



Annual Report

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Report from

Our President and Our Executive Director



It is always a great feeling when we are contacted by Bigs and Littles we matched decades ago. This past year was no exception, as we were graced with the company and stories of many matches that reconnected with us, including Chris and Maggie's match, who remained friends after 30 years. Check out their story in this report, and also on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada web site, under the Alumni tab. While you're at it, think about joining our Alumni to share your story and stay connected with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Log on to www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca to sign up today!



We have gained a new sense of who we are as we begin to view our agency through many more sets of eyes. Each and every day we are reminded that serving children through healthy mentoring relationships is what we do, and no matter what changes, this will remain constant. 2007 was an outstanding year for our agency in terms of embracing diversity and growth. The ethno-cultural families approaching us for service helped us broaden our mandate, and as an agency we have been and will continue to work together with partners to meet the growing demands.

We began 2007 with a great new sponsorship and friendship with ComFree Commission Free Realty as they sponsored the 26 week Mentoring Moments recruitment campaign.

Recruitment is our number one priority so for a campaign such as mentoring moments to come our way is priceless.

We cannot thank Erin and Travis Holowach of ComFree enough for the wonderful gift they have not only provided to us, but the gift that has been given to the children through the campaign's success in the recruitment of many wonderful new volunteers.

We are in the early stages of setting and implementing a new strategic plan/direction for the agency for 2008-2013. We were thrilled to work with Gary Stern for this process using an approach Gary has developed called: "What If? The Art of Scenario Thinking for non-Profits." In October we brought together all of our board and staff for a weekend to gain their insight and inputs surrounding the agency as it is, but more importantly where we are going. We expect to have the plan approved in 2008, and will share details with you by the summer of 2008.

Each and every year we embark on new journeys, and 2008 will be no exception. The new year holds much promise. None of this can be done without our friends and funders, and most importantly our volunteers. Thank you to our funders for the investment each and every one of you make, you are to be commended; to all who have made a donation, whether they be of time, money or material, please know you are helping children succeed. We look forward to working with you in 2008!

Sincerely,

Charollette Player
President

Liz O'Neill
Executive Director

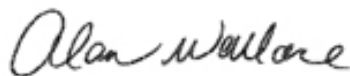
Satellite Updates

Battle River

The Battle River Big Brothers Big Sisters agency is continuing to grow and expand as we promote the In-School Mentoring and community based programs, as well as the high school mentoring program. In 2007 we had 35 active matches in the ISM program and 12 active matches in the community based program, with many of these matches celebrating their one year or longer anniversaries.

We experienced a transition in the latter part of 2007 when Amanda Mattis was hired in November for a one year maternity leave contract coveroff for Alison Stang. Amanda already had an established relationship with BBBSE, which ensured a smooth transition between caseworkers, and provided Amanda with a good base to continue to build the program.

We have plans to increase the children served by next year by trying to work the volunteer component into the leadership class or CALM class. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Battle River is excited about our specific goals and activities in the areas of marketing, volunteer recruitment, community partnerships, school partnerships and volunteer recognition. The goals are to create an awareness of BBBS, develop long lasting relationships with different partners, and recruit and retain volunteers. The future looks bright for mentoring in our community, and for many more children that will be matched with a mentor.



Al Wallace, *Chair of Advisory Committee*
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Battle River

Lac La Biche

Thanks to continued strong support from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area and Family and Community Support Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lac La Biche has seen significant positive growth and development in a number of areas in 2007 including three Big Brother Big Sister matches and 11 In-School Mentoring matches. Our goal for 2008 is nine matches in Big Brothers Big Sisters and 26 In-School Mentors.

We are proud to represent our agency in community events such as the Women's Wellness Retreat in Hylo. At every opportunity we are making our presence known by attending interagency meetings, speaking at Portage College, community groups and schools. We also host fundraising BBQ's and were very fortunate this year to work a Casino in Fort MacMurray in October.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lac La Biche are continuing to expand our annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Campaign. We added a Corporate Challenge Friday night, and all other community teams bowl Saturday. Since we started in 2005, we increased the amount of money raised every year; from \$11 000 last year, to a 2008 goal of \$15 000. This event has increased our funds as well as our profile in the community. The response to Bowl For Kids' Sake in Lac La Biche has been very positive and has demonstrated definite support with the public.

We look forward to continued success and growth in 2008.



