

# BIG BROTHERS BIG NEWS



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A GAME ON VOLUNTEER SINCE 2016



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OUR MONTHLY MENTORING TIP -  
HOW TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT  
TOPICS WITH CHILDREN

## 3 Reasons Why Volunteering in Game On Might Be Right For You



### **Meet Thanusan, he's been involved in our short-term mentor program (Game On!) since Fall 2016**

We explore three great reasons why volunteering for Big Brothers' 'Game On' program is worth investing your time into. Thanausan tells us about how it's helped him make a difference in other people's lives while building more consistency in his own life.

[Read More](#)



### **Love Big Brothers and Gaming?**

Join us for our new Monthly Livestreaming Event: **Big Night of Gaming!**

We're offering a new virtual event experience using the live-streaming platform Twitch [@BigBrothersYVR](#). Every month we'll be live-streaming with our amazing community supporters as they play through a Rocket League Tournament.

Our next event date will be on **July 25 at 3:00 pm**. If you are interested in joining, or just looking for some more information, feel free to reach out to us at [events@bbgvf.com](mailto:events@bbgvf.com).

We hope to see you on the live-stream!

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# HOW TO TURN SOCIAL DISTANCING INTO DIGITAL NEARNESS

## Supporting Big and Little Brothers

We've been working hard creating a resource library to support our Big and Little Brothers during socially distant times.

We've compiled over 40 exciting digital activities to create digital nearness in our lives. To see the full list of resources click below.

[More Resources Here](#)

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## Mentoring Tip



Your mentee might not think they are directly affected by the major events around the world, but they could still feel anxious, stressed, or frightened and not understand why they feel that way. Here are some useful resources to help navigate the big conversations that might occur.

It's important to check with parents/guardians before discussing some of the more in-depth tips with your mentee. Parents/Guardians may have topics that they would like to avoid or be the ones that discuss them with their child/youth.

[Helping kids cope with events](#)

[What to say to kids about the news](#)



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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We are working hard to resume normal clothing donation operations and thank you for your patience during this time in holding onto your donations. We hope to start up the home pick up service soon. If you would like to be notified when we resume service, please sign up at <http://www.BigClothingDonation.com>

If you need to donate your clothing right away, we encourage you to drop off your donation at these following Value Village locations where partial proceeds benefit Big

- Brothers of Greater Vancouver:
- Surrey - 6925 King George Blvd
- South Coquitlam - 1301 United Boulevard
- Vancouver - 1820 East Hastings
- Vancouver - 6415 Victoria Drive
- Richmond - 8240 Granville Ave



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