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Last month we celebrated our Big Night of Stars, an event we throw annually, recognizing our Volunteers and Donors that have gone above and beyond - in addition to celebrating match anniversaries and graduations. Being the first in-person Big Night of Stars since 2019, it felt amazing to get together in the same room and reflect on all that we've accomplished as a community.

**We want to send a huge congratulations to all our award winners of the evening and a big thank you to all of our volunteers who help to make what we do possible.** We want to give a special shout out to our Big Brother of the Year - Marc Gonzaga.

# BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR



## MARC GONZAGA

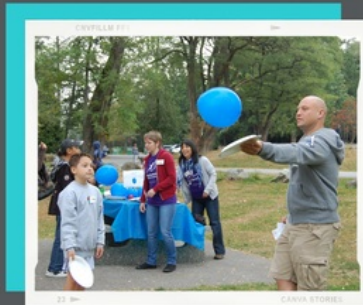
Big Brother Marc and his Little Brother Kendall have been matched for 10 years, and are graduating the program this year with a special friendship. From the beginning, they bonded over their love of Marvel movies, playing basketball and eating pizza! Throughout their friendship, Marc has offered Kendall a huge amount of stability and support, and together, they both have experienced many milestones and life changes over the years.

Marc's dedication to Kendall and the program have been unwavering and as Pam, Kendall's mother said at the Big Night of Stars while presenting Marc with his award, *"During the whole friendship, Marc has gotten married and has had a family of his own. Marc and his family are like our extended family. Even though my son is now 18 and aging out of the program, we know there will always be a connection and lifelong friendship."*

Congratulations Marc, this award is truly well-deserved.

## Featured Match Story

# MATCH STORY: ALEX AND ROLAND



Alex and Roland have been matched for 10 years, building a friendship that's seen them both through different seasons of their lives and allowed them both to grow. Recently we got together, along with Alex's Mom Robin, to speak about what their time at Big Brothers has meant to them all. Click the button below to watch the video!

[Watch Alex and Roland's Match Story](#)

## B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic



Monday, September 26, 2022 **Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club**

**We are excited to announce that Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver will be hosting our annual B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic at Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club on Monday, September 26, 2022.**

Last year over \$315,000 was raised, helping support 1,000 children and youth in our community. This coming September, we hope to raise even more funds in offering more children the chance at a brighter future! Our annual B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic is a charitable golf tournament, drawing an esteemed guest list of executive-level business people from across Canada.

### **We are in search of Sponsors, Auction Donors and Volunteers!**

Golfers experience first-class golf at Vancouver's finest private course, Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club. They'll be treated to decadent food, specialty cocktails, lavish on-course activities and more. Enjoy your exclusive benefits as a sponsor, including brand exposure and complimentary event spots - the perfect way to host VIP clients while showing your commitment to social responsibility. This year we will be increasing on-course activities, hosting an online silent auction as well as a cocktail reception followed by a banquet dinner.

All funds raised go towards supporting Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver's mentoring programs.

For more information and to get involved contact our Events Officer, Andree Nash 604-876-2447 ext.227 or [anash@bbgvf.com](mailto:anash@bbgvf.com), take a look at our webpage, or click the button below for our Golf Package.

**B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Package**

## **A Big Thank You**



We want to thank some of our Supporters, who are always finding new and different ways to support our agency! Big thanks to Electronic Recycling Association, New West Police Department, Mumgry, and Oakwyn Realty.

### **Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) and New West Police Department (NRPD)**

- ERA and NRPD teamed up to offer an electronic recycling event at city hall - this event served as a way to help individuals responsibly dispose unwanted electronics and as an opportunity to pass on technology to those who can make use of it! 4 laptops were donated to our agency - which will be used to help serve children in the community. Read more [here](#).



### Mumgry

- Did you get your hands on JUKE x MUMGRY “Who’s your Zaddy” Peanut BBQ Sauce? This limited-time, delicious collaboration is also benefitting Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver! For every bottle sold, \$1 goes towards our mentorship programs.

