BIG BROTHERS BIG NEWS

Boo! And hello, Big Brothers community. This autumnal newsletter comes to you in three parts with one theme: success!

Part 1: **Join our team at the 2025 Vancouver Sun Run!** We're aiming to raise $10,000 this year to support youth mentorship.

If you want to participate, **register here**.

Simply select "Team Division – In Person 10k," adult or youth, then "Big Brothers Sun Runners (Norman Galimski)" and you're in!

We also have 7 discount codes left for our community. Please email volunteer@bbgvf.com or reply to this email to inquire about discount entries.

If you want to go one step further and help us fundraise then head to **our fundraising page** and join our fundraising team! You do not need to participate in the event itself to support our team fundraiser.

Part 2: During Big Brothers Big Sisters Month you (and we mean each one of you!) helped our community reach more volunteer mentors than ever in 30 days!

We received a jaw-dropping 75 volunteer applications with 18 of those for the Big Brothers Community Program.

So, thank you! Last month's momentum is still being felt at the end of October and we're working diligently to match youth with volunteer mentors.

With your continued support spreading the word about the need for volunteers, we can reopen the Big Brothers Community Program to families in Surrey. There, we still have 30 youth waiting to be matched with a volunteer. We hope to see that number drop soon!

Looking to be part of the BIG picture? Then help make mentorship happen and **donate here**.

Part 3: September also hosted our Bigs & Littles Annual Picnic. Every year we host a BIG fun party for all our Community Program matches.

This year we hosted it at Burnaby's Central Park. There were so many awesome games plus many cups of hot coffee and hot cocoa served to keep all our Bigs and Littles warm in the light drizzle.

For the dozens of attendees we hosted team competitions from egg balancing spoon races to best team song. The team competitions ended with a tug-of-war match with all the Littles versus all the Bigs. And like all good underdog stories, the Littles came out on top pull down the Bigs down into the mud!

Of course, it wouldn't have been a good party without pizza, which was generously donated to us from Straight Outta Brooklyn NYC Pizzeria accompanied by sweet treats from Earnest Ice Cream.

If you want to help make special days like this possible, you can support youth mentorship by **donating here**.

Special thank you:

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.

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