Join us at Newton Car-Free Day

Come one come all and join the Big Brothers team at Newton Car-Free Day in Surrey!

We'll be celebrating the start of summer in the community.

There will be live music, food, activities and more!

If you want to come out and take part in the day's activities with us let us know! Or, if you're around, make sure to come say hi where our Surrey office staff will be out representing!

When: Saturday June 8
Where: Newton, Surrey, Between 72 Ave and 74 Ave

Big Night of Stars

It's that time of year again! We're celebrating YOU, our amazing volunteers and community partners who make the magic of mentorship happen in our communities.

Last chance to RSVP is Monday June 3rd by 4pm.

Join our night of celebration at the Italian cultural Centre from 5:30 to 8pm.

There will be delicious food, our BIG photo booth, special guests and more!

Please **RSVP on Eventbrite**, or email our team at: kimiko.yamada@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

See you there!

RSVP by June 3 here!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Here's a sneak peek at some awesome summer actives available to Community Program Bigs and Littles!

June 16: **Waterskiing at Deep Cove**
August 11: **Kayaking at Rocky Point**
August 17: **Sailing and BBQ at Jericho Sailing Club**

If you're interested in participating please email carla.gonzalez@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Make sure to also check out our online events calendar for more fun activity ideas in your community.

June is Pride Month

We're celebrating Pride this month and we'd like to kick it off with an amazing match who just graduated from our Big Brothers Community Program this spring, Fraser and Awen!

Read our latest feature story about LGBTQ+ mentoring and the impact it had on Little Brother, Awen.

Here's what he had to say:

"The larger your network is, the more real things are and the more comfortable you can be. And so, knowing Fraser, and having that older queer wealth of knowledge was really great."

Read the whole story here!

Click Here to Read

Sun Run Milestone

We raised $3,000 with our Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Sun Run Team!

A huge thanks to everyone who participated and donated in this year's race with a special shout out to the match we just introduced, Fraser and Awen, who together ran and raised $500.

This is the most we have ever raised as a team in an event like this. If you would like to participate in next year's event, let us know!

We'd also love to know if you're participating in any other events and would like to support us as your charity of choice. If so, reach out! We'll make sure to support your fundraising effort.

Email us at volunteer@bbgvf.com

Remembering Jim Timms

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Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver will forever remember Jim Timms as someone who gave so much back to his community through volunteerism.

It started in 1977 when Jim met his soon-to-be Little Brother, Scott, for the first time. From there, the two forged a strong friendship over 10 years in the Big Brothers Community Program.

Their friendship didn't end there, though, and continued for the rest of their lives.

Jim also took the big step in founding, and joining, the Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Board of Directors where he served for 40 years.

He played a crucial role in setting up the organization's Renew Crew Foundation, which continues to be a vital source of fundraising for the free youth mentorships programs the charity provides to hundreds of children each year.

The impact left by Jim on Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and the community will never be forgotten.

His memory lives on in the organization through the Jim Timms Award given to an outstanding volunteer each year at the Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver award ceremony, the Big Night of Stars.

Thank you, Jim, for all you have given.

Surrey Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers 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 Big Brother, let them know and share **this link** with them.

We're here to make the application process simple and quick.

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

Along with our volunteers, our generous donors and supporters help make it possible for more than 740 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.

Please give a **special thank you** to the Maxwell Munday Houshold.

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