Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the
Fraser Valley

ANNUAL REPORT
2017

BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

“Leaders are not the ones with the right position or a proclaimed or given title, the actual leaders are the people who start acting, who step up, who do change, no matter in what way or how small!”
Akilnathan Logeswaran

2017 was a year of change and what was evident but not surprising was how the staff maintained program integrity while taking on additional responsibilities graciously and professionally.

We would be remiss if we didn't also mention the dedication of the board of directors as they provided leadership through the transition period.

Between 2015 and 2017 we increased our reach by 14% and are on target to continue matching more children with mentors. Our programs address issues from a prevention foundation and we are proud of the positive impact mentoring can have on future outcomes for children. We are one of the ONLY services to engage all ages of community members and certainly we provide the gold standard when it comes to mentorship!

We invite you to continue your support of what we do...and help us do even more in your community!

Sheri Yakashiro
Board Chair

Corina Carroll
Executive Director

WHAT INSPIRES US

"What inspires me about Big Brothers Big Sisters is the power of relationship. No matter why a child and their family walks in our door the answer is always the same; the healing power of a healthy relationship."
-Collette Bohach/ Mentoring Coordinator, Chilliwack

"I am inspired that with every mentoring match we provide human connections with youth that have faced adversity, helping to minimize the risks associated with toxic stress and the negative impact this has on youth development and on our community as a whole. With every mentoring match we help a young person reach their full potential, and through this we all benefit. What an amazing contribution to our society."
- Carrie Yargeau/ Mentoring Coordinator, Abbotsford

I am continually reminded that the human spirit is lifted through healthy connections – what a gift it is to bring amazing, caring mentors into the lives of our exceptional children and youth every day. This is what inspires me!
-Cheryl Unger/ Mentoring Coordinator, Abbotsford

What inspires me about Big Brothers Big Sisters is the small moments of fun and friendship that mentors and mentees share. From building giant box forts and having Nerf wars, to sharing about life's challenges during an afternoon walk, these amazing moments of connection and fun are at the core of mentoring.
-Whitney Sundman/Mentoring Coordinator, Chilliwack

What inspires me the most is seeing how the kids who wait years for a mentor never lose hope. They just have faith in their Mentoring Coordinator that we are working hard, will choose the right mentor for them, and that their special person will come along when the time is right. Seeing how well matches turn out, often like they are "meant to be" at just the right time, makes me feel that things really do happen when they are meant to happen!
-Cassie Silva/ Mentoring Coordinator, Mission

"What inspires me about Big Brothers Big Sisters is the difference a little bit of time, care, and attention can make in the life of a child. I love watching the relationships develop and grow over time and the positive impact the relationships have on both the child and the volunteer."
-Cherie Martens/ Mentoring Coordinator, Ridge Meadows

I am inspired by everyone's "why". Why my coworkers have chosen to work at BBBSFV, why they are so motivated every day they come in to work, why the mentors mentor, why our supporters support us year after year. Everyone's "why" for each of these questions is a different color, a different shade of the same sometimes, but when you put it all together it paints a beautiful portrait of what BBBSFV is, what it does, the important work that we do.
-Leanne Hilderman/ Office Manager

STRATEGIC PLANNING VISION 2020
A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Increase our Impact :
Since 2015 we have increased our reach by 14%

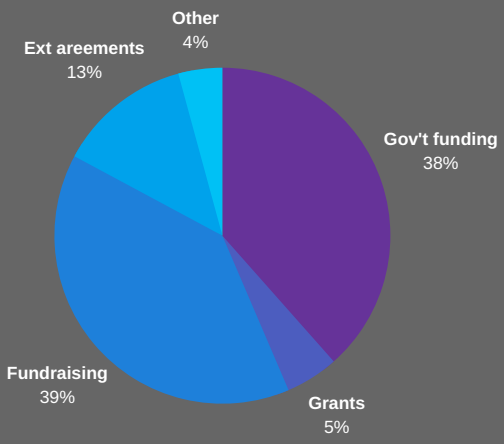
Amplify our Voice:
Since 2015 we have increased our volunteer base by 6%

Strengthen our Leadership:
Since 2015 we have prioritized board development and improved oversight processes

