher chaperones we are able to convert the school gym into a "Virtual Bowling Alley". It's a lot of fun, and the students take pride in giving back to other LOCAL kids.

--- There are individuals / businesses that run their own fun, creative campaigns. We can work with you to create something unique that fits your needs—because fundraising should be FUN and make you feel good. Some businesses have raffled off the boss's parking space, or hosted BBQs and bake sales, or Jelle VanderHarst (Renee's husband) has his 3rd annual "Bearding For Kids Sake" - see the full details on his blog:

<http://notelr.com/jelle777/Bearding-For-Kids-Sake>



--- You can register to fundraise on-line (whether you choose to bowl or not). It only takes 5 minutes and then you can use your e-mail contacts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to raise BIG \$\$\$ without leaving your desk or smartphone! Check it out:

<http://GrandErie.kintera.org/bfks>

## WIN A TRIP DESTINATION OF YOUR CHOICE!

Thanks to the generosity of WestJet Cares For Kids  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Erie is excited to announce the following fundraising draw:

**TOP PRIZE:** Gift-of-Flight voucher, round trip for  
**TWO to ANY** scheduled WestJet destination!

\* all taxes and fees included, some booking restrictions apply

**SECOND PLACE PRIZE:** Two tickets to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf For Kids Sake (Value \$250)

**THIRD PLACE PRIZE:** Carry-On Luggage courtesy of CAA Travels Simcoe (Value \$90)

### TICKETS \$10 EACH - DRAW SEPT 17TH

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Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Grand Erie



We will need  
help selling tickets!

If you would like to buy a  
ticket or are willing to  
sell to your friends,  
family, and co-workers  
please let us know.  
We can get you a book  
of 10 tickets.

Call Kathy or Renee

519-759-3222

Tickets will be available  
at both our offices!

# ... Because we are all looking forward to some WARMER WEATHER!

Grab some employees, clients, friends or family members and join us for a full day on the greens. For \$125 per person you get a cart, 18 holes, well fed, and get to take part in a tourney where no one leaves empty handed.

**Discount if you golf in both!**

There are sponsorship opportunities as well, and we will be looking for donations for the silent auction. If you would like to join the Golf Committee please contact: [renee.vanderharst@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:renee.vanderharst@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) 519-759-3222



**Simcoe: Greens at Renton Wed June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brantford: Northridge Golf Course Fri August 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Partner Profiles:



**Ontario Power Generation:** As a large company and a primary employer in many Ontario communities, Ontario Power Generation takes seriously its responsibility to be a good corporate citizen and neighbour. They believe that a good company gives back to the communities in which it operates, to help improve the quality of life in those communities. OPG's Corporate Citizenship Program provides support to environmental, educational, and community initiatives in Ontario. In late 2013 we received a cheque for \$5,000 to support our In-School Mentoring programs in Haldimand and Norfolk.

**Brant Community Foundation:** The Brant Community Foundation facilitates philanthropy and charitable giving in Brantford and Brant County. In late 2013 we received a cheque for \$1,500 to support our pilot "Teen Mentoring" program in Brantford (learn below). The Brant Community Foundation has a vision: to be a trusted agent and a catalyst for philanthropy, benefiting our community today and forever. Their mission is to attract and manage permanent funds from donors of all means, and provide grants to charitable organizations in Brantford and Brant County.

Both **Ontario Power Generation** and **Brant Community Foundation** have been long time supporters of our agency. We would like to thank them for believing in us, our programs, and investing in our local children.

## Program Profile -- - Teen Mentoring

This pilot program benefits local youth two fold: it provides a mentoring opportunity for responsible youth in grades 10 to 12, and provides support to younger elementary students in grades 1 to 7 in need of a confidence boost. Selected teens are matched with elementary school children to become their "Big Buddy" for the school year and visit them at their elementary school for 1 hour each week after school. The matches are made according to shared interests and personalities. BIG THANKS to our pilot schools: James Hillier Public School matched with teens from St. Johns College, & Ryerson Heights Elementary School matched with teens from Assumption College School. BIG THANKS as well to the **Aberdeen Health & Community Services Foundation** who got us off the ground and started with a \$5,000 grant!

### In The News



#### "JumpStart" Olympic Fundraiser:

On top of ensuring top quality matches and support for both our volunteers and families, our Mentor Coordinators also help connect our "Littles" with other local supports. The Canadian Tire Jumpstart fund helps get kids off the sideline and into the game. We have had several of our "Littles" get financial help to register for sports thanks to our friends at JumpStart! During the Winter Olympics we were fortunate to help

give back and participate in the BIG fundraiser at the **Simcoe Canadian Tire**. The event brought in over \$30,000. Among those at the kick-off, official 2010 Olympic Torchbearer Sue Veltrie who brought the torch to our Olympic themed 2010 Bowl For Kids Sake!



#### Big Bucks @Business After Hours:

The Brant Brantford Chamber of Commerce hosts "Business After Hours" open houses every month. In January the host was "**Jeff's @ Work**" and we were fortunate enough to be the non-

