Big Brothers BIG News

Coming Soon: National Volunteer Week

Get Ready! National Volunteer Week is just around the corner.

This year's theme is Every Moment Matters. We'll be highlighting how impactful the sharing of time, skills, empathy and creativity is vital for the well-being and strengthening of our communities.

We'll be sharing brand-new volunteer stories and revisiting some of our favourite ones!

Make sure to join us in celebrating our volunteers and volunteerism April 14-20!

And if you want to share your volunteer experience with us and our community, it may not be too late! Reach out to ngalimski@bbgvf.com and connect with us.

Upcoming Events & Activities

The fun starts here, Community Matches! Here's a sneak peek into some exciting activity opportunities.

April 17 – Celebrate Reel Movie Festival with us and join us for a cinema night at our new head office in Joyce-Collingwood!

April 19 – Lego BrickCam! This is the largest public exhibition of LEGO creations ever held in BC. Tickets are limited so act quickly!

April 26 – First Tee Golf! In partnership with Golf Canada, we're hosting another youth development golf session exclusive to Big Brothers Community matches at the Musqueam Golf and Learning Centre. Stay tuned for an RSVP email soon.

May 11– NatureKids BC Salmon Release! Join us and have a splash on the North Shore and release salmon back into the wild.

May 23 – Dungeons & Dragons Night! Explore the world at the next campaign with other like-minded adventurers (Bigs & Littles) at our Joyce office. Snacks provided!

Check out our online events calendar for what's just around the corner.

If you're interested in attending an event, reach out to our fun-times organizer (Program and Events Coordinator), Carla, at carla.gonzalez@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Meet our Big & Little Sun Run Team

We have an official Big and Little Brother running on our Sun Run team this year!

You may already know them from their recent feature. It's Fraser and Awen!

Each year Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver participates in the Vancouver Sun Run to help raise awareness for youth mentorship and to fundraise for our charity.

In 2024 this long-time dynamic duo will be tearing up the pavement on behalf of our charity and all the Bigs and Littles we serve.

You can support Fraser and Awen's team fundraiser for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver by donating here. Or come out and cheer for them and the 14 other Sun Runners on our 2024 team.

Donate & Support Here!

Volunteers Needed!

If you're reading this newsletter, you already know the power of volunteering and mentorship. That's why we're asking you to help spread the word!

We need volunteers in every community, but especially in **Surrey**.

Since April 2021 we have had to stop accepting new families into our waitpool for our Community Program due to a lack of volunteer Big Brothers.

If you know someone who would make a great volunteer, let them know!

We're here to make the application process nice and easy for them. Know someone, organization or business who'd like to support us in this cause? Connect them to us!

We appreciate your community support to help bring a friend to every child and youth who could benefit from a mentor.

Reach out to us at volunteer@bbgvf.com.

Inquire About Volunteering Here

New Partnership

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and Regional Recycling are forming an impactful partnership to support our communities, reduce waste and serve local youth.

Regional Relying will donate 100% of revenue from bottles at all Lower Mainland locations to support free youth mentorship programs.
This partnership begins April 1! So, you can start responsibly recycling with an impact soon!

Alternatively you can skip the depot and choose to get a delivery pickup! Just set up an account with Depozip and choose to donate on the app.

Donate Your Bottles

Vancouver Sun Run

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is honored to be one of the official Charity Partners of the Vancouver Sun Run 2024.

The Vancouver Sun Run has been Canada's largest 10k road race since its inception in 1985.

Be part of something BIGGER! You can donate to our charity or you can run or walk for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and raise funds!

All funds raised go towards supporting Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver.

Donate to our team page here.

Support Our Team

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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