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little magic



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Edmonton & Area

**Celebrate  
Canada's  
142<sup>nd</sup>  
Birthday  
with Edmonton!**



# Relate

Summer 2009



# Summer Picnic!

**All kids matched  
or waiting to be  
matched, families  
and volunteers  
are welcome!**

**Friday, July 3, 6:30 – 9:30pm, The Valley Zoo  
13315 Buena Vista Road (87th Ave.)**

**Bus leaves Alex Taylor School 9321 Jasper Ave. 6pm and returns 9:30pm.  
Please confirm if you are planning to take the bus when you RSVP.**

**RSVP to Karen Sauve at [k.sauve@bbbsedmonton.org](mailto:k.sauve@bbbsedmonton.org)  
or leave a voicemail in our general mailbox 780.424-8181**

Come join us for our annual summer picnic. This year we have **EXCLUSIVE** use of the Valley Zoo and **UNLIMITED** use of the Electric Train, Merry-Go-Round and Paddle Boats. Get your chance to meet all of the friendly animals from the Children's Petting Zoo and enjoy some delicious BBQ treats, **DONATED** by Darcy Hans and Riverbend M & M Meats so be sure to sign up and RSVP! There will also be prizes and much more. We hope to see you there!

## **Borden Park**

**Time:** 1pm – 5pm (hot dogs served from 2pm – 4pm while quantities last)

**Location:** Borden Park 112 Ave. & 73 St.

**Activities:** opening remarks and greetings from dignitaries, free swimming, face painting and children's games, free hot dog, beverage & birthday cake

**Hosted by:** Peter Sandhu, MLA Edmonton, Manning & Tony Caterina, City Councillor Ward 3

## **Silly Summer Parade**

**Time:** 12pm – 2pm

**Location:** The parade starts at Queen Alex School (7730-106 St.) goes east on 78 Avenue to 104 St., North to Whyte Ave., west on Whyte Ave. to 108 St. and back to Queen Alex School.

**Activities:** After the parade there will be activities for families hosted at Queen Alex School to celebrate Canada's birthday.

## **Louise McKinney Riverfront Park**

**Time:** 2pm – 9pm

**Location:** Louise McKinney Riverfront Park

**Activities:** live entertainment, crafts and fun family activities

## **Great Divide Waterfall**

**Time:** 9pm – 11pm

**Location:** From High Level Bridge

## **Millwoods Park**

**Time:** 4pm – 11pm

**Location:** Millwoods Park 66 St. and 23 Ave.

**Activities:** Canada Day activities during the evening and a fantastic fireworks display at 11pm

## **Canada Day Fireworks Finale**

**Time:** 11pm

**Location:** The Kinsmen Park Launch Site

For more information about any of the activities listed visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) or call **780.496.8200**.



## Letter from Liz *Summer at Last!*

The long days of summer are almost here. After nine months in a row with snow fall, we're all ready for some heat, and a

change of pace in the summer. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we're gearing up for an unforgettable summer this year. Thanks to new funding from the Federal Government, and several other grants, we're able to support more programs to immigrant children this summer than ever before, and partner with agencies in the community to make it all happen. Kids will be playing soccer, learning English and improving their literacy, making new friends, building relationships with mentors, and feeling welcomed to Canada and their community more than ever this year! If you have a few hours to help in July or August, please read the details about summer programming in this newsletter, and call Amber Lee 780.836.8565, our new summer coordinator if you have any questions.

We're excited to offer a new venue for the picnic this year. After we received your feedback and the great success of the new format Christmas parties in December, we've decided to host the picnic at the Zoo this year on July 3. We have exclusive use of the whole zoo for three hours, and all children, youth, families, matched or waiting to be matched, and volunteers can enjoy snacks, visit the animals, ride the train, merry-go-round and enjoy an evening meeting other children, volunteers and staff involved in our programs.

It's hard to find the words to thank those involved in planning and hosting the surprise party held for me on May 4 to celebrate my 30th anniversary as the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton. I was completely surprised and overwhelmed at your kind words and sentiments, and presence at the celebration. The journey in the first thirty years has been so special, marked by the thousands of children's lives that have been impacted by their mentors. I still remember the matches I worked with in my first years, when there were only 1 1/2 staff working at Big Sisters, and I look forward to meeting many more of you as we continue together on this path. Thanks again to our Board, Staff and Volunteers, especially Penny Dietz, who coordinated the celebration, and worked tirelessly to make the event a night I'll never forget!