Meghan Barnes, *Chair of the Advisory Committee*
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lac La Biche and Area.

Morinville

2007 has been a great year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area, Morinville Office. We were able to increase our caseworker's hours from a 0.2 FTE to a 0.4 FTE due to growth of the program. This year our goal is to serve 30 children in mentoring programs, and are confident we will reach that goal.

Thanks to the funding and strong partnership with Alliance Pipeline, we were able to expand our programs into more schools and therefore serve more kids in 2007 than ever before. By the fall we had expanded into Notre Dame Elementary and G.H. Primeau Junior High School. To date we are delighted to say that we are now serving 16 kids in Morinville and are excited to grow that number even higher. It is more than fair to say that we would not be able to serve the children we do without our dedicated volunteers from Morinville Community High School and adults from in and around our community.

Another great venture for us in 2007 was the expansion of our In-School Mentoring Program to Legal School - a Kindergarten to grade nine school. We will begin our first two matches in Legal in April of 2008 with a pilot project

where we will screen two grade eight students to be matched with two mentees in the same school. The expansion into Legal would have never been possible without the support of the community. We have received many donations, including over \$1,000 cash and books and games to create a mentoring room for our mentors and children to enjoy!

We built relationships this year through our participation in numerous activities in both Morinville and Legal. We were involved in everything from trade shows and summer fair events to the Victim Services/RCMP Golf Tournament and presentations to local organizations. We put a lot of attention and effort in developing and strengthening our relationship with the schools, and we did so by not only attending parent council meetings and school open houses, but also doing presentations at Morinville Community High School.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Morinville program will put more energy into marketing and volunteer recruitment in 2008, and know with the continued support of the communities we will be able to reach our goal of serving 30 kids. We are looking forward to an exciting and prosperous 2008!



Cathy Proulx
Chair of Advisory Committee
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morinville



Vegreville

“Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream closer.”

— Marcia Wieder

This past year has been a year of commitment and action. With each step, we get that much closer to our dream of expanding from the In-school Mentoring program and being able to offer a variety of programs to children in our community and surrounding area.

The community has provided us with great support, both financially and in-kind. We had great success at our first ‘Bail-a-thon’, raising over \$19,000.00. Our second ‘bail-a-thon’ is scheduled for May 9, 2008 and we are committed to be as successful as the first!

The Vegreville business community has been an incredible supporter of the local In-School Mentoring program. A huge thank you is extended in the Vegreville Chamber of Commerce, and to all the business members who chose YMCV, Big Brothers Big Sisters Vegreville program as the charity to support at this year’s Christmas Party. As a result we received a \$3700.00 donation. The Vegreville CIBC and Atco also each donated \$1000.00 towards this program. Also, a local business is supporting their staff by providing them with time off with pay to be part of our In-School Mentoring program. Currently we have 15 mentor and mentee matches and are striving to reach our goal of 30 matches by year end.

Our program could not run without the support of the Vegreville & District FCSS. FCSS provides in-kind services for space, phone, fax, internet, materials/supplies and staffing support. A debt of gratitude is owed to FCSS for their ongoing support.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge our Coordinator, Kyla Dolejsi. The Committee appreciates the enthusiasm, and dedication that Kyla approaches her work. It is a pleasure to work with Kyla.

A thank you is also extended to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area for their support and guidance not only to the program coordinator but also to committee members.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the YMCV Committee. Without all of your commitment that has led to action, we would not have had the success that we had experienced this past year. I have enjoyed working with each of you at committee meetings, fundraising or recruitment activities. It has been a very productive year, and look forward to building on this year’s success!



*Chair of Advisory Committee
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vegreville*



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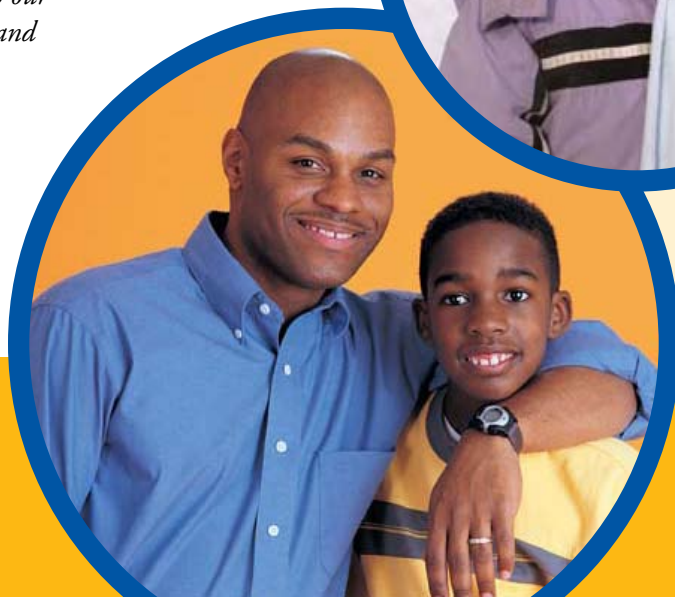
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Children & Families Served

