

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the
Fraser Valley



THE IMPACT OF MENTORING

"Being a part of Big Brothers (Big Sisters) has had such a positive impact on our family, and for that, I am incredibly thankful. My wish is that more young girls and boys can be given this same experience, it truly is a gift."



80% pursue healthy lifestyles
92% feel confident



17% more likely to be employed
63% have post-secondary education



50% more likely to volunteer
87% have strong social networks



96% say they're **HAPPY**



MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

I have been so fortunate to be the Board Chair of BBBSFV as we celebrate its 50th anniversary. This organization has been near and dear to my heart since I was a young girl; I have fond memories of joining my father, Colin Yakashiro, an active board member when I was a child, at the bingo hall or getting to drive a golf cart around Ledgeview golf course to help him set up the morning of our Golf for Kids' Sake tournament. At that time I never knew how much his involvement, and by extension my own interaction with the organization's board and staff members would shape my desire to continue that legacy many years later. 50 years means so much more than just the legacy of our organization's providing of services to some of the more vulnerable youth in our communities, it also means success and family. We live in an age where areas like politics or technology can be drastically different than they were just a short 12 months prior. To continue to provide mentoring services in our community after 50 years proves to me that what we're doing matters, it remains relevant in our society and that the people that support us, whether through long-term staff, regular donors, or advocates out in our community, will continue to see value in the work that we do. I am proud to be a part of this family, and am so grateful for the family that we have built up around us. Here's to 50 more years!

Sheri Yakashiro

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Where 2017 was a year of change, 2018 was a year of creating stability; anchoring ourselves in an intentional way. We were successful in securing the full BC Community Gaming grant that accounts for almost 1/3 of our annual revenue. We also experienced success with new grant opportunities and saw an increase in revenue from our partnership with Value Village Chilliwack.

Our financial challenges were primarily focused on our fundraising events; golf and bowling. Competition for participants and sponsors continues to be of concern resulting in an assessment of how we manage both events. With 2019 being a milestone year, it brings the opportunity to try new things and we look forward to seeing how our supporters respond!

As many of us do on the eve of a milestone birthday, we are reflecting on our history; remembering why we started this work and resolving to continue making an impact for children and families.

I consider myself fortunate to be a part of an organization that really does what it says it does and with a lot of heart! There is so much to be proud of and I am excited to see what the future holds!

Corina Carroll

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Ridge Meadows
Taryn Antalek
In School Mentor



Mission
Sarah Alison
Community Based Big Sister

Abbotsford
Tricia Schmuland
Community Based Big Sister



Chilliwack
Chris Kizman
In School Mentor

OUR PROGRAMS



Community Match Mentoring

Big Brothers Mentoring / Big Sisters Mentoring

Provides children and youth with a role model to talk and share the experiences of growing up with. Through regular outings, a relationship is developed built on trust and common interests; supported by our experienced case-workers.



Youth Engagement Program

Human Service Career Enhancement Program

Secondary students are matched with university students and participate in 8 full-day training sessions through the school year. The program supports emotional intelligence development.



Site Based Programs

In School Mentoring

Provides children with a role model and friend to talk to and share experiences of growing up, within school grounds and during the school day.

Teen Mentoring

In School Mentoring by teens who develop leadership and empathy skills through their roles as mentors.



Group Programs

Go Girls! / Game On!

Provides group based mentoring focused on healthy living; this 7-week program includes group discussions and activities intended to help young people make positive choices.

OUR IMPACT

513 individual children matched
*27 children participated in more than one program

"I really want to tell you how absolutely thankful I am for you, and your organization... I don't know how else to say thank you, and to express my gratitude to everyone involved. I do believe this support has changed my family in ways I probably won't ever know."