Sincerely,

Liz O'Neill  
Executive Director.

## CIBC Youth Vision Scholarship Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area is very proud to be celebrating its 10th year in partnership with the CIBC Youth Vision Scholarship Program and the YMCA. We have been very fortunate to have been awarded 30 scholarships to youth involved in our programs over the past ten years. As well they receive paid internships at the YMCA during their summers. This scholarship is worth \$36,000! We were awarded two scholarships this year to Darcy C and Sean M! Great job guys!

We are very proud of all of these individuals and are looking forward to celebrating their successes and the 10th year anniversary with a dinner on June 11, 2009 at Big Brother Big Sister House. A special thank you to all those who have made these opportunities possible.

### Previous Scholarship Recipients

Sara B	Mary Ann C	Richard S
Bria S	Kristena O	Tamara F
Amanda H	Tasha H	Danisha B
Ashley B	Jennifer C	Ian M
Vanessa M	Rachelle B	Priya G
Nathan W H	Morning Dove M	James T
Cameo C	Zafira B	Kristina M
Chenelle M	Morgan K	Allan C
Kaylita H	Aiyana N	

## Happy 30th Anniversary Liz O'Neill

Executive Director, Liz O'Neill celebrated 30 years of being part of Big Brothers Big Sisters this year.

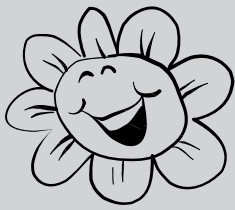
Thank you to MLA Honourable Ray Danyluk, MaryAnne Jablonski, Mayor Stephen Mandel and the many friends, volunteers, children and staff who helped to make the celebration memorable.

Thousands of children in Edmonton & area have a brighter future because of the mentoring they have received. Liz, your leadership and commitment to children in this community is outstanding.



Above: Mayor Stephen Mandel recognizes Liz for 30 years of service. Right: Picture presented to Liz from Miramichi, BBBS and B&G Club.





## A Tribute to Liz O'Neill

Thirty years of passionate drive,  
Keeping the hopes of children alive.  
Nourishing, leading and working for all,  
Always at ready; always on call.

Three a.m. emails, meetings all day  
Building the agency,  
more work than play.  
Making connections-fostering dreams,  
We can't help but prosper  
with Liz on our team.

How perplexing it is  
When you ask about Liz  
Three decades you say...there is no way!  
Her expertise suggests fifty.

Her energy says twenty.  
Given her compassion, we must know  
That Liz is an odd soul  
With a passion to help all  
And a love of others that is her call.

Liz, I have not known you long but  
No doubt our friendship will be strong.

Thanks for welcoming me  
so fondly into the fold,  
Your warmth and hospitality are  
something to behold!

We celebrate, admire and  
acknowledge your fire,  
For from coast to coast  
it is Liz we admire.

Throughout the metro group  
a familiar jingle,  
"I don't know, but we'll give Liz a dingle"

Where will we be in  
thirty years from today?  
Sharing our stories no doubt,  
amidst all the fray

Innovation, ideas, program  
development and more  
The children, their needs, always at fore.  
Here's to you Liz, our mentor to the end,  
Leader, change agent, but more  
importantly, our friend.

*Your true friends,  
Executive Directors across the miles,  
the metro Agency Group*

# Kamau Peterson partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is very excited to announce a new partnership with the Edmonton Eskimos and Kamau Peterson!

Born in Los Angeles, California this Edmonton Eskimo receiver is in his 3rd year of being an Eskimo. Last season, Kamau led all Eskimo receivers with 101 receptions for 1,317 yards and four touchdowns in 18 games. Despite his busy football schedule, Kamau still finds time to be a Big Brother and help contribute to the Big Brother Big Sister team with other special involvement as well.

"I wanted to be involved with BBBS because I understand the platform that I've been afforded and the impact that I can have on a young life. Through time spent teaching I've learned that sometimes the right word, or guided attention at the right time can truly steer a child onto the right path, and that to me is something that is very easy to subscribe to."