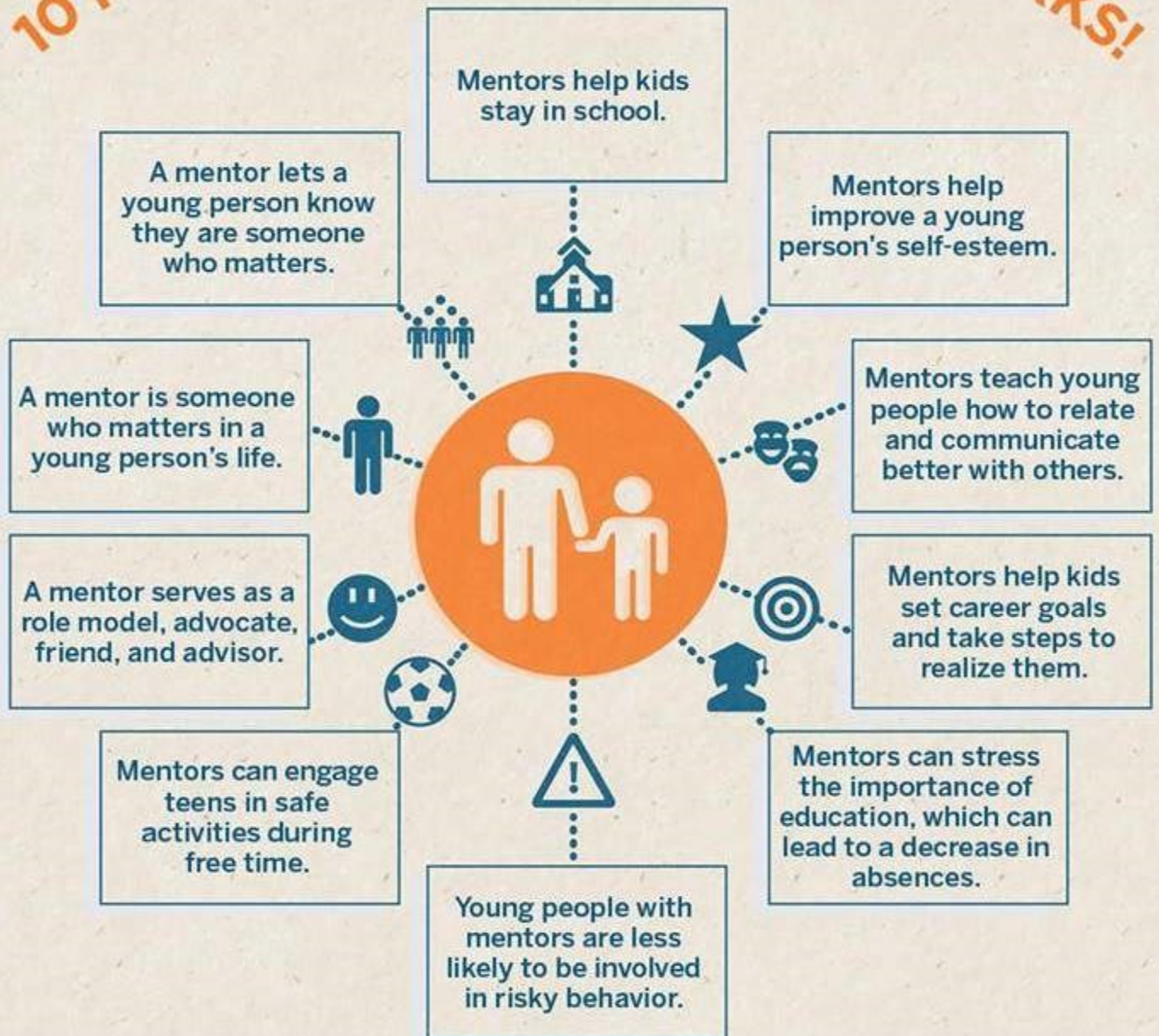
profit hosting the 50/50 draw. Little did we know that the crew at Jeff's @ Work had a BIG surprise for us. A cheque for \$500! Thank You!

#### Friendship at FrostyFest:

It's Brantford's Winter Carnival, and this year we were able to participate during the Family Day Pancake Breakfast inside Market Square. We sold hot chocolate and coffee, a half dozen volunteers helped serve hungry families, and thanks to the **Walton Group** a dozen of our "Littles", "Bigs", and their families were able to enjoy the Bruce Cockburn concert at the Sanderson Centre!



# 10 REASONS WHY MENTORING WORKS!



## WANTED: New Friends to Share Our Vision With...

One of our goals for 2014 is to spread the word about who we are and what we do. Most people recognize our name and logo, but many don't realize that we offer a wide variety of programs. We also love sharing our success stories and the long term positive impact our volunteers and programs have on our community. If your service club or business has a Newsletter, loan us some space to Spread the Word, or ask "the boss" if we can have 10 minutes at your next staff meeting. Want more info?

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## Match Anniversaries - - - - -

### MARCH:

Tim J. & Jack S. - 1 year  
Ranae T. & Dallis R. - 1 year  
Jordan S. & Isaac R. - 2 years  
Rachel M. & Carleigh D. - 4 years  
Lesley L. & Cassandra S. - 5 years

### APRIL:

Jaime F. & Wyatt G. - 1 year  
Gerry B. & Brody W. - 1 year  
Kelsey C. & Shyanne R. - 1 year  
Lana B. & Mary M. - 1 year  
Ellen G. & Kieran E. - 2 years  
Amy W. & Jessica M - 3 years

### MAY:

Steve J. & Nolan K. - 1 year  
Somerleigh L. & Aliah S. - 1 year  
Mike C. & Luke S. - 1 year  
Lesley M. & Deiranira R. - 1 year  
Dave + Danielle L. & Max F. - 2 years  
Shelley W. & Madison B - 2 years  
Janet K. & Lexi S. - 3 years  
Chris K. & Darby F. - 4 years  
Matt J. & Josh T. - 5 years

### CONGRATULATIONS!

## Our Team - - - - -

### The 2014 Board Of Directors:

Barry Cruickshanks—Past President  
Karen Reynolds—President  
Melissa Christiani—Vice President  
Juanita Wagner—Secretary / Treasurer  
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Manny Munir—Director  
Keith Saunders—Director  
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