

THE **BIG** UPDATE

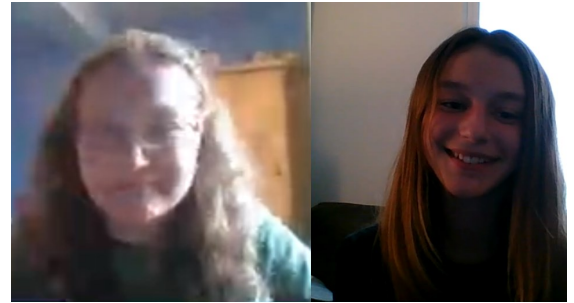
NEWSLETTER



MATCH ALERT



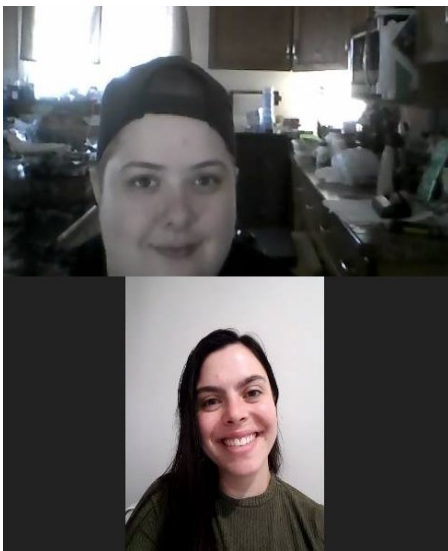
Big Adrianna and Little Tayelyn are celebrating 4 months together! Like many of us, they are looking forward to when they can start in-person meetings again, but both are happy that they have been able to stay in touch virtually during this pandemic. We are excited to see and hear how this friendship develops!



New matches generously supported by:



Celebrating **BIG** Milestones



Big Mary and Little Judith are celebrating their **3rd anniversary** together, virtually! Big Mary and Little Judith have built a strong connection during their time together as Big Sister and Little Sister. Little Judith considers her Big Sister Mary to be like a real sister, and Big Mary always looks forward to the time that she gets to spend with her Little Sister. These two have continued to connect with each other virtually during this pandemic and know that they are able to communicate with each other for support, advice, and guidance through these tough times. Big Mary loves how positive her Little Sister is, and Little Judith has expressed how kind and caring her Big Sister is. These two are looking forward to the year ahead and would like to have a BBQ and make a scrapbook of their time together. **Congratulations on this amazing milestone!**

Big Natalie and Little Isabella are celebrating their **2nd year** together! Although this meeting was conducted virtually, there were great stories and laughs shared. They have been able to connect and communicate regularly with each other during the pandemic and are looking forward to being able to meet in person again. Natalie always looks forward to connecting with her Little Sister. Isabella loves that she can talk to Natalie so easily and that they share many of the same interests. In their next year together, Big Natalie would like to continue checking in with each other on a regular basis, and Little Isabella would like to go to see a movie at a drive-in theatre together. After all, (thanks to COVID) drive-in theaters are in vogue again! **Congratulations ladies!**



CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE VIRTUAL CAMP 2020



Our Champions of Change Summer camp which runs from early July to mid-August has gone virtual! With the safety of campers and staff top of mind, we made the decision to modify our camp format and went digital.

This certainly did not stifle the creativity and enthusiasm of our camp counsellors, Blake, Michaela, Alana, Bella and Sophia. They have worked hard to plan and deliver an exciting and enriching summer camp experience over the six weeks of camp.

Using a secure digital platform, campers and counsellors explore weekly themes through a variety of creative and interactive activities.

Each group has two counsellors in one secure online "room" with up to 10 campers. Before the start of each week, camp counsellors drop off an activity box filled with supplies needed for each activity and a healthy snack!

Our wonderful counsellors have also worked hard to make some of the activities accessible to the public through their Facebook page. Each day a video tutorial for a new activity is posted. So far they have shown us how to make a bird feeder, an origami space ship, a bead wind chime and a sundial.

A big thank you to our amazing camp staff who have worked hard to think out of the box and create a memorable camp experience for campers throughout these difficult and unprecedented times.

Generously supported by: Bowmanville

Susan Sheen and

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SUMMER "FUN" DRAISING BAKE FOR KIDS SAKE

Due to the forced postponement of many of our highly-anticipated spring and summer events, we turned to alternative fundraising opportunities.