Some of the much appreciated commitments Kamau has made with us so far range from;

- Press conference announcing his partnership with BBBS and accepting the role of Honorary Chair
- PSA commercial about the role of mentoring
- Autograph signing and Nintendo Wii challenge a BBBS Radio Remotes for BBBS Dream Home fundraiser
- Meet with a group of Bigs and Littles to tour the locker room and Commonwealth stadium.
- Participate in our annual Golf Tournament August 27th

When asked what advice he would give to others like himself or anyone considering becoming a Big Brother Big Sister, Kamau responded, "To others like myself or even those on the fence about mentoring, I would say that there is nothing more important in life



than touching the lives of others. An opportunity sits before you in which with very minimal effort on your part, you could literally transform the life of a young person, or give an otherwise misguided child some light. If there is a more worthy cause than that in today's society, I've yet to find it."

Kamau is also the founder of "Playmaker U" which is a football camp to be run in the summer. In an effort to provide the youth football market in Alberta with the best possible drill, instruction, technique and scheme coaching outside of their respective league and school teams – Playmaker U offers the chance to learn from the very best players that Canada has to offer. The camp offers the instruction of some of the finest in the field of football to instruct your kids on how to be successful both on the field and in life. For more information please visit [www.playmakeru.ca](http://www.playmakeru.ca)

On Behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters we would like to thank you Kamau for all of your hard work and continued involvement with our programs. Its because of great volunteers like yourself we are able to make a difference in so many lives.

# A 'Big' Thank You!



Phillip Peters recovering after the marathon.

## Edmonton Police Half Marathon

Thanks to the **30 plus volunteers** that braved the snow and cold on April 26, 2009 for the **1st Annual Edmonton Police Half Marathon** making the event a huge success. Congratulations to **Phillip Peters** who serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters board of Directors who finished the Half Marathon.

Big Brothers Big Sisters will receive over \$6,000 from the event this year. Thanks go out to **Constable Lisa Simonson**, the **Edmonton Police Foundation** and the **race organizing committee**.

Many thanks to the **65 volunteers** that helped at the **Raise a Reader Book Drop & Book Sale** March 22 & 29 and April 16-19. Big Brothers Big Sisters will be the recipient of \$8,000- \$10,000 from the Raise a Reader program this year. Thank you **CanWest** for including us in this great literacy fundraising campaign.

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to **Snow Valley** for providing the ski instruction, rental equipment, lift tickets, and lunch to groups from Ben Calf Robe Elementary and St. Clare Junior High School as well as Abbott Elementary School. Snow Valley has been extremely generous in providing children the opportunity to learn a new sport.

A special thank you to **IBM Canada Ltd. Employees' Charitable Fund** for their donation. We greatly appreciate IBM's continued support!

Thank you to Safeway Canada for donating funds for the Hockey HEROS conference lunch.

**Shawn Horcoff** and the **Edmonton Oilers** for donating tickets for children to enjoy a game.

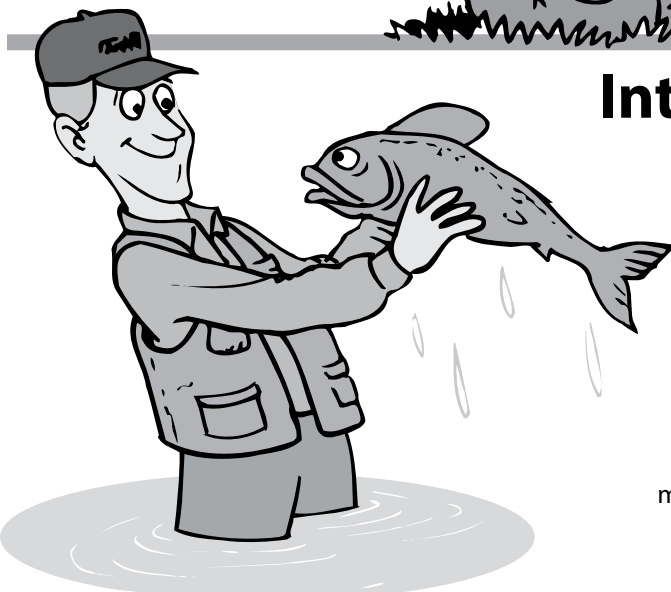
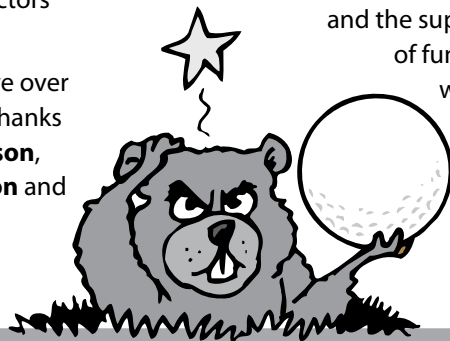
A HUGE thank you to the **Keg Spirit Foundation** and the **Strathcona, West Edmonton, South Edmonton Common** and **Skyview restaurants** for selecting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area as their "charity of choice."

