BIG BROTHERS BIG NEWS

Hello and welcome to the final e-newsletter of 2025. This edition comes to you in 3 parts: Our Holiday Campaign Fundraiser, how to help us find mentors, and a chance to get involved with us this Spring at the Sun Run.

Giving Tuesday & our Holiday Campaign 🎄

Last year, we served 959 children and youth through mentorship. This giving season, we're rallying our community to help us reach our **$50,000 Holiday Campaign goal** to unlock mentorship for more than **1,000 kids in 2026.**

If you haven't yet, be part of the BIG picture this holiday season and **donate at: bigbrothersvancouver.com/donate**

Your donation today ensures that more children across Greater Vancouver have access to a mentor who shows up for them with consistency, guidance, and kindness. Every gift, big or small, strengthens a child's future and ignites their potential.

Thanks to our Holiday Campaign Sponsors, the Marshall, O'Sullivan, and Hoeschen families, all your donations will be amplified up to $17,500.

You can help us find mentors

You can help us make a life-changing difference. Right now, one of our most urgent needs is recruiting new volunteer mentors – especially in **Surrey, Richmond, and the Tri-Cities**, where many children have wait more than 2 years (some more than 3) to be matched with a Big Brother.

Here's how you can help:

1. Spread the word in your community
Share our volunteer opportunities with friends, neighbours, colleagues, or community groups. Personal recommendations are still the #1 way we find great mentors. You can start by sending them to our **Volunteer Inquiry Page**.

2. Bring us to our workplace or community group
We're happy to host a Volunteer Information Session, **in-person or online**, for your company, club, or community organization. These sessions make it easy for people to learn about mentoring and get involved. Reach out to volunteer@bbgvf.com if you're interested.

A special thank you to **Men's Shed Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam,** and **Port Moody** for hosting an in-person Volunteer Info Session on November 22. Your support helps bring mentorship to even more young people who need it.

3. Become a Mentor Yourself
We know many of you on this e-newsletter have been a Big already. For those who haven't, or are ready to jump back in, if you've ever considered volunteering, now is the perfect time. A few hours a month can reshape a child's confidence and future. **Learn how to volunteer here**.

Join our Sun Run Official Charity Team

We're still building our Big Brothers Sun Run Team for April 2026, and we'd love for you to be part of it! Whether you're running, walking, corporate-teaming, or cheering from the sidelines, your participation helps raise awareness and support for youth mentorship across our region.

How to join our team:

1. Complete the online registration form **here**.
    - Choose category: "**Team Division – In Person 10K**," adult or youth
    - Team selection: "**Big Brothers Sun Runners (Norman Galimski)**"
    - **Team Access Code: OJYEFA**
2. Fill out your participant information and submit.
3. That's it! You're part of the team.

We have limited discount entries available. Please reply here or email volunteer@bbgvf.com if you are in need of one. Friends, family, and co-workers are welcome to join our team.

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Special thank you:

This time we'd like to give **YOU**, our everyday supporters, a BIG thank you.

If it weren't for people like you, our readers of this e-newsletter, who support in so many ways, we'd never be able to make a truly meaningful impact that last a lifetime for thousands of children.

So, thank you, thank you and thank you once again – because our community is bigger together.

Along with our volunteers, our generous donors and supporters help make it possible for more than 959 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. Every year, donors like these help fund amazing, free and accessible mentorship programs for all the young people in our local communities.

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