In June, we announced a new virtual fundraising campaign, **Bake for Kids' Sake!**

Over four days (Friday, June 26th to Monday, June 29th, 2020) participants had the opportunity to celebrate the July long-weekend by baking a Canada Day-themed dessert for the chance to win a prize! Two winners walked away with \$50 in BIA Bucks and a yummy dessert to celebrate Canada's birthday!

We received several submissions, all creative and very "Canadian" in their own way. It was a tough decision for our panel indeed and we thank everyone who sent in a submission.

Bake for Kids' Sake raised almost \$650.00! Thank you to **Marie Visser and the Courtice Rotary Club** for their support of our event!

Winners

Most Creative Dessert - Payton Touw

Payton baked a classic Canadian ensemble, the Canadian flag and our national mascot, the all-mighty beaver!



Top Fundraiser - Lis & Amelia Maddiss

These two made amazing cookies AND went above and beyond to fundraise for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarington! Thank you!

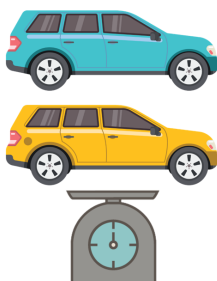


DONATION DRIVE

From April to the end of July, we collected close to **8,000 lbs.** of donated items. That's equivalent to the weight of two SUVs!

8,000 lbs. = Two SUVs

Total: \$1,050



Over the past few months, several individuals in our community generously donated items (clothing, linens, housewares, etc.) to our Donation Drive.

Last Thursday, BBBSC staff and camp staff successfully loaded and delivered close to **8,000 lbs.** of donated items to Value Village in Whitby. Value Village runs a great program where they pay not-for-profits for each pound of collected goods.

The 8,000 lbs. of items collected, resulted in close to **\$1,050.00!** That money will go directly towards helping to ignite the power and potential of the close to 500 children we serve in our community.

We would like to give a big shoutout to everyone that helped make this event possible!

BIG CONGRATULATIONS

BBBS Clarington is so very proud of our **Little Brother, Colt Young**, on being awarded the Deeley Family Scholarship to help him pursue his post secondary education at Durham College. Colt is enrolled in a 2-year program in which he will achieve his welding certification. Our gratitude and appreciation go out to **Dennis and the Deeley Family** for this annual scholarship award for our graduating "Littles"!

Pictured here: Dennis Deeley, Colt, his very supportive mom, Mary Ann, and BBBSC's Executive Director, Darlene Brown. We would also like to give a big thanks to his Big Brother, Steve Maddiss!



Well-done, Colt and good luck in your next chapter of life!

BBBSC BUILDS

Big Brother Dennis and Little Brother Brayden, who have been matched for 3 years now, have a collective passion for restoring and building things together. Recently they restored and repainted a Honda VF500F motorcycle together.

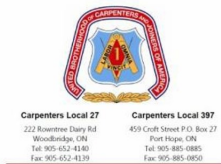
Great job guys!



OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank our monthly donors and individuals who have made a one-time donation (of various amounts) in 2020.

We would also like to thank our **major 2020 supporters** which include:



Ministry of Education



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United Way
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All contributions BIG or little, assist in providing valuable mentorship programs to the children of our community.

THANK YOU!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Virtual Gala—November 7, 2020

Due to the pandemic, we will be celebrating **Gala** virtually this year! Join us on **Saturday, November 7, 2020** for our virtual video Gala that will highlight and celebrate the important work we continue to do in the community to ensure that our matches and families receive the support they deserve. The Virtual Gala will include testimonials, great stories, musical performances and more. You will be able to access the event through our website, Facebook page, or YouTube.



Golf for Kids' Sake 2020 —September 23, 2020

Join us on **September 23, 2020** for our annual **Golf for Kids' Sake** tournament and enjoy a fun day on the links. Due to COVID-19, physical distancing and health & safety measures will be in place. In accordance with the provincial government's guidelines, we will not have a shotgun start this year, instead tee times will be staggered and pre-assigned.

Time:

Registration starts @ 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility in Ajax, ON



Due to COVID-19, our annual Harvest Tea Party has been postponed until 2021.

A BIG thank you to our BIG BOOST Monthly Donors!

The matches mentioned are only possible through the generous contribution of our community including our Monthly Donors. You play a large part in helping the children and youth of our community to develop into self-confident, emotionally strong and socially-responsible adults.

To become a monthly donor, visit:

<https://clarington.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/monthly-giving-program/>

We Believe in the value of MENTORING.

That is why we are always looking for new volunteers, especially BIGS! If you have a few hours each week to ignite the potential of a young person through one-on-one mentorship, please consider becoming a BIG with our agency!

To start the application process, please email:

kids.clarington@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

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