## Calling all Bigs and Littles!

Join us at the **Big Brothers Big Sisters 8th Annual Golf Tournament, August 27** at **Cougar Creek Golf Resort!** There are many volunteer opportunities available, and the support of our matches is welcomed. Come on out for a day of fun in the sun with your brother or sister! There's no better way to help support the kids in our community. For more information, or to register as a volunteer, please contact:

**Kathy Herder: 780-424-8181 ext. 234**  
**k.herder@bbbsedmonton.org**

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Interested in a little fishing this summer?

We know we are! There will be a Fishing Camp held this summer from July 9-12 at Elinor Lake. Registration is on a first come first serve basis so you better hurry up!

Send an email [k.emmerzael@bbbsedmonton.org](mailto:k.emmerzael@bbbsedmonton.org) with the name, and contact info of BOTH the big and little along with the size of hoodie for the little. It's going to be a great adventure with lots of free stuff like meals, lodging, fishing rods & reels, hoodies and much more! Transportation will not be provided to or from Elinor Lake.

Two Lucky kids will win a movie pass, good for admission — any movie, anytime. Colour the picture and send it to us at 10135 – 89 Street, Edmonton, T5H 1P6.

Or, pass it on to your caseworker who will get it to us at Big Brothers Big Sisters House. The colouring contest is

Done by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

open to any matched or wait list child or youth in any of our programs. **Entry deadline is July 15, 2009.**

**Congratulations to entries selected from the last colouring contest.** Your movie pass is on its way to you! Just a note to all our entries, to make sure that the selection is completely unbiased, the names of the entries are covered when the judges make their choices.



# Colouring Contest

# April, May, June, July, August, September 2009

## Years Matched

### Mentee

Jessica S  
Ariel A  
Dustin P  
Breanna S  
Danica B  
Austin S  
Sara K  
Joey S  
Chantal B  
Adam G  
Sheena D  
Colby C  
Cheyenne M  
Alexis H  
Jessica K  
Levi J  
Faith M  
Kaycie P  
Bradley E  
Katrina J  
Justine P  
Olivia D  
Cindy T  
Willem V  
Hanna S  
Bill T  
Jacqueline S  
Devan M  
Delilah C  
Shamaeya J  
Kristen O  
Shridhar P  
Kyla K  
Russell D  
Maggie M  
Shy-Ann P  
Eric R  
Idel I  
Idel I  
Brittney K  
Kayla S  
Julia E  
Jayme R  
Jennifer D  
Nicholas S  
Jessica M  
Meghan H  
Brittany T  
Tristan F  
Laura R  
Miranda S  
Malcolm W  
Jacob H  
Cassandra S  
Sarah J  
Destiny K  
Lila M  
Scott T  
Austin D  
Storm M  
Shindawin I  
Ashly H  
Miriam Z  
Trey M  
Fanueal W  
Autumn S

## 7

### Mentor

Christine M  
Jenny K  
Aaron D  
Jenny N  
Carla H  
Daniel C  
Tanya M  
Trevor M  
Angele M  
Beth D  
Sarah B  
Indy S  
Tracy C  
Stacie C  
Valerie M  
Balir T  
Jordan P  
Danielle L  
Shaun R  
Rebecca H  
Patricia D  
Lisa L  
Kacey K  
Andrew M  
Chantelle B  
Henry N  
Valerie W  
Kevin K  
Bernadine M  
Lisa P  
Bryanna Z  
Edward K  
Melissa H  
Matthew P  
Yvonne C  
Michelle D  
Karee L  
Ladan O  
Ladan O  
Melissa H  
Lasina I  
Kaelynn W  
Jill E  
Angie N  
Ian M  
Candace B  
Daina B  
Thesi M  
Brent V  
Bobbi Jo R  
Jaimie I  
Jennifer C  
Robbie H  
Nicole S  
Jesleen A  
Tara E  
Valerie S  
Landon S  
Derek S  
Earl (Mario) S  
Sheila R  
Alissa O  
Jena G  
Peter W  
Michael M  
Laura M