January to December 2007

Agency-wide Volunteer Hours

	NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS	NUMBER OF HOURS
Board & Committee	45	2,250
Programs for Children & Families	1,879	195,416
Fund Development	83	740
Recruitment	71	472
Administrative Support	8	220
	TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	TOTAL HOURS
Total	2,079	199,098



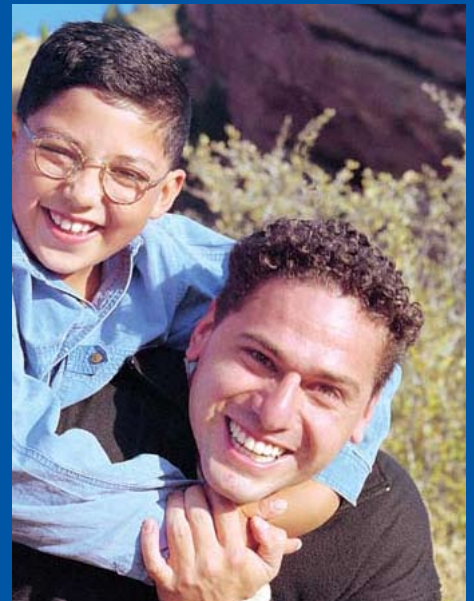
Member participation in other agency activities

ie. Christmas Party, Crafts, Summer Picnic, Right for Me, LifeChoices, etc.



Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters	648
In-School Mentors	1,051
Digital Heroes	116
TEAM	116
Club Connect	146
Youth In Care	33
Other ie. Roots & Wings, Family-Based Activities Group, Go Girls, Life Choices, etc	111
Partnership Programs	226
Total Children & Families Served in Matching Programs	2,447



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“What we accomplished in such a short time will impact the lives of so many people in the coming months and years. The kids were given

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We make every effort to ensure this list is accurate. If a name has been omitted or misspelled, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can correct our records. Thank you!

As our agency continues to ensure we comply with existing privacy legislation, we will confirm with our partners their willingness to be recognized.

** We recognize and thank those directly participating with us to deliver services to children and families, as well as those who give their time and/or in-kind gifts to make these services possible.*

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— Volunteer Benjamin Hyson on the HEROS program



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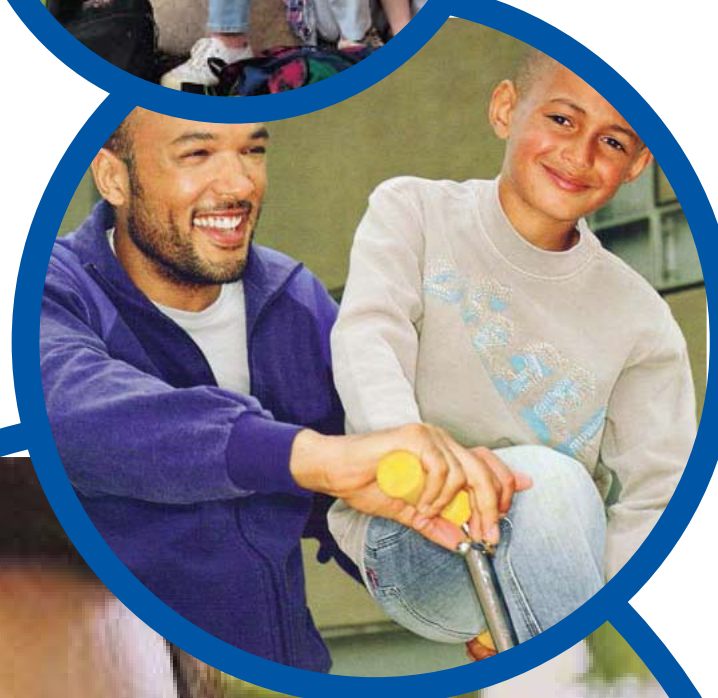
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— mother on her son's Big Brother

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30 Years Later and still going strong!

