



Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF GREY BRUCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

IGNITE POTENTIAL





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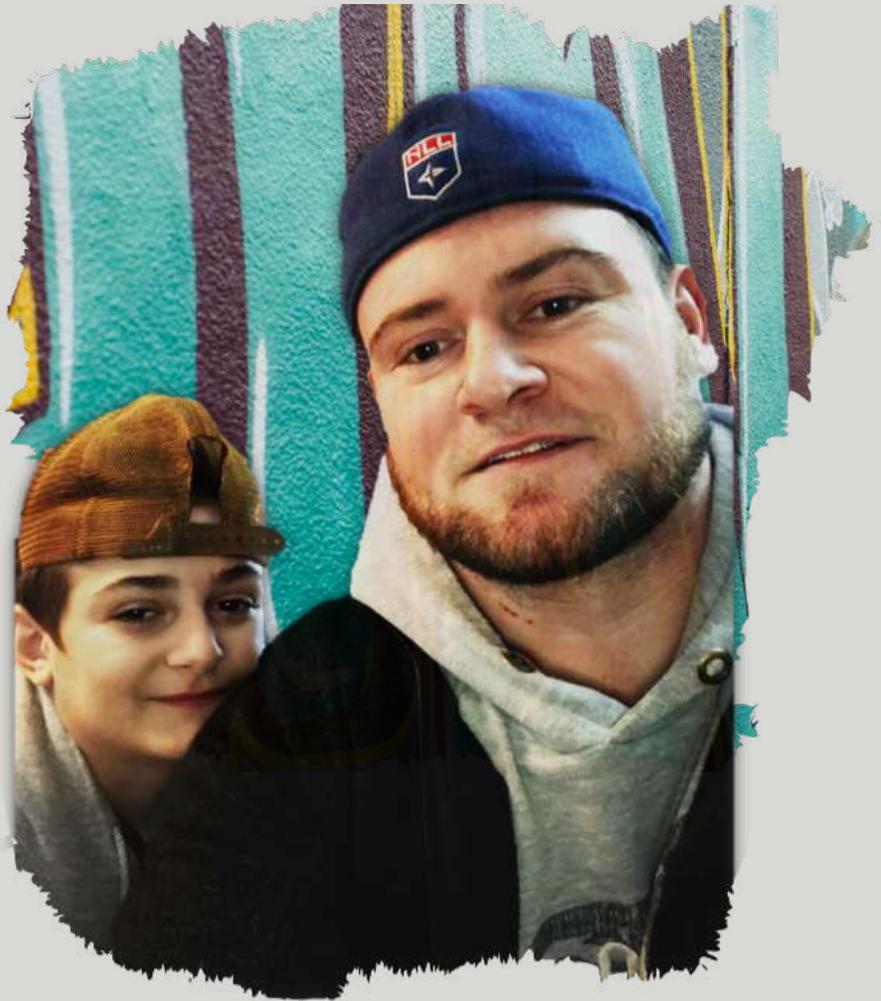
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OUR Agency

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce started in 1960, and has been serving the community for the past 60 years. Our National organization was founded in 1903. As an agency who mentors youth, we believe all youth deserve the same opportunities to ignite the potential they hold within them, which will help lead them towards a better future.

Our programs aim to match youth with a strong positive adult role model to talk to and share life experiences with. We connect local youth with a mentor who becomes their friend and someone who expresses care, shares power, challenges growth and expands possibilities. Enabling life changing mentoring relationships, empowers youth to grow both as individuals and as members of our community. We create a foundation for a relationship built on trust, fun and common interests.



As a Big, it has been such a rewarding experience. I have had the privilege of being a Big Sister for over 3 years now, and have been mentoring Annakah for the last 18 months, watching her grow and gain the confidence of such a strong, beautiful young woman. I feel that her presence has made me a much better person.

-Big Sister; Brooke



I have been a Little with Big Brothers Big Sisters for about 18 months now, and I love the program. My Big and I do so much together. We love to bake together, spend time together, and always love to learn new things! I feel comfortable with my Big Sister because she is kind, easy to talk to, and we always find fun things to do. I hope that others enjoy the program as much as I do!

