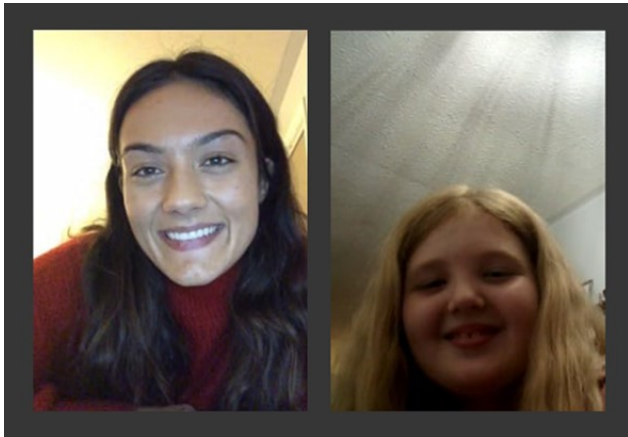


THE **BIG** UPDATE

NEWSLETTER



MATCH ALERT



New Match Alert!

Big Cassandra and Little Emily recently met for the first time virtually! Big Cassandra and Little Emily were eager and excited to meet one another and we are pleased that we could bring these two together. They both had positive things to share about each other during their introduction meeting. Guest appearances from pets were also part of the fun! These two have so much in common, including loving the outdoors and spending time outside, even during the winter.

There is no doubt that they will be able to find activities to do together. Big Cassandra and Little Emily have set a goal of ice skating during their first year together and we cannot wait to hear about how this match develops. All the best to Big Cassandra and Little Emily in their new friendship as Big Sister and Little Sister!



Celebrating BIG Milestones

During this holiday season, we're celebrating **all** of our matches, and highlighting this one to show how Big Sister Alana, Little Sister Makenzie, and Makenzie's mom, Amanda, have been "getting it right"!

These three support each other and the match, always enthusiastically. To see them together, you can't help but note the "ingredients for success": mutual respect, care, sense of humour, shared decision-making, support for growth, and unconditional acceptance and affection.

What a great example of friendship/mentorship at its finest, for 7 years!!



A BIG thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for making these matches possible!

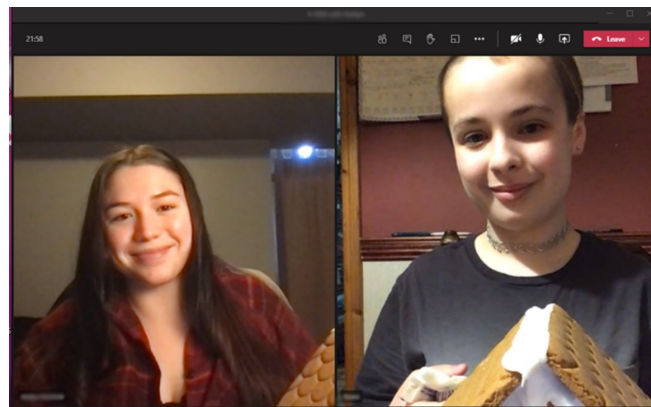


VIRTUAL IN-SCHOOL MENTORING

We are excited to highlight some of the wonderful memories our in-school matches made during the 2020 school year!

My mentee has taught me so many new things! We have done many origami and science experiments during our time together. I can't wait to see what we come up with next!

-Josie, mentor



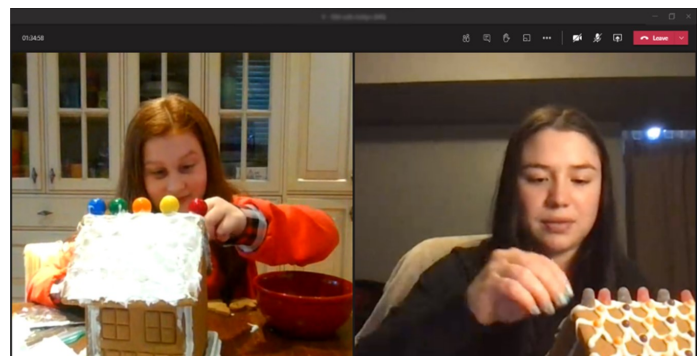
It's been so much fun! I have gained a good relationship and I always look forward to meeting with my mentee the following week! Mentoring has made me more confident in myself too, as I always seek new things to do with my mentees! Mentoring is so much fun!