Enhance our Sustainability:
In 2017 we entered in to a new funding partnership with Value Village Chilliwack

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue



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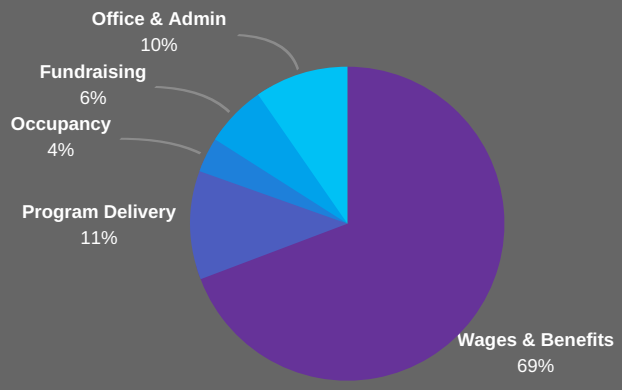

Wages & benefits: 85% program/ 11% administration/ 4% fundraising

IMPACT

Total number of total children served: 549

Abbotsford: 253
Chilliwack and Fraser Cascade: 183
Mission and Ridge Meadows: 110

Total number of volunteers: 375

THANK YOU...FOR STARTING SOMETHING

We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia

Value Village Renew Crew and Value Village Chilliwack

United Way Lower Mainland and their donors

Assante Wealth Management

CI Investments

Knight Road Legacy Association/ Great Canadian Gaming Corporation/ Chances Casino Chilliwack

Boston Pizza Abbotsford

CAP-it/Bulldog sales initiative!

Westjet Cares for Kids

Panago Pizza

SOMETHING BIG!

Abbotsford Centre
Abbotsford Community Foundation
Abbotsford Orthodontics
Aldergrove Credit Union
Mr & Mrs Lonny Andrews
Gordon Nelson Beebe
Abbotsford Bingo
Mr David Bouskill
Blackwood Building Centre
BN Dulay's Trux Ltd
Canex Building
Ms Deborah Carlow
Central Heights Church
CHPA
City of Abbotsford
Clayburn Dental
Clearbrook Iron Works
Convergys
Core Group Consultants
Coretech Industries
Dale Ratzlaff Developments
DC's Smokehouse
Mr David Dick
DKT Homes
DPD Properties
Mr Randy Dyck/Eximus Realty
Envision Financial
F & E Strumpski Foundation
Founders Cup Charity Foundation
Fraser Valley Fire Protection
Heinrichs Development
Highlawn Holdings
Mr Jeffrey Hunt
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Mr Jeffrey Hunt
Impact Hoops
JMV Woodworks
John B Hambley Inc.
Mr Todd Kesslar
Lepp Farm Market
Manning Elliott LLP
Maple Ridge Lions Club
Marv's Excavating
Mission Community Foundation
Mitchell Styba Productions
Mr Chris Moore
NATG
Optimist Club of Chilliwack
Palcor Contruction
Panago Pizza
Paul Penner Remax Little Oak Reality
Polar Electric
Sunrise Toyota
Triple I Web Solutions
Ms Betty Tough
Mr & Mrs Alvin Unger
University of the Fraser Valley
Valley Alert Lifeline Society
Waterstone Law Group
Westberry Farms
Mr and Mrs Brad Willems
Woodtone
Quantum Engineering
Ron and Shelley Mayert Family Foundation
Mr Will Unruh
Mr Cristopher Young
Q Living Furniture
Ratzlaff Development Corp
RBC Foundation
Richmond Transport
Rotary Club of Chilliwack
Sapphire Sound
Saxon Mechanical
Sentry Investments Corp
Mr Daniel Sorensen/Sorensen Smith
Southern Irrigation
Sunlife Financial

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Abbotsford - Teen In School Mentor and Go Girls Leader
Saniya Kaushal

Nominated By: Carrie Yargeau /Mentoring Coordinator

Chilliwack – Big Brother Eric Fehlauer

Nominated By: Whitney Sundman /Mentoring Coordinator

Mission – Big Brother Pierre Richez

Nominated By: Cassie Silva/ Mentoring Coordinator

Ridge Meadows – Big Brother Jeff Slater

Nominated By: Cherie Martens/ Mentoring Coordinator