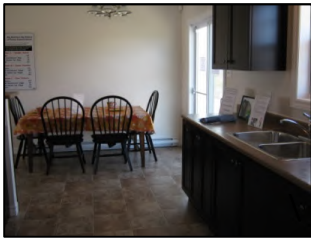




Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince Edward Island Summer Newsletter

Sunny 17th Dream Cottage Draw

With more than 80% of the tickets sold, the 17th Big Brothers Big Sisters Dream Cottage Draw is definitely in full swing. This year's two-bedroom + den Prestige Cottage, provided by PEI Home & RV, has a new layout, walk-in closet, and sliding glass patio doors in the eat-in kitchen.



The Cottage is beautifully decorated with furniture and appliances specially chosen by Julie Hambly of Hamblys Country Wide Home Furnishings. Add a furniture tag to your ticket, and you can win the cottage and furnishings or \$60,000 but you must tag your tickets for the cash option. The popular clean up tag entitles the winning ticket holder to choose between a dishwasher, washer, and dryer or \$1500.

The cottage opened to the public on May 6th. We celebrated Mother's Day by giving carnations from Flower Bud's to the first 25 people who bought tickets on May 9th. We rounded out our opening celebrations by having Kerri Wynn MacLeod and Paul Allen come out to the cottage for radio remotes before the \$5000 Early Bird Draw. In June, the K-ROK and Ocean Fun-Runner crews gave out refreshments during Amanda's radio remote. For Father's Day, we extended our Early Bird cut-off date so that more fathers would be included this year. In July, radio listeners had the chance to win tickets with Magic Mondays and Country Wednesdays and Paul Allen returned to the cottage for a remote promoting the Westjet Draw.

We still have some excitement planned for August! You can enter the CBC Island Morning favourite cottage memory contest to win tickets and there is one more Early Bird Draw for \$1000 cash. Cottage tickets have been selling out early, so don't miss your chance to get a ticket this year! Get yours, by visiting the cottage in the Charlottetown Mall parking lot, go to any Scotiabank or Wilson Fuel Esso Stations on PEI, or call 1-877-411-DRAW (3729).



Early Bird Winners

Westjet - Shirley Hennessey of Stratford, PE

Draws for Dad

2 five-day passes to the Cavendish Beach Music Festival donated by the Festival - Doris Meade, Catherine Kennedy & Judy-Gallant-Maclsaac

Barbeque donated by Sears - Darlene Loke



Travel pack including accommodations for 2 with complimentary breakfast, duffle bag, gift, and a \$50 restaurant gift certificate donated by Charlottetown Comfort Inn, Dow's Men's Wear, Agro Co-Op, and Pizza Delight (1911 Jail) - Janice Whalen

Barbeque package donated by Sobeys - Irma Vanderleuw

\$5000 - Jamie MacLean

Kids N' Kops

In mid-July, eleven children between the ages of 10-12, chosen primarily from our waiting list, attended Kids N' Kops. This award-winning, one week program, which is produced in partnership with the Charlottetown Police Department, is designed to teach children about the many aspects of police work so that they will develop a realistic concept of what police officers do.

For one week, two police officers, Big Brothers Big Sisters staff, and the children work and play together. After being sworn in as deputies, the children spent each morning learning about the role of the police in the community. They toured the police station, fire hall, and courthouse and they learned about the 911 system, bike safety, and peer pressure.



In the afternoon, everyone went into the community to have lunch and to do something fun. During the week the children made beach chairs, went to Shining Waters, attended the Young Company show at the Confederation Centre, toured Cows Creamery, and made crafts at Michaels. On the final day of the camp, everyone went to St Peters for a day of hiking and swimming and then returned to the Police Station for the closing ceremonies.

Kids N Kops is designed to promote trust between local law enforcement and children through personal interaction. The children in the program see that police are ordinary people who eat burgers, laugh, and have fun with kids! We would like to give a Great Big Thank you to the Charlottetown Police Force, Derek Lawther, KFC, the Great Canadian Bagel, Queen Street Meat Market, and East Side Marios!

Notable News

Gold Cup Parade float

We are currently working on ideas for our float for the Gold Cup Parade. If you are interested in helping build the float on Thursday, August 19th or if you would like to be on the float, please contact Heather at 368-7759 or email heather@bbbspei.ca. Don't forget to watch for us on parade day!



Boat Cruise

The annual boat cruise is coming up on Wednesday, August 18th from 9:45 am – 12:00 noon. The cruise of the Charlottetown Harbour, which leaves from Peakes Quay, is followed by a BBQ. There are limited seats available, so if you and your little are interested in going, please email me at heather@bbbspei.ca or call me at 368-7759 to reserve your space. If you did not receive the email about the cruise, please let me know.



Free Avonlea Village admission

This summer, Bigs and Littles can go to Avonlea Village for free! Just show your Big Brothers Big Sisters card at the gate. If you have mislaid your card, please contact your caseworker.



Facebook

You can now follow us on Facebook and Twitter; look for the links on the front page of our website (www.bbbspei.ca). We are currently posting free and low cost summer activities, interesting videos, and pictures of recent events. Join the conversation - start a discussion, make a suggestion, share your experience, or comment on anything you see.

