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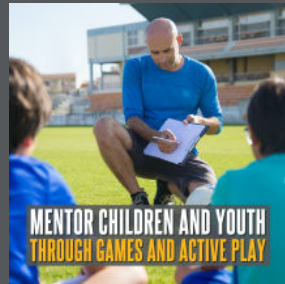


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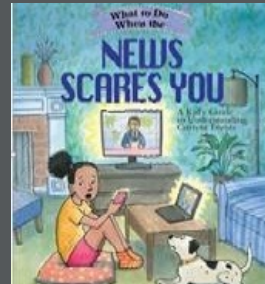
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Big BC Lotto Winner Announced



A BIG Congratulations to Ticket# BIGL-B-3176, Shahab B. who won our BIG BC Lotto! Shahab is taking home a prize of \$14,887.50. Thank you to all those who purchased a ticket to this years BIG BC Lotto, supporting eleven Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) agencies across the province, working together to support youth in our communities by offering Big BC Lotto as a fundraising opportunity - for the third time since Spring of 2021. BBBS serves more than 7000 children and youth annually in over 60 communities from the Interior, Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island to Northern BC.

Big Deal Card

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Our Big Deal Card helps the members of our mentoring programs to re-engage with their community through special offers and discounts for events and activities. This is a crucial time for young people, and with the support of local businesses we can help children and youth to find a sense of normality once again.

We are excited to share that we have some new businesses to feature on our Big Deal Card; their special offers mean that our Bigs and Littles can engage with their products and services at a discount. We are extremely thankful for these partnerships as it provides our matches with valuable opportunities so they can have fun and create memorable moments in their friendship.

Our new partners:

- Bamboozled Escape Games
- Bat Cave Langley Batting Cages
- Coastal Climbing Centre
- J Squared Ice Cream
- Jericho Beach Kayak Centre
- Museum of Anthropology at UBC
- Spokes Bicycle Rentals
- Zero Latency
- Cartems Donuts
- Forbidden Vancouver
- Vancouver Canucks
- WildPlay

Our long-term existing partners:

- English Bay Bike Rentals
- Planet Lazer
- PoCo Bowl
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
- Flyover Canada

If you think your business might be a good fit for the Big Deal Card, please email Airi at anakamoto@bbgvf.com.

Big Gaming Fest



Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is inviting gamers, livestreaming audiences, community organizations from Vancouver and British Columbia to game on our behalf for the first ever, Big Gaming Fest – a gaming event to support, the valuable mentoring programs provided free of charge to children each year by Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver.

There are a few ways to get involved; game and livestream on behalf of Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, donate, or sponsor the event. Additionally there is a great opportunity to donate products to be showcased at the event, in the form of prizes or gifts. The Prizes will be used to incentivize gamers, giving organizations a prime opportunity to showcase their brand to hundreds of potential new clients.

For more information on the BIG Gaming Fest check out our website or contact Andrée Nash anash@bbgvf.com for more information.

[Watch the Big Gaming Fest Video](#)

Meet Our Team: Kimiko Yamada



Kimiko, our Senior Program Administrator, has been working at Big Brothers for 12 years! She works with the Charity team at Big Brothers, which deliver all the programming for children and youth. Her main role is database management, file management, as well as reporting and statistics. Kimiko also supervises two positions, Volunteer Intake Coordinator and Administration and Events Assistant. Before she came to work with us, Kimiko worked at a financial cooperation in Tokyo.

While she doesn't interact with matches directly in her role, she has heard many stories from her Mentoring Coordinator co-workers of the positive impacts having a Big Brother has had on Littles in the community. Kimiko understands the importance of mentorship, she reflected, "I was born and raised in Japan and I think this goes for many Asian countries, but mentoring is not recognized. I always wished that I had a mentor who I could have talked to without being judged when I was growing up."

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

[Meet Kimiko Yamada](#)

Volunteers Needed for Game On! in Richmond and Surrey



Game On! uses a mentor-based approach to provide boys, trans, and gender-diverse children ages 8-11 with information and support to make informed choices about a range of healthy lifestyle practices. Through non-traditional and traditional physical activities, complemented with healthy eating support, participants engage in life skills, communication, and emotional health discussions designed to immerse participants in the pursuit of life-long healthy lifestyles.

During the pandemic, the Game On! Program had adapted to an online format, which was a first for the agency. Through the support of our volunteers, we were able to run successful online Game On! Programs, encouraging youth to continue to build healthy habits, while focusing on new challenges they faced due to the pandemic. We have now been able to establish new partnerships in both Richmond and Surrey and have plans to continue these partnerships into Fall 2022.

Game On! is run by adult mentors who come with a wide array of life experiences, and find the experience of volunteering to be equally enriching for themselves.

As we continue to expand in Surrey and Richmond, we are looking to grow the number of volunteers we have in both of these cities!

Volunteer for Game On!

'When the World Feels like a Scary Place' Resources



There have been a number of significant and terrible violent events recently, with direct impact on children and their families, that have also further exposed the danger and impact of racism and colonialism that leads to irreparable harm across Black, Asian, and Indigenous communities. These events are difficult to process and spark such a mix of emotion as we try to make sense of what continues to happen. These events are also impacting the Little ones in our lives.

Here are some resources to help us support the children and youth in our lives and continue to show them how much we value and support them.

- ["What to Do When the News Scares You"](#) - recommended for ages 6-12, available at local libraries [VPL](#) and [Surrey](#).
- ["Helping Children with Tragic Events in the News"](#)
- ["How to talk to Kids about Violence"](#)
- ["How to Talk With Children About Racism"](#)
- ["When the World Feels Like a Scary Place"](#) - for parents and educators, available at the library.
- ["The Anxiety Workbook for Teens"](#) - for ages 13 and up, available at the library.
- ["What To Do When You Worry Too Much"](#) - for ages 6 to 12, available at the library.

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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