Chris' Story: My Big

I am the middle child of five children. We were all born within five years. My mom was 22 and my dad 25 with all of us. My parents were blue collar, hard working people. My mom stayed home with us until my youngest brother started school, then she also worked outside the home. We were never neglected, starved, or beaten. There were tough times but my parents always did the best they could. Always

putting our needs first. They sacrificed everyday for us. We had a safe home and neighbourhood to grow up in and always lots of extended family around so boring was not part of our vocabulary. There are many reasons why kids need a Big. My mom realized I needed someone who was just for me. I was a very shy child, to say the least. I was often alone, hiding in corners, or in my room, even as a teenager. The fact is, I had a hard time being around

people and making friends. By the time I was 15, my mother was very worried about me. I remember clearly the afternoon she told me about contacting Big Sisters. She called me into her bedroom and proceeded to tell me about her concerns and about what she had done. I was horrified. I was a very skinny teenager, with braces and only two friends, who were also “outcasts”. I had a beautiful older, athletic, popular sister, two younger rebellious brothers, and another sister who was mentally handicapped and attended the same high school as myself. I was constantly harassed for these things. Now my mom was getting me a Big Sister. My exact words to her were “as if I’m not freaky enough!” What I didn’t know then was that my mom had done the most wonderful thing for me that day. I was not long in the program when I was matched with Margaret Wood. I call her Maggie. She was more amazing than the sports car she drove. There was nearly an instant bond for us that remains strong to this day. She is truly someone I highly respect and love like my own blood family. She and I have been through so much together and apart. Dating, marriages, births, deaths, divorce, raising teenagers. Even now, 30 years later, I can call her up and talk about anything. We see each other whenever I can get home from Montana. Distance and time has never come between us. I will be forever grateful, to my mother, for loving me so much and recognizing a need I had. To Maggie, for being an

amazing friend, sister, and influence in my life, for always believing in me. And to Big Sisters/Brothers, for seeing the need for kids of all ages to be loved and mentored by individuals who have so much to give. Like my Maggie.

Maggie’s Story: My Little

When Chris and I decided together to write our story for sharing on the BBBS Alumni website, Chris agreed to write her contribution first, then I was to add to it. Chris immediately put the story of our more than 30 year relationship into words so very well! On reading what Chris had written, my thoughts were first that I was (once again!) incredibly proud of what she had accomplished and second that she really had “said it all” ... with great insight and caring ... what more could I say? I decided there was only one more important thing I needed to add ... something for which I will be forever grateful:

To Chris, for being an amazing friend, sister and influence in my life, for always believing in me.

Yes, I am using the exact words for expressing my gratitude

to my “Little” Chris as she wrote for me as her “Big” ... to illustrate what developed as the wonderful equality of our “Big/Little” relationship. You see, being Chris’ “Big” was (and still is) as much of a positive growing experience for me as the experience Chris describes for her being my “Little”. Chris’ favourite motto is “Live, Laugh, Love” ... to me, Chris is the personification of that motto! She has demonstrated for me over the many years of our friendship an indomitable spirit of determination to face whatever life brings with an incredible ability to be open to the humour and joy of life experience and an unending capacity to love her circle of family and friends, of which I am truly honoured to be a part. Chris, thank you for all the irreplaceable life lessons!

Your Maggie.



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Deborah Landry	Kerry Bigelow	Michelle Lacher	Nada Taliani
Autumn Lapointe	Levi Binnema	Christine Lacon	Winslow Tang
Sara Leo	Jeri Binnie	Sarah Lacoste	Angela Telford
Kelvin Leung	Joe Bosch	Tracy Lam	Bethany (Beth) Thomson
Wing Li	Martin Brose	Andrew Lawman	Krstien Twin
Scott Lucyk	Amanda Buyar	Antoinette Leyton	Shawnesse Van Sloten

“During the conversation that night there was never a dull moment and there was a sense of brotherhood

