

BIG BROTHERS BIG NEWS



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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY DONORS!



A BIG THANK YOU to all of our amazing donors and supporter from Giving Tuesday to January. **With your help, we raised over \$40,000 and surpassed our goal!** Your support will support essential mentoring programs such as the Teen Mentoring Program for children in the community.

In the words of a Teen Mentor of our program:

In grade 11, I got the great opportunity to be a part of Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver. Joining the program offered at the elementary school near my house was one of the best decisions. It helped me grow as a person and increased my knowledge. Connecting with younger students and leading them to a positive direction was satisfying. One thing I really like about the program was that mentors get to work really closely with one student. This way they spend more time together and get to know each better which leads to long lasting impact on both the mentor and mentee.

**PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN ACROSS THE LOWER
MAINLAND**



Do you know of a child who would benefit from some extra support? There is space available in some of our most popular programs! Registrations fill up fast, so be sure to enroll your child right away.

BIG BROTHER PROGRAM

The Big Brothers mentoring program provides male-identified children and young people with a role model to talk to and share the experiences of growing up. **We're asking for Vancouver families to apply** - the time is now to learn more!

Big and Little Brothers meet 1-on-1, once a week for 2-4 hours within your local community or virtually through Zoom or a similar platform.

LEARN MORE - BIG BROTHER PROGRAM

MENTORING WITH MATH

This unique program is designed to link tutoring and mentoring together to build children's self-esteem and help them through any challenges they need assistance with, whether it be academic or well-being.

Mentors and children meet for 90 minutes each week for 7-8 weeks, generally through Zoom or a similar platform, with plans to offer in-person programs in the future.

LEARN MORE - MENTORING WITH MATH

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING/TEEN MENTORING

The In-School Mentoring/ Teen Mentoring program provides youth with a role model and a friend to talk to and share the experiences of growing up through Zoom or a similar platform.

Matches meet for 1 hour a week after school hours and engage in virtual activities throughout the school year.

LEARN MORE - IN-SCHOOL MENTORING

GAME ON!

Game On! is a 7-8 week group mentorship program where mentors teach a group of boys about communication skills and healthy living through activities and discussions each week.

Groups meet once a week for 75 minutes virtually through Zoom or a similar platform. Opportunities are open to male-identified children in all communities.

LEARN MORE - GAME ON!

MENTORING TIP: LEARNING ABOUT BACKGROUND AND CULTURE



Get to know your mentee by learning more about their background and culture. Talk to their parents, read books, learn about cultural events and if the child is interested, go to cultural events or virtual events. Helping your mentee connect to their background can help them learn about themselves which can empower them and encourage them to use their strengths.

A tip to explore a culture is trying the food. If you are seeing your mentee in person try food from both of your backgrounds and talk about the history of those foods. If you are seeing your mentee virtually, try cooking meals or go online to view different recipes from around the world.

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THANK YOU!



Along with our volunteers, our generous donors and supporters help make it possible for over 1,000 kids to have positive role models in their lives!

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