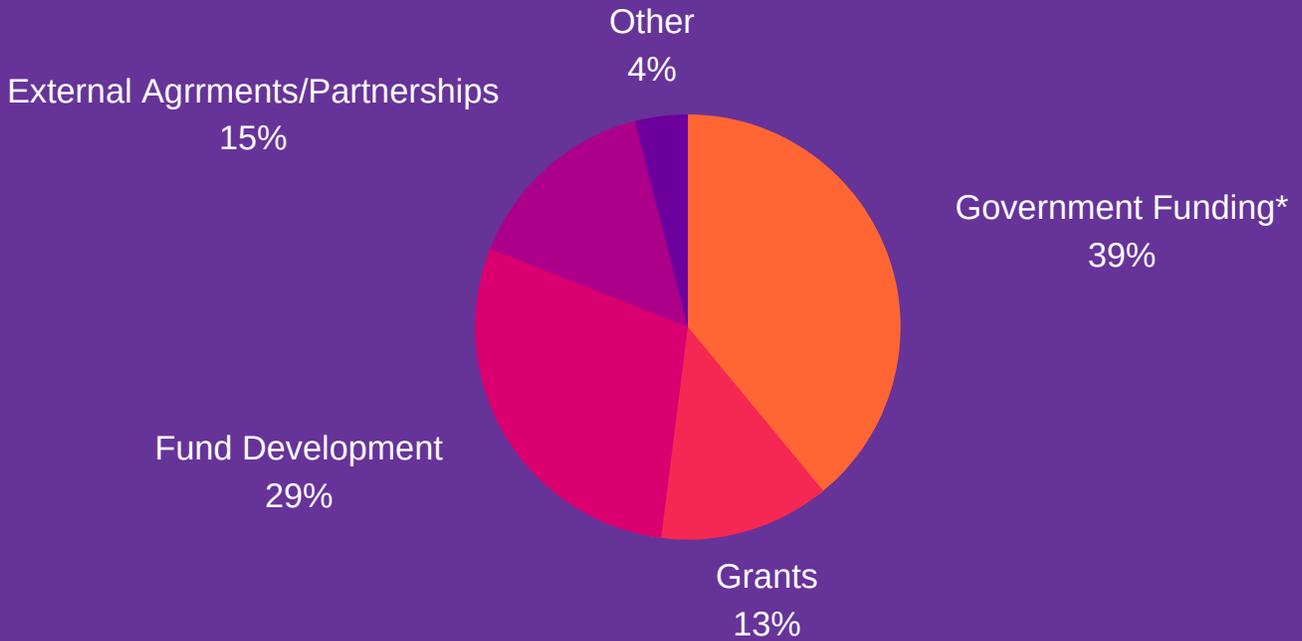
369 volunteers

"I have learned so much by being a mentor with BBBS. Volunteering has allowed me to gain a better understanding of the issues facing today's youth and to see the world through a different set of eyes. While there are times, especially in the early stages of the relationship, where mentoring is not easy, it is so incredibly rewarding."



