



Legislative Reception

Dec 7, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saskatchewan held a second Legislative Reception at the Legislative Building in Regina. Every agency in Saskatchewan, including Weyburn, Lloydminster, Regina, and Yorkton, came together to share our vision for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saskatchewan: Every child in Saskatchewan who needs a mentor has a mentor. Our mission at the reception was to promote mentoring for the support and well-being of Saskatchewan children and families. We wanted to share information about mentoring, coordinate accessibility of mentoring services, build capacity by developing and supporting staff professionalism, and present a unified voice to address the mentoring needs of youth in Saskatchewan. 42 MLAs attended the event to learn more about our program, which was a fantastic turnout! Our very own Amy Mohr, Executive Director, and Georgia Siourounis, Office Administrator, attended the reception, as well as Big Sister Vi and Little Sister Anaka. The MLAs had a chance to visit with agency staff, volunteers and their Littles, giving them a better idea of what our programs are all about.



Littles posing with Saskatchewan's MLAs



Amy, Anaka, Vi, and Georgia at the Reception



Volunteer Opportunities

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a wonderful program to be involved in and a great way to give back to your community. Every child needs someone in their corner, to cheer them on through the challenges of growing up, could you be that someone?

The gift of time in the life of a child is an investment that endures and multiplies. Spending 1-5 hours per week with a little can have an immense impact on them. Whether it be through In-School mentoring or the Traditional program, the Littles self-esteem increases, relationships with peers improve and the likelihood of abusing drugs and alcohol decreases.

In-School mentoring is a good fit for today's busy world, you as a mentor chose a day (Monday-Friday) and spend one hour over lunch time with your mentee. The Traditional program is just being a friend to your little a few hours once a week, playing sports, doing crafts, or watching a movie.

Our agency in Weyburn currently has 16 Littles on the waitlist. We hope to provide a Big Brother or Big Sister to these youngsters as quickly as possible. Tiana and Paul are among the list of Littles waiting to be matched:

Tiana is an 11 year old little girl. She describes herself as quiet and shy in public but talkative and energetic at home. She loves to dance, sing, and draw. Her favourite T.V. show is SpongeBob Squarepants, she loves macaroni, volleyball, and crafts. She received the "Best All Around Student" Award in grade four. Tiana would like a loyal Big Sister she can talk and hang out with and go swimming with.

Paul is 12 years old and loves hockey and would like to be an NHL player when he grows up. He is really good at many other sports and spends spare time hanging out with friends or playing on the computer. Paul describes himself as a funny, friendly prankster and would like to be matched with a Big Brother who likes sports and enjoys having fun. If he could, Paul would spend the entire day at the Kenosee Waterslides.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in learning more about becoming a Big Brother of Sister please get in touch with Amy at the office - 842.4050 or amy.mohr@bigbrothersbigisters.ca

As Canada's leading child and youth mentoring charity, Big Brothers Big Sisters facilitates life-changing relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential, both as individuals and citizens.

Holiday Season Office Hours

The office will be closed

December 23, 2011 - January 2, 2012

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Weyburn would like to wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy holiday season and the very best in the New Year.



Parade of Lights

Both Littles and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Weyburn (BBBSW) Board members were involved in this year's local Parade of Lights. On Thursday, December 1, 2011 the annual Parade of Lights made its way along 3rd Street and back to Crescent Point Place in Weyburn. The Littles and Amy rode the float and waved to all the bystanders wishing them Happy Holidays, thanks to Vice Chair Kevin for driving! Following the completion of the parade, the group served hot chocolate and handed out candy canes to the spectators around the bonfire at Crescent Point Place.



Jayden, Kaydon, Amy and Quinn bundled up on the float. A BIG thanks to RedCoat Chrysler for donating the vehicle.

Every donation of time or money starts something that could lead to something **BIG**.

Like a reduction in poverty and unemployment.

Or safer schools and neighbourhoods.

Or a revitalization of community spirit.

Big Bunch

Big Bunch (open to all Bigs, Littles and mentees in our programs) was very diverse this time around. On October 17 we carved pumpkins and ate spooky snacks in light of Halloween. November took a theatrical twist on the 7th of the month, the group went to the Tommy Douglas Center and saw what it was like to be behind and part of the scenes! December was a busy month for Big Bunch, on the 18th of the month we went to Crescent Point Place to cheer on the local hockey team— the Weyburn Red Wings. The following evening we met at Olympia fitness and worked up a sweat in the multi-purpose room.



Bowl For Kids Sake

Our annual Bowl For Kids Sake fundraising event will be held on **April 21, 2012** at the Super Bowl & Back Alley Lounge.



Welcome, Georgia!

Georgia Hope Siourounis initially started out as an In-School mentor, and soon after became a member of the BBBSW staff as Office Administrator. Georgia currently holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Communication Disorders from Minot State University and is planning on returning to university to obtain a Graduate Degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Georgia was born and raised in Weyburn, she is happy and excited to be volunteering and working for BBBSW. She thinks it is a fabulous way to give back to a community that has given so much to her throughout her life. She has already connected with her mentee after a few short months and cannot wait to see the friendship grow.



Georgia Hope Siourounis

Did you know?

2012 marks the 30th Anniversary of BBBSW!! Stay tuned for upcoming celebrations and events!

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