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MERCREDI LE 23 OCTOBRE
18H30-21H30



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**Fundraiser - BIG Supper-Soirée
at Mundo October 23rd, 2024**

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General News

[Staff Updates](#)

In July, we said goodbye to caseworkers Ariane Weber (left) and Grace Chemali (right).

We also wished our fantastic summer students, Sarah Fusco (left) and Jasmine Van de Boss (right), a great semester back at university and we thank them for all of their hard work this summer.

We are pleased to report that Sarah will continue to help out the caseworkers once a week during the school year.



On August 19th and 26th, we welcomed our two new staff members, Estefani Roldan (left) and Kelly Nguyen (right). We are thrilled to have these ladies join our team.





The ISM Program

Interested in Becoming a Volunteer (16 yrs +)?

We are looking for In-School volunteer mentors. For just 1-hour a week, mentors meet with their mentees in a local school. In a local elementary schools setting, our mentors offer children a role model and a friend to talk to and share their experiences of growing up.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER MENTORS

In-School Mentoring

- ✓ Once a week for 1-hr during school hours
- ✓ At elementary school
- ✓ During the school year

MORE ABOUT OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS

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UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER

Annual Halloween Party



The BBBSWI Halloween party is coming up! An invitation will be sent out by email in the coming days so stay tuned. The Halloween party will be on Friday, October 18th, 2024, from 6:30pm until 8:30pm in the Traffic Tech cafeteria. Please RSVP to the email invitation that will be sent out shortly.

OraSmile

BBBSWI was offered a wonderful opportunity to share with our registered families. Marsella Cilbiyikoglu, H.D. is the owner and dental hygienist at OraSmile, a Dental Hygiene Clinic in Kirkland. She is offering her services free of charge to **kids under 18 years old and registered with BBBSWI**. Please stay tuned to your emails for more information and the link to make your appointment!

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Holiday Baskets / Gazette Cheques

Every year, BBBSWI helps **families in need** with some extra support, by supplying a Holiday basket, containing food and toiletries, or a cheque from the Montreal Gazette Christmas Fund. If you are in need of a Holiday basket or cheque **OR** would like to help out and "adopt-a-family", please contact Cathy by e-mail at bbbswi@bigbrothersbigisters.ca or by phone at 514-538-6100 ext. 1.

Please note that these baskets are intended for families in financial need. If you are NOT signed up with another organization for a Holiday basket and/or Gazette cheque, and are presently registered in one of our programs, you can be eligible for a basket.



Big Bunch Program

On October 5, 2024 we will visit the Eco Museum, located at 21125 chemin Ste-Marie, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC. The activity will run from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, Check your emails for more information.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



The office will be closed Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving - Wishing everyone a wonderful long weekend!



Dreams Take Flight

Dreams Take Flight is the trip of a lifetime where children, along with Air Canada volunteers, enjoy a visit to Disney World in Florida for the day! There are strict requirements in order to be eligible for this trip therefore BBBSWI calls families individually. This year, the trip takes place on October 22nd and BBBSWI is sending 4 of our Littles!



UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

Yule Log Fundraiser

Our annual Yule log fundraiser will officially begin in November! These delicious cakes will be on sale online as of November 1st until the first week of December. The funds raised from this initiative go to support our Holiday baskets for our families in need. More details to come by email so stay tuned!



Big Bunch Program

To be determined. More details to come by email.

UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER

Holiday Party

Bigs and families alike are invited to the annual BBBSWI Christmas party! There will be activities, a free Christmas market, lots of food and of course Santa will be there to hand out gifts to all the kids! The party will take place on **Saturday, December 7th, 2024 2nd, from 1pm – 3pm in the Traffic Tech cafeteria.** To RSVP, please check your emails in November for the invitation.



Big Bunch Program

No Big Bunch activity this month but kids and volunteers are invited to the Holiday party! Activities resume in January 2025.

Office Closure for the Holidays

The BBBS office will be closed for the Holidays from Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 until Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

For any emergency during this time, please contact director Valentino Pietrantonio at 514-244-8115





IN REVIEW

JULY

Pierrefonds Canada Day Parade

BBBSWI staff, volunteers and Littles marched in the city of Pierrefonds' Canada Day parade, to promote the agency to the community.



IN REVIEW

AUGUST

BBBSWI School Supply Program

Our annual school supply drive took place at the end of August. This summer, we gave away 60 backpacks filled with supplies. Thank you to the employees of the following companies for their generosity: FedEx Ground Dorval, Homesense Fairview, Laurentide Controls, Old Navy Vaudreuil, Winners Fairview and Winners Kirkland.



Free Football and Concert Tickets

Thank you to the Montreal Alouettes, who offered BBBSWI tickets to 2 games. Also a big thanks to GFN Productions, for concert tickets to see a tribute to The Beatles!

Ribfest 2024

This year, the Montreal Ribfest was organized by the Strangers in the Night Foundation. BBBSWI is one of three recipients of the money raised from this event.

Ribfest took place August 16-18, 2024 at PCHS in Pierrefonds.



IN REVIEW

SEPTEMBER

Big Bunch Program

The September Big Bunch activity was apple picking and corn maze adventure at les Vergers Labonté. We had a tractor ride to and from the orchard. The event was very successful with a great turnout!





IN REVIEW SEPTEMBER

Free Ticket Giveaways

Thank you to Mr. Paul Antoniadis and the DD Humes Insurance agency for donating some wonderful hockey tickets and a pair of soccer tickets! We appreciate the continuous support for our matches and families.



Thank you also to Mr. Andy Ellison, of Mad Dog Pro Wrestling, for donating tickets to see some old school wrestling - what great performances from these guys; all to benefit the Starlight Foundation!



BIG Friends in the Community

BBBSWI was at the West Island Community Shares breakfast on September 13th to show our support. Thank you for bringing the community together!



Youth Volunteer Fair September 28th

On Saturday, September 28th, BBBSWI was present at the TQSOI Youth Volunteer Fair that took place at the Arthur Seguin Chalet in Pointe Claire. We were creating awareness of our agency and programs, while potentially recruiting youth to volunteer for our In-School Mentoring program.





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