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Our Annual Golf Fundraiser

A little rain never dampened our spirits! Especially for our B2Gold Big Brothers Golf Classic.

This year's annual fundraiser collected more than $350,000!

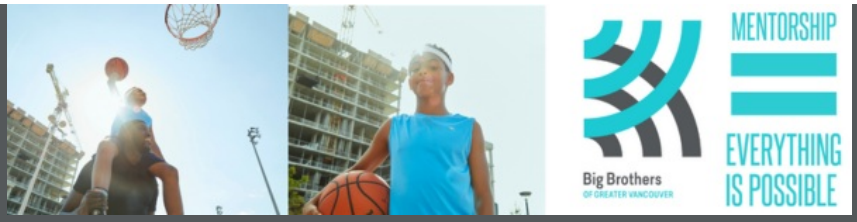
THANK YOU to all our sponsors, everyone who attended our annual fundraiser and all the volunteers who made this amazing day possible.

Special thanks to our title sponsor B2Gold for supporting local children and youth mentorship for yet another year.

We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Join us next year!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Month



September is our favourite month of the year because we get to celebrate YOU, our mentors and mentees!

Last month our community celebrated by lighting up for Big Brothers Big Sisters Day.

The illuminated landmarks included: Surrey Civic Plaza; Coquitlam lighting features at Lafarge Lake and along Pinetree Way; Port Coquitlam City Hall; Port Moody City Hall; New Westminster City Hall; North Vancouver City Hall; Burnaby City Hall and BC Parkway illuminations between Patterson and Edmonds SkyTrain stations.

Most importantly, a BIG thank you to each and every volunteer helping to make a positive impact for children and youth in our communities.

Big & Littles Annual Picnic

What a day!

This year's video game-themed Big Brothers Annual Picnic was a huge success.

See the photo gallery here.

So many of our Bigs, Littles and families came out for some fun in the sun at Burnaby's Confederation Park. Bigs and Littles scrambled to 'catch em all' in a Pokémon scavenger hunt, faced-off against a Bowser piñata, and more.

But the party games didn't stop there! Bigs and Littles competed against each other in an array of head-to-head challenges including races, water games, and Jenga. In the background of all the action, matches got to meet and hang out with each other playing cards, doing arts & crafts, playing connect four and, of course, having a great meal.

A BIG thank you to The Parlour Restaurants, Ernest Ice Cream, and Caffè Artigiano for sponsoring food and drinks for our matches. Matches and families enjoyed delicious pizza, hot beverages, and frosty ice cream thanks to these amazing community partners.

We can't wait to see everyone again at our next event soon!

Monster Mash

T’was a dark night on October 27th…

At five o’clock a spooky gathering occurred at the Big Brothers of Great Vancouver Kingsway Office.

There was a mysterious table, pumpkin carving, pizza, candy and 22 dressed matches for Halloween!

This frightening event wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for the donation of pumpkins from Sharon at Westham Island Herb Farm and pizza from Allan at Papa Johns in Joyce-Collingwood!

Thank you to all of our matches who attended and to Sharon and Allan for their Donations.

A Surprise Visit from Roger Federer

Guess who showed up to our Bigs and Littles Tennis Clinic last month at the UBC Tennis Centre? Arguably the GOAT of the tennis world, Roger Federer himself.

And there's more exciting news!

Mercedes-Benz is proud to announce a new multi-year partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and title sponsorship of its National Youth Mentoring Advisory Council. The new partnership is born out of a shared goal to harness the power of mentorship to help Canadian kids reach their full potential.

Read more about this important partnership here.

Thank you Roger Federer for supporting youth mentorship around the world!

Mentorship = Roger Federer

Summer Splash

Bigs & Littles Learn to Row

Splish splash!

That’s the sound of another summer of adventuring for our Bigs and Littles.

This past sunny season, matches got to learn to row all thanks to our long-time awesome community partner, False Creek Rowing Club!

From learning the basics to sailing the salty seas of False Creek and English Bay. The local club hosted several sessions just for our Bigs and Littles.

If you missed out this year, don’t worry! Keep an eye on your inbox for more fun winter events to take part in until next summer.

Running for Big Brothers at the Vancouver Triathlon

Wow, you all are amazing!

Our community of triathlon athletes raised $23,348.59!

That’s 10 times more than you raised last year!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for pushing yourselves to swim, bike and run to support the free programs for children in youth in our communities!

We hope to see you all again next year.

Volunteer at our next event!

A Mentor’s Journey From Afghanistan to Volunteering in Surrey

Fred has gone from fleeing war in Afghanistan to volunteering in Surrey by mentoring youth. He's been through it all, and then some, but finds value in giving back to his community.

For the last six years, Fred has been a Big Brother and Mentor to Little Brother, Zubin. He's also taken the extra step in serving his community by joining the Board of Directors with Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver for the previous eight years.

"It all stems from our experience of being so fortunate," Fred said about his life's journey.

Read the whole feature on our Mentoring Matters Blog.

Mentoring Matters Blog

PLEASE GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO THESE SPECTACULAR DONORS!

Along with our volunteers, our generous donors and supporters help make it possible for more than 700 kids to have positive role models in their lives!

Support for youth comes from a variety of community partners such as municipalities, private foundations, and individuals.

It's donors like these that help year-after-year fund amazing, free, and accessible mentorship programs for all the young people in our local communities.

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