-Little Sister; Annakah

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ANDY MCKEE, PRESIDENT →
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- MIKE FORCIER, DIRECTOR
- TYLER HOPKINS, DIRECTOR
- DONNA WHETSTONE, DIRECTOR



Message from Our PRESIDENT

2019 was another year of growth for Big Brother Big Sisters Grey Bruce (BBBSGB), serving more children and youth in more communities across our two counties.

With the support of engaged and understanding mentors, Community Matches, In School Mentoring, Go Girls and Big Bunch programs are all active.

Successful fundraisers are crucial to our operation. Bowl for Kid's Sake and Golf for Kid's Sake brought much needed resources to BBBSGB in 2019. The matching of funds by Scotia Wealth at our Golf for Kids Sake, is an example of the strong support we receive from our community. Two new community supporters were welcomed this year. Both the Owen Sound Kiwanis Club and the Meaford Council have committed to annual support until 2023.

BBBSGB is fortunate to have strong human resources; committed, hard-working staff and board members and dedicated volunteers. These people work tirelessly to provide positive and caring adult role models for children and youth in our communities.

It is gratifying for BBBSGB to feel so supported in our communities by businesses, private donors, sponsors and volunteers. The investment made in our children and youth will provide a positive path for them and strengthen our communities.



Mandi Lamb
Mentor Coordinator

Warton local, Mandi Lamb has her BA in Sociology and a Community Services Worker Diploma, and is currently working towards her Masters of Social Work. Mandi brings experience working in a number of child and youth social service settings. As Mentoring Coordinator, she shares her passion of the importance of mentoring and the incredible potential of the youth in our communities in everything she does.



Jennifer Miller
Executive Director

Jennifer brought years of experience to help the agency first expand to Big Brothers Big Sisters and then to Big Brothers Big Sisters Grey Bruce. As a passionate volunteer, she sadly left us to dedicate more time to her family and other community endeavours. We wish her well!



Andrew Fry
Case worker/Training/Big Bunch

Andrew Fry was born and raised in Owen Sound and holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Windsor. Andrew is a Social Worker with Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services, and was a part-time member of our agency, focusing on training new mentors in our community.



Sara McCarrell
Summer Student / Agency Assistant

Sarah is a graduate from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor's of Arts in Social Development Studies and a Bachelor's of Social Work. Sarah has since moved to Waterloo Region to pursue her career in social work that focuses on inclusiveness and fostering independence in adults with special needs. Best of luck in the next step of your career!

Our Team

Mentoring Programs

Mentoring assures a child that they are not alone in the challenges of growing up, that someone cares about them and makes them feel like they belong to something BIG. Our many programs have the power to change the course of a child's life and as a result change the future of our community to help create a better society where children can thrive.

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNITY MATCH

The one-to-one mentoring program is our leading program, which aims at building developmental relationships between Bigs and Littles. The Big provides a nurturing and supportive role model for the Little, who we match through shared interests. These common interests, then aide in creating a meaningful relationship during regular outings with one another.

IN SCHOOL MENTORING

The in-school mentoring program consists of a Big spending one-on-one time with their Little for the duration of an hour during a regular school day. The youth involved typically range between the ages of 6 and 15. The program creates a safe place and allows youth to improve their literacy skills, develop self-esteem and talk to someone. Children participating in non-academic activities (crafts, playing games, talking) while in school creates a setting where a mentor can be a BIG influence.

GROUP MENTORING PROGRAMS

Our group mentoring programs create a supportive environment where youth can develop relationships and feel empowered. Game on, is one of these programs which is directed towards young boys, empowering them to live smart, eat smart and play smart. Go Girls is a similar program directed towards young girls. It concentrates on teaching girls to live healthy lifestyles by being physically active, focusing on balanced eating and building positive self-esteem.

BIG BUNCH PROGRAM

The Big Bunch program is a monthly event, that all Bigs and Littles are invited to. These monthly

"Our chief want in life is somebody who will make us do what we can."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

activities were created primarily for Littles who are waiting for a caring Big to be their mentor match, ensuring all Littles some support and fun. All monthly outings are facilitated and include activities such as tobogganing, bowling and playing basketball.



*"It makes me happy.
It's fun to have a Big
Brother!"*

*-Little Brother;
Lincoln*

Agency Highlights

Every year BBBS Grey Bruce continues to grow bigger and find new ways to reach every child across our vast region, who is in need of our critical services. In 2019, we served more matches than ever before, with 117 Littles and 72 Bigs! We saw a lot of BIG change both at the local and national level!