Julie Van Zwoell	Kendal Gummer	Lanae Speidel	Colleen Herle
Andrea Vanderhoek	Catherine Hammons	Julie Stirling	Amanda Herringshaw
Leah Vandervinne	Darcy Harpe-Lesperance	Noel Stowe	Samantha Hinter
Lindsay Veres	Gregory Heck	Lee Symon	Anna Hopkins
Amy Versluys	Lindsay Henderson	Erin Taggart	Alyssa Huebl
Justin Wevers	Gregg Holowaychuk	Betty Tam	Gertrude Hutchinson
Justin Wheler	Herve Kabanda	Jenna Taylor	Cynthia Jalbert
John Whitmore	Amanda Kates	Kaitlin Telke	Barbara Kaufmann
Shauna Wilkinson	Lauren Kossowan	Wesley Tovell	Jacqui Labelle
Sarah Willey	Arlene Kushniryk	Dawn Tran	Olle Lagerquist
Tannis Williams	Jenny Kwong	Lorraine Vetsch	Marlee Lameris
Diana Williamson	Anita Lau	Trina Vinet	Sherri Lawlor
Jessilynn Wong	Lillian Lim	Karen Waller	Michelle Lazoruk
Ka Fung Yung	E. Beth Maceachern	Beth Whalley	Mandy Lewis
Lori Vigfusson	Brianne Madu	Kevin Wiens	Allen Lockwood
Alison Campbell	Cecilia Mah	Devin Wilken	Nikki Long
Marti Lysek-Behiels	Jennifer Marszalski	Shannon Williams	Danielle Lowe
Dana Pollon	Kristy Martin	Tamara Wilm	Roland Lussier
Jason Agustin	Trent Mcdowell	Carlie Winter	Ashish Mahajan
Jennifer Andrews	Kelly Mergaert	Selina Wong	Breana Mcculloch
Shannon Baert	Ayesha Mian	Terence Wong	Laura McGill
Amber Bailey	Ronny Moc	Danielle Zaifdeen	Michael Mcphee
Elaine Beltaos	Kavita Mohan	Aspen Zettel	Elizabeth Milanovich
Tanna Bender	Saranya Moodliar	Alison Zhang	Naveenjot Minhas
Mark Biollo-Ramos	Jameel Nathoo	Nimbe Abrego	Shelby Mitchell
Fentisha Boswell	Krista O'regan	Karen Ashby	Tobey Morris
Katherine (Kathy) Boulton	Patrick Pang	Mark Ashton	Cayla Nevison
Sukhpal Brar	Lianne Papp	Shauna Baillie	Amanda Nhan
Carin Broome	Marija Pavkovic	Sylvia Beaulieu	Josh Nobleman
Lorna Brown	Pauline Perreault	Ted Bentley	Natasha Normington
Kailey Cannon	Andrea Perrotta	Mathieu Bergeron	Carmen Norris
Manik Chahal	Lori Petersen	Carolina Brose	Kim Peacock
Christine Chan	Tamira Pillay	Lorna Brown	Lynn Penrod
Heidi Chau	Katrina Ponich	Krysta Bruynson	Sonia Piccinin (Boulay)
Jacqueline Chow	Kris Poole	Leah Campbell	Jeremy Ramsden
Paulina Chow	Kristopher Porlier	Angelina Cho	Randy Reichardt
Rene Cloutier	Nicole Priest	Crystal Chudley	Florence Reid
Megan Cooper	Ravi Ramharak	Darryl Clark	Christine Reiswig
Jillian Cummings	Cheryl Randen	Kathy Clegg	Sandy Robertson
Lynn Dafoe	Christine Reiswig	Wendy Croft	Sarah Rounds
Raj Dhunna	Liz Richards Covey	Cheryl Daisley	Haibo Ruan
Sean Duncan	Stephanie Robinson	Sabreena Dhaliwal	Stephan Sabourin
Pamela Ehrler	Wallis Rudnick	Muhammed Dhalla	Elizabeth Satra
Cara Ellis	Indy Sagoo	Chris Dunbar	Leroy Schulz
Koryn Ens	Medica Sam	Beth Fehr	Laura Schumacher
Corrine Ganske	Michael Samycia	Carmen Fong	Verity Scott
Glenna Gardiner	Renee Short	Lisa Fox	Ravinder Sidhu
Cindy Glubish	Donald Simonar	Kate (Katherine) Halverson	Jeff Sims
Curt Granewall	Simone Sohn	Shawn Halvorson	Laura Sinclair
Kassia Grewal	Shelyn Somani	Megan Haynes	Holly Stack-Cutler

that extended far beyond a mentoring program."

