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Big BC Lotto Winner Announced



Our BIG BC Lotto provided a BIG win for children and youth and our lucky winner Paula M., who took home the prize of \$16,870. Huge congratulations to our winner, and a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets. Eleven Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations across BC joined together to put on this 50/50 Lotto. We're proud to share these funds to help young people throughout the province reach their potential.

Thanks for Your Support



We want to shout out to companies that supported us in many different ways over the last couple of months!

- **Amini Homes & Bijan Law:** Throughout November, Amini Homes and Bijan Law hosted a clothing drive at their downtown office, collecting new and gently used clothing to donate to us.
- **IKEA:** IKEA Richmond and Coquitlam locations ran donation collections with our Renew Crew team and offered coupons to customers that brought clothing and used item donations for Big Brothers throughout the weekend of November 27th.
- **Visier:** With their staff holiday party, Visier shared all proceeds from their raffle, and along with a donation, raised \$2,100 for us.
- **Studio Brewing:** Studio Brewing held a meat draw at their event on December 18th, with all proceeds donated to Big Brothers.

We appreciate your generous donations and are thrilled to see the different ways our community has found to support us through events, raffles, and clothing drives.

If you're hosting an event of your own and want to support us, we'd love to chat about it! Please email us at events@bbgvf.com to learn more.

France FC & Lyon Lifts Sponsorship



On the subject of different and unique sponsorship ideas, we want to say a big thank you to France FC and Lyon Lifts, who have committed to raising money and awareness for Big Brothers with their soccer team.

The France FC, a team dedicated to connecting French Vancouverites has been sponsored by Lyon Lifts and together they want to make an impact beyond the field. Lyon Lifts is donating \$50 for each goal France FC scores, and \$100 for each clean sheet (when they don't let any goals in) throughout the season. We hope you'll join us in cheering them on all season!

If you have a unique sponsorship idea, we'd love to chat about it! Please email us at events@bbgvf.com to learn more.

Update on our Mentorship Programs



We have some exciting updates with programs starting up again, and we have spots available for mentees in all our programs, but especially those listed here:

- **Virtual Teen Mentoring**
Teen mentors are available after school to build a bond and friendship with mentees in grades 1-7. This program enhances the self-esteem and confidence for both the mentees and the youth whom act as mentors. Each session is supported by a Mentoring Coordinator to ensure a positive and enriching experience.
- **Game On!**
Our Game On! program is structured around physical activity and balanced eating, and helps young people to build social-emotional learning and communication skills. Register to participate at either Douglas Park Community Centre or Vancouver Sunset Community Centre!
- **Virtual Mentoring with Math**
This program encourages an understanding and love of math, with volunteers helping mentees to use a variety of techniques based on the JUMP math numeracy programs. Students will also play math focused games with their mentors to keep the learning fun and light-hearted. Registration is open for our Monday-Thursday programs.
- **Big Brothers Community Program**
Our Community Program, which matches a Little and Big Brother, provides supportive one-to-one mentoring relationships for children in our local communities. Do you know a child who needs a positive connection?

Full information on these and all of our other programs can be found on our website, click the button below.

[OUR PROGRAMS](#)

Meet Our Team: Pamela Marin



Pamela has been working with Big Brothers for over 4 years, having brought to the role her prior experience as a youth support worker. As Assessment Lead and Supervisor, Pamela assesses families and volunteers that are interested in participating in Big Brothers programs, and also provides support for community matches in the program – giving her first-hand experience in seeing the difference our programs make for both Littles and Bigs alike.

“ My favourite part of working at Big Brothers is seeing the growth in friendship between a Big and Little. From being there at their first meeting together where it’s a bit awkward, to a year (or years) later, when you can see how comfortable they have become with each other. It is also always so nice to hear how much the Little enjoys hanging out with their Big and how much they value their Big’s time.”

Read Pamela’s full feature on our website, click the button below.

MEET OUR TEAM: PAMELA MARIN

We Reached our Holiday Campaign Goal



We are sending a massive THANK YOU to each of you who donated throughout our holiday campaign. Together, we raised \$51,946, surpassing our goal. The gift of connection you've given will be felt year-round by the children and youth in Greater Vancouver.

We are humbled to provide safe social connections to young people, especially during these times when it's needed more than ever. The money we have raised will allow us to create new connections and ensure that we are providing the best possible support to the children we already serve in all of our programs.

THANK YOU



Along with our volunteers, our generous donors and supporters help make it possible for over 1,100 kids to have positive role models in their lives!

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