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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Working with **Community Partners** to further our reach

In April, we marked the 2024 HSCeP graduation with a BBQ. We extend our gratitude to SD #33 and UFV for their support of our program, enabling us to engage with more youth in Chilliwack and expand our mentorship reach. Special thanks to COBs Cottonwood, Kin's, and Starbucks Midtown for their generous contributions.

Value Village stores in Chilliwack and Mission are proud community partners of BBBSFV. Your donated items are weighed and assigned a monetary value per pound, which BBBSFV receives annually. This contribution is crucial for our funding and allows us to make a greater impact on the youth in our communities. By donating to these Value Village locations, you are supporting BBBSFV.



WELCOME, MADELEINE



"Hello to all of our Corporate partners and Sponsors. I stepped into the role of Executive Director on April 2nd and was provided such a warm welcome by staff and Board. After serving in the non-profit sector for 35+ years, it is my pleasure to now hang my hat at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley. We are off to a great start with multiple new initiatives being created. We are seeking enthusiastic, progressive leaders who have a passion for supporting children and youth in the community. I invite you to join one of our 3 new committees; Advisory, Strategic Alignment, and Events.

Please do not hesitate to reach out, I would love to meet you and discuss further what these opportunities entail."



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 2023

At our AGM we recognized our **Volunteers of the Year** across the Fraser Valley. These dedicated mentors embody the spirit of empowering others and sparking positive change in their communities. Thank you for all you do! We would also like to say thank you to CI Assante Wealth Management for their support over the last 20 years! It has been an amazing partnership.





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AUTUMN SIP & SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for our 2nd annual Autumn Sip & Social event on September 26th. The previous year's gathering showcased a delightful tasting menu prepared by Chef Craig from the Chef's Acre, a thoughtfully curated selection of items crafted by local artisans, fantastic music by Greg Neufeld, hand-crafted cocktails by Sunset Sippers Mobile Bar, and stunning decorations courtesy of Beholden Event Design.

Do you know of a small business that may be interested in joining us as a vendor at this year's event? We are currently accepting applications from local artisans who are keen to join us on September 26th!

Click [HERE](#) to apply.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT COBS BREAD GLADWIN CROSSING

Meet owners Brian and Vicky, along with the dedicated team at COBs Gladwin Crossing. This generous group continually supports community mentoring and BBBSFV by donating freshly baked goods to our Autumn Sip & Social and providing pastries for our Golf for Kids' Sake tournament, our two largest fundraisers. Additionally, this year they chose BBBSFV as the beneficiary of the COBs Dough-Nation day, donating \$2 from each 6-pack of Hot Cross Buns sold. COBs Gladwin Crossing consistently demonstrates unwavering support for our programs and is always eager to assist whenever needed. We are truly grateful for their wonderful team and deeply appreciate their efforts and generosity. Stop by the COBs Gladwin Crossing location at **2777 Gladwin Rd, #111**, for some delicious treats.



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To request a copy of the Sip & Social Sponsorship Package, please e-mail devon.wood@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



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GET INVOLVED

Is your business interested in becoming more involved in the community? We would love to set up a time to present how your staff can make a difference in the Fraser Valley through mentoring.

Other volunteer opportunities

We are actively seeking members to join one of our new committees; Professional Advisory, Strategic Alignment, & Events.

AMPLIFYING OUR VOICE



BBBSFV is dedicated to embracing and prioritizing the principles of EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) through continuous learning & training for both staff and volunteers. We strive to embody an organization that fosters a sense of belonging for all.



GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, June 20, we marked the 35th year of our Golf for Kids' Sake tournament. The weather was lovely, and all participants enjoyed a fantastic day of golf at Ledgeview Golf Club. Vendors generously contributed their time, services, and staff to entertain our golfers and raise funds for a worthy cause. Following the golf game, we enjoyed a delightful dinner provided by Hillside Events and were inspired by a truly motivational story shared by one of our mentors, who was pleasantly surprised by the visit of his former Big Brother during the meal. We bid farewell to CI Assante, our Title Sponsor, expressing our appreciation for their 20 years of support. We wish them success in their future ventures and look forward to what lies ahead for the 36th annual Golf for Kids' Sake tournament!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

In celebration of National Volunteer Appreciation Month in April, we paid tribute to our outstanding mentors with 3 special parties (Abbotsford/Mission, Ridge Meadows, & Chilliwack), to show our appreciation for their priceless efforts. The gatherings featured activities such as trivia, Pickleball, delicious food, door prizes, and an opportunity for mentors to connect. Mentors were encouraged to bring a friend, to recruit new volunteers to help decrease our waitlist. A heartfelt thank you to all our mentors and everyone involved in making these three events such a success!

Did you know that we currently have **71 young individuals on our waitlist?**

These children are eagerly waiting to be paired with a mentor, and it would make a significant difference in their lives, especially since some have been waiting for years.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a mentor?

Apply [here](#) to get started!

IN-SCHOOL MENTORS NEEDED



We are in need of In-School mentors for the upcoming school year in Abbotsford, Mission, Maple Ridge, and Chilliwack. This is a great opportunity for young people needing volunteer hours. 1 hour per week is required, and you must be at least 15 years of age to be considered.

Please visit www.mentoringworks.ca to see a full list of applicant requirements.