-Ashlyn, mentor & Izabel, mentee

I started mentoring back in October and it is now December. When I first started, I was nervous but now I absolutely love it. I love being able to talk to my mentee about anything or play games, any kind of games they want. It's kind of a challenge with everything being online but you can find ways around it by doing things like coloring, listening to music, playing trivia or around the holidays you can do fun activities like drawing a haunted house or gingerbread houses for Christmas.

These are just some of the things I have been doing with my mentee!

-Ashlyn, mentor & Mary, mentee



Thank you to the Emergency Community Support Fund and Durham United Way for making these ISM matches possible.



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ONLINE CHRISTMAS AUCTION

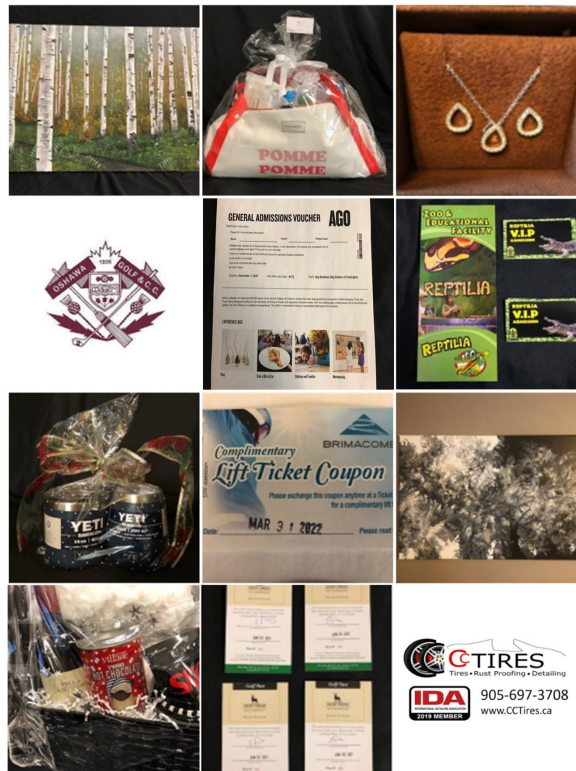
From December 1 to December 5, 2020, BBBSC held its first Online Christmas Auction.

Due to COVID-19, many of our highly-anticipated events of 2020 were impacted or postponed. This included our annual Gala which traditionally had a silent auction component. With our Gala going virtual, we decided to hold our auction online.

We had a great line up of items including passes to popular attractions, jewellery, original artwork, golf packages and more!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed an item or service to our auction.

With your generosity, we were able to raise close to \$3,000 in our Online Christmas Auction!



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

A few weeks ago, some of Santa's helpers stopped by our office with gifts for one of our families that they sponsored.

A special thank you goes out to Andrea and the Clarington Flames U11 Tier 1 team, who were really excited to be donating and supporting one of our families. It's just one of the many examples of the generous support we receive throughout the year, especially at Christmas.

We would like to thank the many wonderful individuals, families and groups that sponsored a family for Christmas. We are fortunate to live in a community with so many people who care.

The donations we receive are sure to brighten the day for many of our families on Christmas morning.



From all of us to you — THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



We would like to thank and acknowledge the companies, clubs and individuals who made a substantial contribution to our organization during 2020. These donors stepped up to help us out during a difficult year. **THANK YOU!**

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



We would also like to thank our volunteers who are the backbone of our agency. Without our volunteers, our matches would not be possible. A big thank you goes out to our Bigs, mentors, and community volunteers.

In addition, BBSC would like to highlight a group of our key volunteers, our Board of Directors, for their hard work and dedication in providing countless hours in guiding our agency.

Elizabeth Colley

Chris Chadwick

Olga Minikh

Sharon Grant-Young

Greg Worboy

Sara Vaisler

Amanda Lajeunesse

THANK YOU TO OUR MONTHLY DONORS

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful **BIG Boost monthly donors** whose contributions help to provide a stable source of revenue at all times of the year. They play a large part in helping the children and youth of our community to develop into self-confident, emotionally strong and socially-responsible adults.

Darlene Brown	Amanda Lajeunesse
Brenda Calhoun	Amy Leighton
Chris Chadwick	Donna Metcalf-Woo
Elizabeth Colley	Olga Minikh
Sharon Grant-Young	Susan Sheen
Paul Halliday	Gayle Willoughby
Debra Jefferson	Greg Worboy

*From our BBBSC family to yours,
have a wonderful and safe
holiday season!*



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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 process of becoming a volunteer mentor, please email us at:
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