

Big and Little News

The Latest Happenings of Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Thomas -Elgin

January / February 2010

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Snow Day Fun!

Location: Waterworks Park (Pond Side)

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2011 Time: 1-3 pm Cost: None

Oh the weather outside has been frightful, but makes sledding more delightful, since we've got all this snow, let's go, let's go, let's go. It doesn't show signs of stopping, our toboggans are ready for dropping, since we've got all this snow, let's go, let's go, let's go. Once we've finally had enough, we can warm up with some hot chocolate stuff, call to let us know you want to go, want to go, want to go.

Two Great Fundraising Events - Welcome 2011 - "Rock and Bowl" with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St.Thomas-Elgin

The new year is upon us and Big Brothers/Big Sisters is busy planning our *Curl for Kids fundraiser*, which will be held on *Saturday, March 26th at the St.Thomas Curling Club*. This is our 21st annual event and we are looking to fill the 1 day event with 24 teams of agency supporters from the St.Thomas and Aylmer area. Traditionally this event was held on separate dates in St.Thomas and Aylmer. We have combined our teams to *Curl for Kids* at the end of March and we are excited about *launching our 1st annual Bowl for Kids fundraising event on Saturday, March 5th at Cy's Bowling Lanes in Aylmer*.

We need your support more than ever! As volunteer mentors, families and supporters you know first-hand the benefits of our service to children and youth in our community. You also know how important it is to raise the much needed funds to continue to offer our programs. Get your team of 4 to 6 bowlers together and call BBBS to register and get your pledge forms. Congratulations to the Ontario Police College who has registered our first bowling team. The OPC King Pins will be bowling for kids and the OPC Rocks will be curling for kids on the 26th. Get your teams together and join the fun! Barb and Glen are waiting for your calls!

AT A GLANCE

Feb 19 - Sledding

Mar 5 - Bowling (Aylmer)

Mar 26 - Curling (St. T)

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Go Girls!



Just a reminder that Linda Dineen is our school based mentoring coordinator. Please contact Linda regarding our Go Girls groups and our In School Mentoring program.

Contact Lisa Matchim, our agency caseworker regarding all Community Based Programs.

Welcome New Go Girls! Mentors

Ashley Ratelle
Alyssa Haynes

Welcome New In School Mentors

Lisa Matchim and Madison
Barb Matthews and Kierstan
Janet Ballantyne and Sarah
Carole Godfrey and Grace
Evelyn Henderson and Blithe
Kyle Kostyria and Mataio
Linda Dekort and Madison
Crystal Underhill and Amy

TEA ANYONE?

If you would like to purchase quality loose leaf tea please contact Barb at BBBS. We appreciate the support from Danielle Murray of Bittersweet Farms for providing this opportunity for our agency. We receive half of the proceeds from any tea sold. For more details or to promote a variety of teas at your business please contact Barb.

COMPUTERS ANYONE?

Thank you to Sterling for the donation of computers to our agency. If your family could benefit from a used computer please contact BBBS staff. As the local union office prepares to close at the end of January we are also appreciative for their support in donating office furnishings to our agency.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

January

Rian S.
Davion
A-Mc.
Kayla F-A.
Sarah S.

February

Amy S.
Darcey V.
Kourtney
T-D.
Robert B.
Ali P.

MATCH ANNIVERSARIES

January

Tony Tekare & Jett B.	6 Years
Gillian Martin & Dallas B.	5 Years
Benny Fehr & Jacob U.	2 Years
Aaron Simmons & David W.	2 Years

February

Marie Nancarrow & Sarah S.	4 Years
Ainslee Dempsey & Kaylee D.	3 Years
Jade Petty & Brittany C.	2 Years
Brad Kellestine & Payton N.	1 Year

WELCOME

New Littles

Madison C.
Kylie C.
Ella L.
Allizon S.
Selena S.
Abigail S.

New Community Based Matches(Big Brothers, Big Sisters)

Carol McHugh & Kayla F-A
Nicole Minielly & Kennedy H.
Allecia Chabot & Ali P.
Richard Clarke & Cody S.

Special thanks to St. Thomas Pizza Hut for their continued support to our matches who celebrate anniversaries. Matches may choose between a Pizza Hut buffet lunch or movie passes on their match anniversary.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions regarding future activities or outings please contact Lisa to discuss.

We are looking for someone to create our newsletter. If you have desktop publishing software (InDesign, MS Publisher, etc) and are interested in volunteering your time, or know anyone who would like to help, please contact Barb.

Mission: To foster positive self-esteem & competency in children in Elgin County by providing and promoting friendship, guidance and encouragement.



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Have fun with the
theme:
Rolling Stones!

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of St. Thomas-Elgin

2011 Winter Fundraisers

- *Curling for our Kids Sake*
- *Bowl for Kids*

Bowling

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Cy's Lanes, Aylmer

- 4-6 bowlers per team
- Prizes, food, fun
- 3 time slots beginning at 1 pm

Curling

Saturday, March 26, 2011

St. Thomas Curling Club

- 4 curlers per team
- Prizes, food, fun
- Two 6-end games starting at 9:30 am

Both events support all mentoring programs that are delivered by Big Brothers / Big Sisters of St. Thomas - Elgin. Teams are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$500

Register today - call BBBS
519.633.3830