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Big BC Lotto is BACK!



Tickets are on sale now for the second **Big BC Lotto!**

Ticket sales are from 18-Oct-2021 to 02-Dec-2021, draw to be held December 3, 2021, at 12:00 PM, British Columbians over the age of 19+ can purchase the 50/50 raffle tickets online at BigBCLotto.ca. The raffle draw winner will be announced on social media!

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

1 for \$10.00, 5 for \$25.00, 20 for \$50.00, 60 for \$100.00

By purchasing a 50/50 ticket bundle, you get multiple chances to win! The more you buy, the more chances you have to win and the jackpot gets bigger!

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$75,000!

THE ODDS ARE 1 IN 62,500!

Eleven Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across the province are working together to offer Big BC Lotto. BBBS serves more than 7000 children and youth annually in over 60 communities from the Interior, Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island to Northern BC.

ELIGIBILITY TO BUY TICKETS

The following people are not permitted to purchase tickets in this lottery: employees and immediate family of any Big Brothers Big Sisters agency operating within BC and employees of Darelle Media Inc. Immediate family includes anyone living within the same household. **Big Brothers, Friends, Donors, Volunteers, and Board Members are eligible to buy and win.**

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Return to Site-Based Programs!



This Fall has marked the return to our site-based programs here at Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver. For the 2021-2022 school year we are running a few programs in person, including:

- Game On programs at Sunset Community Centre & Douglas Park Community Centre
- Mentoring with Math at North Burnaby Neighbourhood House
- ROOTS program in New Westminster
- Teen and ISM programs in Coquitlam, Burnaby, Richmond & Surrey schools

We are still running some virtual mentoring programs for Littles who are unable to attend in person. This includes:

- Mentoring with Math
- Teen Programs

We still have the capacity for more children and youth in many of our programs, including our Site-Based programs mentioned above, click below to learn more.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS](#)

B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic



Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver hosted our annual **B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic** at Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club on **Monday, September 27th, 2021.**

We were fortunate to have another golf tournament during the current COVID-19 pandemic and it was an incredible success given the circumstances, thanks to our generous sponsors, event participants, volunteers, staff, and everyone involved.

We are an organization dedicated to supporting mentorship relationships for children and youth. We have all been facing social isolation, but it has been especially challenging for youth in our communities. It is important for us to be able to provide that constant of support during this time as we look forward to a sense of normalcy in the future. More than ever, we appreciate your generosity, which will go towards sustaining our organization and programs to continue providing mentorship for the matches.

As our title sponsor, B2Gold has continued to go above and beyond to champion our cause with a \$100,000 sponsorship. A sincere thank you to Clive Johnson and everyone at B2Gold for their continued support and guidance.

Interested in joining us for the B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Tournament for 2022?

Please reach out to us at events@bbgvf.com

Derek Gibson Memorial Golf Tournament



We would like to thank the Canada Border Services Agency for their continued support in hosting the annual Derek Gibson Memorial Golf Tournament in support of Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver. **Thank you to all of the generous donors, golfers, teams, and everyone involved for all your support in this year's Derek Gibson Memorial Golf Tournament.**

Each year, the Canada Border Services Agency gets together for a fun day on-course at the Surrey Golf Club in support of Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and in memory of Derek Gibson, a former CBSA Agent, and Big Brother, helping provide children and their families with free access to mentoring programs. Mentoring programs help kids reach their full potential by heightening self-esteem and enabling them to make healthy decisions.

Thank you for your support with the Derek Gibson Memorial Golf Tournament, we could not do what we do without community supporters like you.

Day for Truth & Reconciliation



At Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, we observed September 30, 2021, as the inaugural National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a day to commemorate the history of Canada's residential school system and the ongoing intergenerational impacts on survivors and their families.

We encourage everyone to take the learnings and reflections made on this day to go beyond one day of recognition and make it a regular practice in their lives. We must listen, learn, engage, and reflect on issues faced by Indigenous communities throughout the year.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on Orange Shirt Day, which grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away from her on her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission residential school in Williams Lake when she was just six years old. The day has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. This particular date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to go to residential schools.

"The colour orange has always reminded me of that day, and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared, and how I felt I was worth nothing,"

said Phyllis, forty years later

[READ MORE ABOUT ORANGE SHIRT DAY](#)

Amini Homes & Bijan Law Clothing Drive



Throughout the month of November, Amini Homes (@amini.homes) and Bijan Law (@bijanlaw) are partnering up to host a clothing drive to support Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver.

Donations of new or gently used clothing can be dropped off at Bijan Law's office located in downtown Vancouver at Suite #1801 - 701 W Georgia St.

With every donation, you'll be entered into an end-of-the-month

Mentoring Tip: Giving Advice



If a mentee asks for advice, focus on solutions.

Allow your mentee time to release uncomfortable emotions if they need to vent, but encourage him or her to consider their options. When they focus less on what they can't control and shift their attention to those areas within their control: including their own thoughts, feelings, decisions, and actions, they reclaim their personal power.

Don't get stuck in the problem; consider solutions.

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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