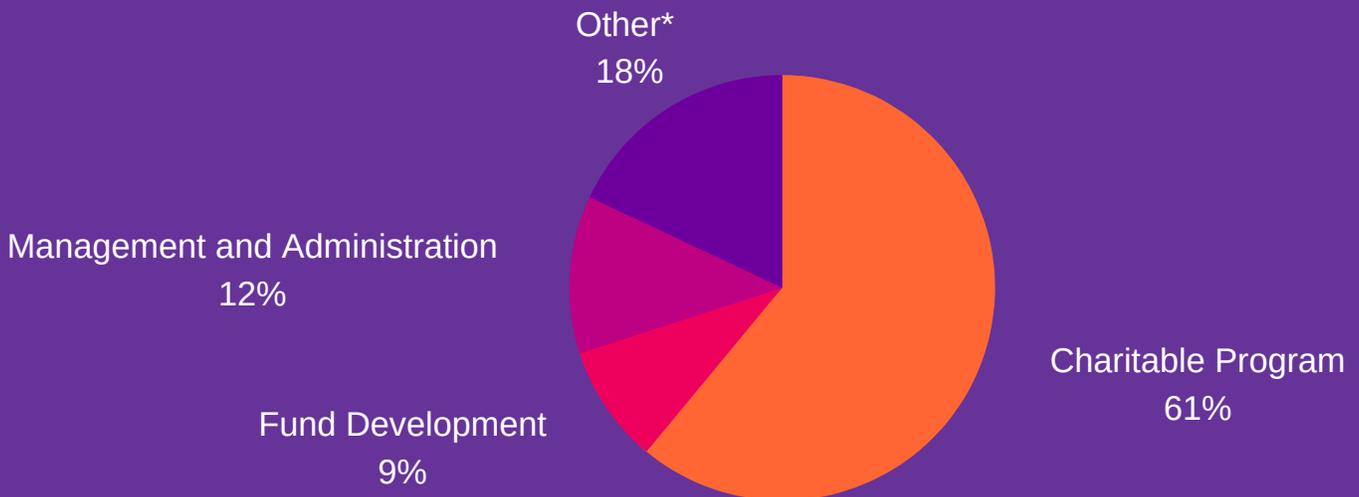
FINANCIALS

Revenue: \$608,861.00



*Government Funding includes BC Gaming Community Grant (\$225,000)

Expenses: \$592,110 (Excludes amortization \$20,323)



*Other: Bank Charges, Property Expenses/ Rent, Office Supplies, Program Support

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

It has been my pleasure to serve as Treasurer for the last 2 years; supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement in the Fraser Valley.

In 2018, we endeavored to end the year with a small surplus with a longer term goal of establishing a contingency fund and we have started to move in this direction.

This past year we were successful in securing grants; achieving 128% of our projected grant revenue. This alleviated some of the pressure we experienced from low returns on our events (bowling and golf) due to sector competition and the challenges of providing a unique and rewarding experience within a reasonable budget.

In total, our revenue for 2018 was \$5743 over what was budgeted and our expenses were \$41,008 under our projected budget; primarily due to renegotiation of contracts and limiting spending on fund development activities.

Our financial picture is positive, especially given our diverse funding streams. Through the BC Gaming Community Grant, our funding partnerships and supportive donors, we feel confident facing the years ahead!

Dominic Tilbury

What we can achieve together

In May 2018 We posted a call to action on our Facebook page:



Heartbreaking post of the day: We have a 9-year-old Little Brother in Mission who has been waiting for a Big Brother for two years. He recently quit baseball because it "broke his heart" to see how the other boys all had fathers to come cheer them on and he didn't. Are there any Mission men who enjoy fishing, hiking, sports, and building things who would step up for this little guy and help him get back in the game?

Our post went viral reaching over 130,000 people in 24 hours.

In that ONE day, we had 40 inquiries about becoming a mentor.

Within 2 months, our "Little" was matched with a mentor. He heard about the post and how many people responded to it on our Facebook page and he said, " I can't believe that so many people care about me." His mother said her son was happy that "maybe no one will be on the waitlist anymore."

When kids speak, we NEED to listen. Kids on waitlists get the wrong message about their worth in their community. We have kids on our waitlists....with your help, we can give them a better message.

THANK YOU

\$20,000+



We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia



Value Village Chilliwack and Renew Crew Foundation



UWLM Community Partner Grant, UWLM, United Way of Toronto

\$10,000+



Assante Wealth Management and C.I. Investments



Knight Road Legacy Association



\$5,000+

Abbotsford Bingo
Cupe Local 774
Founders Cup Charity Foundation
President's Choice Children's
Charity
Ratzlaff Development Corp
Alvin Unger

THANK YOU

\$500+

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Western Washington University Foundation Chris Young

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BIGS AND
LITTLES...YOU ARE WHY WE ARE HERE!**



THE TEAM



Back Row- left to right:

Barb Robinson- Program Assistant, Carrie Yargeau- Mentoring Coordinator Abbotsford, Corina Carroll- Executive Director
Cassie Silva- Mentoring Coordinator Mission, Jocelyn Thomas- Mentoring Coordinator Chilliwack Leanne Hilderman- Office Manager

Front Row- left to right:

Cherie Martens- Mentoring Coordinator Ridge Meadows, Shay-Lynn Fast Program Assistant Collette Bohach- Mentoring Coordinator Chilliwack, Cheryl Unger- Mentoring Coordinator Abbotsford

Special thanks to Able Cresting for supplying our team golf shirts!