



## General News

Looking for an activity this summer?

**FabZone** offers fun, educational classes at very reasonable prices.

New classes for adults and kids age 12+:



Woodworking

Laser cutter

Cricut

Sewing

Crochet

3D printing

and more....



### Staff Additions

On June 10th, we welcomed our **two summer students**, Sarah and Jasmine, to the team. We look forward to a great summer with them as a part of our agency!



## Congratulations to Christina Hynes-Rooney!

We are so proud of our Little, Christina Hynes-Rooney for her success on May 8th in the **2024 Canadian championship of Artistic Swimming in DDO!**

If your child or Little has had a success, feel free to provide us with pictures of the event!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Laurus Camp Fundraiser

July 20th



Laurus Summer camp is hosting **a fun family carnival day for the community**, on July 20th, 2024, from 10am to 3pm, (venue still to be determined). Proceeds to this fundraiser will be donated to BBBSWI. We will be present at the carnival so come say hi and partake in all the activities! Further information to be sent by email.

### Ribfest 2024

August 16-18th

This year, the Montreal Ribfest will be organized by the **Strangers in the Night foundation**. BBBSWI will be one of three recipients of the money raised from this event. Ribfest takes place Friday, to Sunday, August 16-18, 2024 at PCHS in Pierrefonds (across the street from the previous Ribfest venue). BBBSWI will have a booth at the Ribfest so come visit the staff and get more info about our agency!

### Annual School Supply Drive

August 2024

Our annual school supply drive takes place at the end of August. **Every year BBBSWI receives donations of school supplies for families** registered in our programs, who are in need of a bit of help with these purchases. Many staple items are provided - from pencils and erasers to lined loose leaf paper and Hilroy books. There is no delivery for these items so parents need to arrange pick up from our office by themselves or someone they know. Further details and sign-up opportunities will be made available by e-mail.



### Big Bunch Activity

September 2024

The monthly **Big Bunch activities resume** in the month of September. More information to follow by email.





## IN REVIEW

### Art Night with WWF's Wild Outside Program

April 17th, 2024

BBBSWI co-hosted an art/painting night with Wild Outside; a program offered by the Canadian Wildlife Federation, which offers free outdoor activities to teens. We had a relaxing, fun evening creating beautiful masterpieces while learning about this program.



### Big Bunch Activity

April 20th, 2024



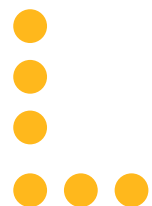
We held a **singing and song writing session** at our office in Kirkland! The volunteer mentors and the Littles were proud to show their work to the group.



### National Volunteer Week

April 14th-20th, 2024

We hosted a volunteer appreciation event, **Bigs Night Out 5@7**, on April 25th at Duke & Devine's in Beaconsfield.





## IN REVIEW

### Value Village Event



May 2024

BBBSWI was at Value Village on Sources Blvd in May to **help collect gently used items**. We thank all those who came to support us!



### Big Bunch Activity

May 10th, 2024

BBBSWI hosted an **Art Therapy event** with our Big Bunch! The volunteer mentors were very attentive, helping the Littles be creative and express themselves.



### Air Canada Bike Donation

May 23rd, 2024

On May 23rd, **10 children from BBBSWI were given beautiful new bikes and helmets to take home!** Air Canada mechanics graciously built the bikes and we were even given a tour of an airplane in the hangar and a wonderful buffet with pizza and other goodies. Thank you to the Air Canada employees who took part in this event, for their incredible generosity.



## IN REVIEW

### Big Bunch Activity

June 8th, 2024



We held our **annual planting day** event at the Maxwell residence in Baie-D'Urfe. The kids had a great time planting with the residents!



### BBBSWI - AGM

June 12th, 2024

The **BBBSWI AGM** was held on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024. New board members were voted in and welcomed to the agency. BBBSWI's President of the Board, Suzanne Labonté, lead the meeting and Executive Director, Valentino Pietrantonio, introduced the staff and went over the Annual Report. **Two matches were present to offer their testimonials and give a glimpse of the impact of being in a BBBS match.** We wish to thank the matches, former\* Little Brother Matteo Palladini and former\* Big Brother Mark Hopkins, as well as Little Brother Adrian Grandison and Big Brother Chris Palucci for their time and for sharing their experiences. Thank you to Board member Sam Ramsli for putting together the food table for all to enjoy.



\* **When a Little turns 18 years old**, the match closes with the agency. These two former "Brothers" have however, remained in constant contact with each other ever since their match officially closed!



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