— from a profile on Big Brother Todd and Little Brother Julian

Kathy Taylor	Ben Deacon	Nola Wilcox	Brian Edward Spigott
Beverlee Unger	Heather Diduch	Helena Zakrzewski	Lyndsay Sprado
Carla Watters	Linda Diebert	Tommy Acosta	Tannis Stone
Allison Webb	Cody Erhardt	Erin Bateman	Jasmin Sumcad
Donna Wilkie	Kristopher Fortner	Scott Berkholtz	Nicole Tupechka
Kristin (Krissi) Wiltshire	Kimberly Frost-Hunt	Robin Braconnier	Dorothee Van Dijk
Tammy Zimmer	Dianne Gillespie	Lauren Brookes	Nichole Vestby
Joleen Ludwig	Anna Glover	Jane Cherry-Lemire	Melissa Walline
Glen Christensen	Zoe Greer-De Kimpe	Amy Ching	Elizabeth Weninger
Nathan Gibeau	Mona Gross	Sara Clark	Beverly Cracknell
Carla Kavinta	Karen Hagan	Heather Craigdallie	Mecca Fayad
Natasha Richards	Sabrina Hak	Alysha Cyre	Christine Giurissevich
Patricia Siemens	Leeor Handman	Melissa Faucher	Etdal Hennawi-Abougouche
Karl Werner	Jessica Harding	Bryan Fenton	Cassandra House
Robert Belland	John Henker	Nicole Finseth	Jamie Koerner
Carol Berger	Lori Kostashuk	Jessica Forgeron	Brent Magneson
Amanda Boyd	Calvina Lao	Charlotte Galenza	David Moseley
Brad Bussche	Irene Lapierre	Kaitlyn Ganser	Kim Nowicki
Edna Chan	Rebecca Leenhouts	Krista Hanoski	Cheyenne Olson
Christina Dauphinee	Yvonne Macrae	Carla Hayday	Ramona Slade
Razel Fernandez	Alexander Mason	Amanda Howard	Alexander Smith
Kelly Howell	Leigh Mast	Francois Hugo	Norman Stevens
Michelle Joljart	Laura Matemisz	Kailyn Jones	Victor Toutant
Brennan Nicoll	Anthony Mcclellan	Miranda Kennedy	Sarah Tredger
Lana Nordlund	Barret Mckay	Anna Kuntz	Angella Watkins
Bryce Readman	Aislinn O'flynn	Amanda Kuttnick-Dyer	Wardene Whitford
Angela Skoreiko	Kandice Orr	Lynn Kuzbik	Jaclyn Wilkie
Nicole Smith	Tim Osborne	Renee Labrecque	Terry Zitnak
Shelley Smith	Leah Pacaoan	Gillian Lemon	Beverly Abbott
Deanna Sullivan	Sheilah Pittman	Marilyn Lysons	Adrienne Acton
Tyler Wry	Brett Potyondi	Meghan Macmillan	Elaine Andrews
Joan Wyatt	Heather Purcell	Melissa Mcdermott	Corey Andrichuk
Lisa Brunelle	Christine Reis	Annette Mctavish	Colin Andrichuk
Barbara Colvin	Esther Rosich	Kristen Morrison	Lenny Andrichuk
Anna Dinstel	Tehya Ross	Kim Mortreuil	Trista Armstrong
Teri Pitura-Lai	Neysa Rustemeier	Desiree Muller	Chris Arsenault
Allison Akgungor	Gail Sarkany-Coles	Jennifer Murray	Wendy Aujla
Chantelle Alza	Sheldon Schmidt	Melissa Nelson	Shannon Bannerman
Ashley Belbeck	Joanne Sevigny	Jenny Nordstrom	Taylor Barton
Stan Beranek	Amber Sneddon	Leslie Odland	Lauralynn Baxter
Melba Blackwell	Trina Turner	Eunice Parent	Medky Beaudin
Samandeep (Sami) Brar	Jessica Wallace	Nadine Pethick	Jacquie Bezuidenhout
Stephanie Brisebois	Sonia Donaldson	Sarah Poole	Jesse Binning
Dianna Campre	Skyler Hardwick	Adam Reid	Megan Bishop
Justine Carvalho	Jarret Hrappestad	Dahlene Rosland	Anna Branch
Audrey Chykerda	Connie Kelley	Catherine Rubanga	Ryan Bruglemans
Elizabeth Clark	Brandon Nichols	Leigha Schielke	Michelle Buchanan
Kimberley Cosman	Mohammed Osman	Donna Smith	Jolene Burke
Patricia Cox	Jane (Helen) Smith	Gretchen Snyman	Brock Comartin
Alanna Dacyk	Jennifer Tkachuk-Tremblay	Katarina Sobchak	Jocelyn Corrales