### Oakwyn Realty

- Oakwyn Realty’s annual clothing drive in support of Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver was another success. We appreciate the long-standing partnership and the hard work from individual agents, including Adina, Deidre, Eric, Jessica, Johanna, and Jessica. Thank you!

## Third Party Fundraising Events

### HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT



**Have you ever thought about hosting a fundraising event for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, you would be supporting impactful mentoring relationships where children and youth can discover their power and potential!**

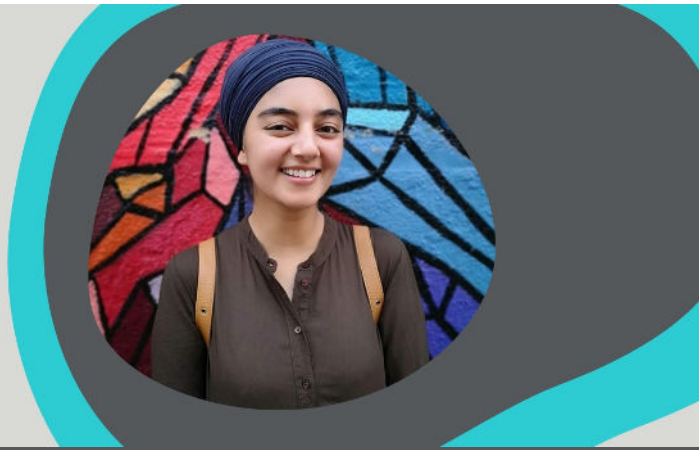
Third Party Fundraiser’s (That’s you!) or community fundraisers increase the public’s awareness of our various programs, promote community involvement and raise vital funds for our programs. Supporters have biked, played soccer, auctioned, raffled, golfed, run and organized clothing drives, parties, concerts, galas and even meat draws, to help Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver. Whatever your interests, whatever your idea, your dedication and support make all the difference.

#### Ready to host?

Click the button below to check out our toolkit. If you’re ready to propose an event, please fill out the Fundraiser Proposal Form at the bottom of the webpage. A third party fundraiser must receive written approval from BBGV prior to hosting a fundraiser. For more information please contact our Events Coordinator Andrea Becerril, [abecerril@bbgvf.com](mailto:abecerril@bbgvf.com) or 604-876-2447 X 246.

[Third Party Fundraiser Toolkit](#)

**Meet our Team: Navkiran -  
Engagement and Inclusion  
Specialist/Supervisor**



Navkiran, our Engagement and Inclusion Specialist/Supervisor, has been with Big Brothers now for over 6 years, and she also spent 2 years working at Big Sisters before that!

Navkiran's favourite part of working at Big Brothers is match meetings, when the Big and Little Brothers meet for the first time and decide if they want to be matched. *"When the two have an immediate connection and click, it is the best. Sometimes the Little has been waiting several years for a Big Brother, it is a true warm fuzzy moment to see it finally happen and their excitement for that new friendship."*

[Learn More about Navkiran](#)

## Big Possibilities Youth Summit



Thank you to all the teens who attended our 3-part Big Possibilities Youth Summit we hosted with RBC. Big Possibilities was all about providing youth with the tools and knowledge to begin thinking about their future and we had so much fun learning alongside them. We hope everyone that attended had a great time and took something away from our 2 virtual workshops and in-person youth summit!

**A big round of applause for our fantastic line up of guest speakers who provided youth with informative and engaging workshops!** We greatly appreciate the knowledge, guidance and compassion you have given to our teens.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all those who made this event possible! This includes our own Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver staff and the Youth Summit Planning Committee consisting of our teen volunteers: Nabiha, Sara, Torrell, Avneet and Samarjeet. Thank you for all your hard work! We hope to see everyone again at our future youth leadership events.

# 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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