- BBBS Canada introduced a national rebranding including a new logo and colours for all agencies. This included our name change to Big Brothers Big Sisters Grey Bruce which was confirmed and endorsed by our National office along with our new agency logo.
- Our service area was expanded to include 15 new local communities in Grey and Bruce counties.
- We welcomed the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound and West Jet Canada as major premium sponsors.
- Launched our first flag raising at Owen Sound City Hall in September for Big Brothers Big Sisters month.
- Held successful Bowl for Kids Sake and Golf for Kids Sake events drawing large participation from the community.
- BBBS Grey Bruce's Bigs and Littles and Board of Directors members became monthly volunteers at OSHaRE, helping support our community.
- The City of Owen Sound approved our Employee In School Mentoring program, allowing their employees to take time to mentor during the work day.
- We welcomed a new Mission and Vision statement and began BBBS's new campaign "Ignite Potential", helping all young people realize their full potential.

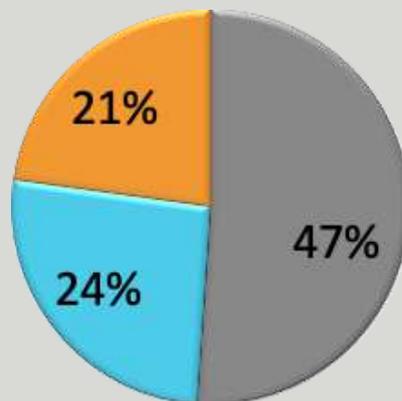
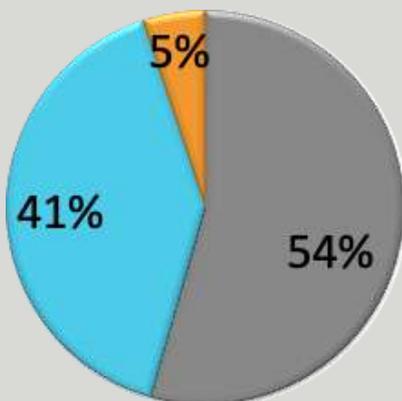
One-to-One Community Matches

In School Mentoring Program

Group Programs

2019

2018



Big and Little raising our flag at City Hall at the inaugural flag raising ceremony.

PREMIUM SPONSORS Thank you!

It is only with the support and generosity of our community that we are able to continue to provide mentoring programs. With no government funding received, we need help to continue our mission. With you, we are Bigger Together!



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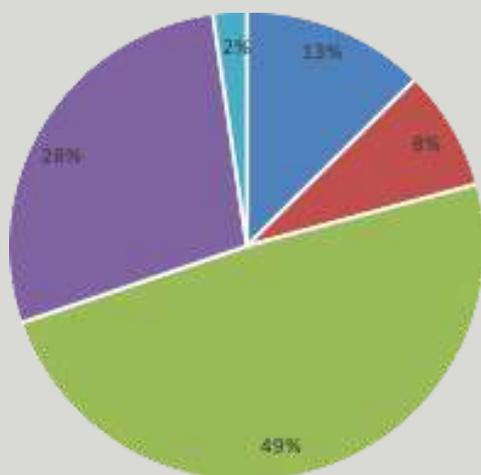
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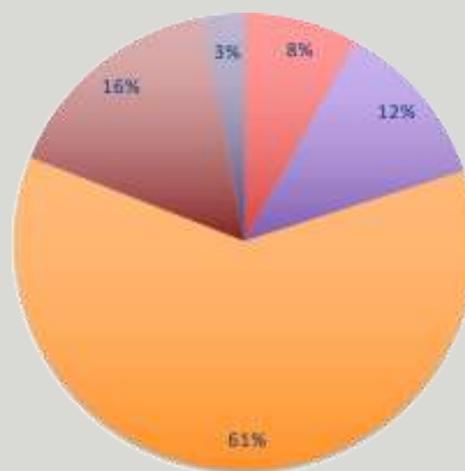
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2018



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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2019	2018
Revenue	\$151,750	\$194,227
Expenditures	\$131,189	\$178,379
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	\$20,561	\$15,848
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Assets	\$41,818	\$59,656
Liabilities	\$8,155	\$10,187
Net Assets	\$33,663	\$49,469

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