Terry Courtney	Everton Lewis-Mcdougall	Ben Volorney	Debbie Springer
Iesha Ann Courtney	Jordan Linklater	Laura Vriend	Donna Williams
Donita Couto	Lauren Locicero	Juliana Wafula	Jennifer Yuckim
Shelley Cowan	David London	Cindy Wai	Joyce Ziegler
Tawnya Crerar	David Luth	Monica Walker	Yvonne Ferguson (Merwin)
Dee Currie	Cindy Ma	Joanne Watt	Elianne Collins
Christy Davidson	Candice Macbride	Ryan Wells	Stéphanie Jessica Daigle
Tarra Davies	Miriam Mahaffy	Talia West	Camille Dorey
Ken Demontigny	Douglas Martin	Lian Willetts	Nasteho Douksieh
Heather Deunk	Cindy Mason	Maria Wilson	Alisha Duret
Angela Dickson	Daniel Mazerolle	Dinesh Witharana	Ousmane Gueye
Hai Doan	Travis Mcclelland	Robert John Wojciechowski	Etienne Hache
Nycol Dorval	Fraser Mcintyre	Alexander Yiu	Abdirahman Hadi
Cherie Duncan	Marina Medina	Tyler Zutz	Azzedine Abdoulaye Issa
Andrea Durocher	Mark Milner	Sarah (Maureen) Balchen	Marie Claudette Kantengwa
Sophie Dvorzsak	Marie Moes	John Haramule	Phia Lacombe
Deanna Dykstra	Cory Nicolai	Claudia Magalhaes	Marie-Anna Lafrance
Caitlin Earle	Bryan Noble	Tanya Manion	Angele Lamontagne
Brett Earley	Merete Oestenby	Rachel Muir	Alexandra Leclerc
Angela Ferguson	Leanne Painter	Melanie Sunderland	Simon Lefebvre
Erin Francey	Shannon Pennifold	Samantha- Anne Scalzo	Ann-Marie Lussier
Emily Frewin	Kiera Peyton	Marissa Bacon	Annette Mireau
Shaughnessy Fulawka	Jennifer Pockrant	Staci Champagne	Nancy Moke
Kristine Gable	Jaimie Porterfield	Cassandra Deatrich	Whitney (Amanda) Munce
Rosellina Giardino	Christian Prophete	Kaytlyne Dewald	Emilie-Anne Neeland
Jeff Gill	Brad Quartel	Shellie Dowhan	Joseph Olenga
Angela Guest	Sean Rayner	Stephanie Dubord	Haboon (Habone) Osman-Hachi
Jennifer Guild	Erika Rebus	Mike Esson	
Prashanthan Gunasingam	Darci Robinson	Suzanne Hayes	Melanie Pelletier
Leslie Hastman	Sarah-Jane Rudiger	Kimberly Kieser	Jennifer Sannes
Lori Hazen	Arno Schewe	Jacqueline Kilbourn	Kamal Touisse
Leanne Heck	David Schneider	Kasandra Mainville	Lucie Wallace
Sara Heinrich	Harry Schoepp	Chelsea Markowski	Mary Scott
Quoc Hoang	Jenny Schroeder	Jessica Pelletier	Stephane Bussiere
Jocelyn Howery	Neil Siemens	Carmen Pon	
Benjamin Hyson	Lance Simonin	Ashley St. Laurent	
Heather Irvine	Anna-Kristen Siy	Amanda Trimble	
Nidaa Jomha	Roseanne Stang-Tarrabain	Kelly Vansevenandt	
Paula Jusza	Peter Steblyk	Jarid Wulff	
Suzanna Kaiser	Jonathan Stringer	Kyle Bodnarchuk	
Shauna Kalynuk	Jonathan Tan	Jenni Britton	
Heidi Kemp	Shauna Theroux	Stephanie Chartrand	
Elizabeth Kim	Renee Thomson	Janice Colobong	
Jared Kope	Samantha Thyer	Adam Cook	
Bryce Koperski	Cindy Tomnuk	Kay Heberling	
Carissa Kratchmer	Marieke Vandenberg	Amber Macleod	
Judith (Judy) Lefurgey	Brianna Vanderveen	Colette Miller	
Bill Lefurgey	Robert Vaughan	Ashley Miller	
Nicolette (Nikki) Leonardis	Alysha Visscher	Connie Lynn Post	
Chris Lewis	Joshua Visser	Carole Smylie	

We try really hard to make sure this list is accurate. If your name has been omitted or misspelled, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can correct our records. Thank you.