Downtown Garden

Look for our Communities in Bloom garden plot at the corner of Euston and Queen Street!



Little Wins CIBC Youthvision Scholarship

For the third time, one of our Littles has won a CIBC Youthvision Scholarship. The scholarship, delivered in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and YMCA Canada, combines post-secondary tuition, paid summer internships, and mentoring support to help youth reach their full potential. With the help and hard work of his caseworker Elizabeth and his Big Brother David, Billy became one of 30 youth in Canada to receive a scholarship.

"I can't believe it! I won the scholarship," said Billy on receiving the news. "This can change my life. Now I can reach out to my dream - to be an engineer and help others. My family and I are very thankful for this opportunity." Billy will receive six summer internships through the YMCA that begin after Grade 10 and tuition for four years at the Canadian university or college of his choice. He will also stay matched to his Big Brother David and receive ongoing mentoring until he graduates from his post-secondary education.

"In the nearly eight years that I have known Billy, he has grown into an outstanding young man," said David, Billy's Big Brother. "he is intelligent and does very well in school. He has a gentle and affable personality, and for this reason he is well liked at school, in his extracurricular activities, by his friends and at his part-time job. He is thoughtful, generous and civic minded. This CIBC Youthvision Scholarship is changing Billy's life! It will help him overcome obstacles and achieve his dream of becoming an engineer."

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Accreditation

BBBSPEI was granted Accreditation after having successfully met the review standards outlined by our national governing body. The Accreditation Certificate is granted upon approval of agency practices in the areas of child safety, service delivery, and organizational excellence. Each agency within the BBBS organization is Accredited every five years.



Esso BBQs

On Saturday, July 17th three Wilson Fuel Esso stations celebrated their grand Re-opening in high style. Part of the celebrations at the Granville Street, Belvedere, and Queens Arm stations included a Charity BBQ for BBBSPEI. Station staff and our volunteers worked together to raise nearly \$550. Congratulations and thanks to Doug MacDonald, all of our volunteers, and all of the staff of those three stations!



Office renovations update

Coming to see your caseworker just got easier! We have recently been undergoing some renovations at the office which includes the enlarging and paving of our parking lot. Other improvements include foundation work (to make us more solid), new windows (to make us warmer and more energy efficient), a safer banister, new flooring, and a paint job.



Community Impact award

We have been shortlisted for the Greater Charlottetown and Area Chamber of Commerce Community Impact award. We would like to thank the Chamber for honouring us.



Looking for Big Brothers

We dare you to be a kid again! No superheroes needed, only men willing to have fun with a boy who needs a little extra adult attention. If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child, call 569-KIDS or email info@bbbspei.ca for more information.

Staff Profile - Janna MacKay

Janna Mackay, our new caseworker, joined the BBBS team in February. Before coming to BBBS, she received a Sociology degree from UPEI. When asked what she likes best about working at BBBS, Janna said it is the interaction with the children, parents, volunteers, and schools. She said she loved being involved in Kids N' Kops and seeing the influence it had on the children. She was excited that the casework team was able to match most of the children afterwards. Janna lives in Stanhope with her partner and their 2 year old daughter.



Our Summer students



For the first time, BBBSpeI had two summer students. Alex Youland, a Holland College marketing student started in late May. He brought his great customer service skills to his work in the cottage, his enthusiasm to Kids N' Kops, and his marketing talents to many internal projects.

We found our second student a little closer to home. Karla Vail, a recent high school graduate, is the daughter of Karen Pirch, our Administrative Assistant. In addition to using her green skills to plant gardens, Karla has also brought her warm, bubbly personality to her work in the cottage and with Kids N' Kops. She will be starting at UPEI in a few weeks. It has been a pleasure having both of these great young people working with us this summer. We will miss them when they return to school!



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Subway lunch and Coffee Break on us

In early April, Mary Carr-Chaisson and Heather Doran travelled to Summerside and Albany to host the Subway Lunch and Coffee Break on Us. As the top team at Bowl for Kids Sake, the Scotiabank Albany won the Subway Lunch which included subs, sweets, and beverages.



The winner of the Coffee Break on Us, the City of Summerside, decided to treat their police department with the prize, because they put so much work into the BFKS team. Heather and Mary really enjoyed getting to know the members of both teams!



Donated tickets

We would like to thank our kind sponsor for donating 4 tickets to each taping of Live with Regis and Kelly and 4 passes to the Cavendish Beach Music Festival. The Big/Little matches who went had a fantastic time! If you have tickets you would like to donate, please call Heather at 368-7759.

Groove Company Dance

On Saturday, June 5th the Groove Company hosted a fundraising dance for BBBSpeI at the Confederation Centre. The six-piece dance band played a variety of popular music from the 70's and 80's. The event raised more than \$300, the crowd danced all night, and a great time was had by all!



Our newsletter

Tell us about your Big Brother Big Sister experience! If you have a story or photos to share, please contact us. If you have any questions, comments about our newsletter, or an e-mail change, please contact us by phone at 368-7759 or 1-877-411-3729 or by email at heather@bbbspei.ca