As our agency continues to ensure we comply with existing privacy legislation, we will confirm with our partners their willingness to be recognized.

“I actually feel like she is family.”

— Little Brother Carlos on his Big Sister Carol

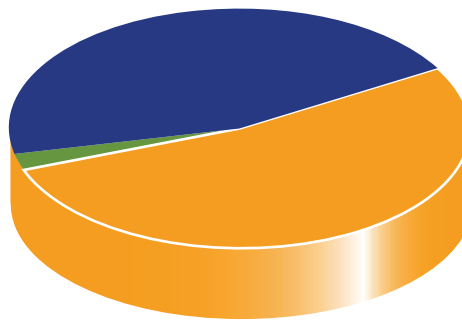
Financial Synopsis

Year ended December 31, 2007

The following financial synopses has been summarized from the annual financial statements. The complete financial statements and Auditors' Report are available at the offices of Big Brothers Big Sisters Society of Edmonton & Area, 10135 - 89 Street, Edmonton, AB T5H 1P6.

- Grants represent 45% of the overall income including FCSS, United Way, Edmonton & Area Child and Family Services Region 6, Edmonton Community Foundation, Advanced Education
- Fundraising represents 53% of overall income including Dream Home and Private Donations
- Interest represents 2% of overall income

Revenue \$3,601,637

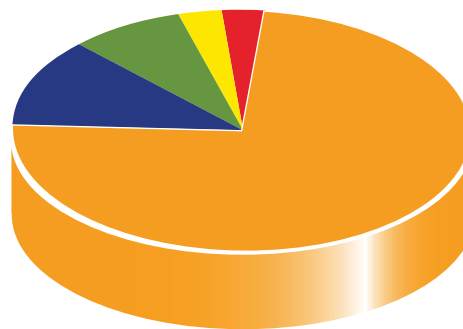


- Fundraising / Donations
53% or \$1,915,295
- Grants
45% or \$1,614,673
- Other
2% or \$71,669

Expenses: \$3,099,710 plus:

Increase in Capital Asset Fund:	\$164,521
Increase in Program Development Fund:	\$53,058
Transfer to Operating & Sustainability Fund:	\$283,283
Increase in Scholarship Fund:	\$1,065
Total:	\$3,601,637

Expenses \$3,601,637



- Direct Services to Children & Youth
74% or \$2,320,761
 - Administration Including Amortization
12% or \$367,600
 - Recruitment of Volunteers & Recognition
8% or \$237,694
 - Governance / Education / Evaluation
3% \$82,838
 - Fund Development
3% or \$90,817
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- Total: \$3,099,710

Mentoring Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Mentors share 2 to 4 hours a week with a child or youth. The Big/Little do things they both enjoy, like walk the dog, play catch, make crafts or cookies, ride bikes or just hang out together.

In-School Mentors

- Mentors share one hour a week for one year matched with an elementary school student, reading, keeping a journal, playing board games and just getting to know each other. All activities occur at the student's school.

Partners for Kids

- The United Way's Partners for Kids program is a collaboration of agencies that create resilient children and families by providing them support under one roof – their school. This is done through mentorship programs, literacy assistance, family support programs, the hot lunch program and the support of the local community.

Group Programs

- A range of group programs are offered including TEAM, Club Connect, Youth in Care, Inner-City Groups and more. Group programs match several volunteers with a number of children and youth in communities throughout the City.

Franco-Immigrant Youth Project

- Youth and parents from refugee Francophone communities are matched with mentors for tutoring, recreational and social activities.

Digital Heroes

- Mentors are matched with a student and exchange emails (via a secure monitored website) once or twice a week. It's like being an electronic pen-pal.

Group Activities

- Monthly group activities for kids and their mentors/parents/guardians.
- Bowling, archery, crafts, canoeing, skiing, fishing, annual picnic and Christmas party.
- Life Choices and Right for Me.
- Crafts nights are also held throughout the year.