Tyree M  
Dustin U  
Nicholas S  
Jefferie D  
Kendilynn B  
Jordan T  
Rj S  
Ryan W  
Justice C  
Caitlyn "Katie" C  
Serena K  
Koochie T  
Beth R  
Michaela S  
Mary B  
Felicia M  
Kevin C  
Shandaya M  
Trinity B  
Destiny W  
Carissa D  
Noah H  
Madison W  
Ashton J  
Richard T  
Jessie C  
Colleen L  
Jessika M  
Heaven M  
Calvin P  
Darthe H  
Jarred B  
Hannah F  
Cheyanne R  
Lahndon C  
Eric B  
Jules R  
Randy F  
Tracie S  
Madeliene F  
Annie C  
Norman S  
Ethan M  
Cameron M  
Seth M  
Christine S  
Michael C  
Tenescia L  
Austin M  
Alice M  
Adam N  
Olivia P  
Brendon R  
Michelle T  
Robyn R  
Samantha K  
Joshua E  
Jessica K  
Robyn B  
Juliana C  
Celina C  
Austin S  
Alana K  
Jakob S  
Damon P  
Shyla' Fawn G  
Katy K  
Cassidy R

Dallas D  
Jim S  
Liane R  
Rory M  
Sonia K  
Linda K  
Scott W  
Gary & Marg H  
Chelsey J  
Kelsey M  
Kenna K  
Bryce & Kari R  
Christina C  
Deb Z  
Wendy M  
Teena P  
Anson C  
Debbie F  
Jennifer P  
Erin H  
Nichola J  
Nick G  
Zonia T  
Kaitlyn L  
Bryce & Kari R  
Elissa R  
Ashley B  
Lyndsay S  
Sherry B  
Sarah R  
Steve M  
Laura C  
Brittany S  
Megan M  
Danny T  
David M  
Danielle M  
Eric E  
Darrian T  
April L  
Alethea H  
Matt K  
Caryn G  
Joshua T  
Rebecca G  
Lindsay P  
Ryan T  
Jenny B  
Levi C  
Kyle B  
Cody H  
Mary-Ann M  
Erick W  
Jessica A  
Susan D  
Donna Lynn A  
Richard B  
Genevieve M  
Karri F  
Janice G  
Randy R  
Bryan L  
Amanda W  
Josh S  
Hubert D  
Amanda S  
Danielle F  
Jamie F

Stephanie E  
Matthew P  
Michaela L  
Hope M  
Sophia X  
Tori S  
Nadine F  
Reuben S  
Shae-Lynn H  
Pascale H  
Katrina (Katie) N  
Maximilian G  
Giovanni R  
Miranda K  
Matthew K  
Nicole S  
Daniil K  
Abby C  
Pheonix D  
Therse B  
Autumn M  
Austan B  
Alix K  
**Years Matched**  
**Mentee**  
Samandras C  
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Alexander O  
Aiyana N  
Anthony S  
Robert O  
Madison L  
Richard G  
Kayla Z  
Jayden C  
Ben B  
Eric E  
Darrian T  
Rosslynd F  
Shelby W  
Sally Z  
Ryan H  
Dominique H  
Darlene P  
Nathan B  
Lucas B  
Kyle B  
Shayden O  
Samantha H  
Desiree W  
Brayden H  
Dersiree S  
River B  
Allesha B  
Cheyenne W  
Tyson S  
Kadie F  
Brandyn S  
Danielle F  
Leah S  
Sheldon M  
Andrew E  
Samantha V  
Shelby A  
Naticia T  
Cherise U

Andrea P  
Robert R  
Holly B  
Rebecca L  
Gillian K  
Tyler D  
Tara S  
Helen R  
Jeb M  
Kathryn H  
Alisha D  
Elizabeth H  
Murray M  
Gloria G  
Katy I  
Scott P  
Jamie G  
Kerri M  
Bronwyn I  
Chelsea R  
Janene S  
Warren H  
Tamara R  
Jessica B  
**Years Matched**  
**Mentor**  
Carrie B  
Shauna K  
Frederick (Rick) B  
Meghan L  
Tracie C  
Quoc H  
Erin K  
Leanne L  
Marie C  
Lindsay H  
Erin C  
Nancy S  
Tamas L  
Katheryn M  
Teanna M  
Devon D  
James H  
Skylor P  
Hope K  
Darrian S  
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Travis M  
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Erica L  
Bill L  
Audrey W  
Maria K  
Roxanne G  
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Brad A  
Shirley M  
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Catherine H

Emanuel G  
Benjamin E  
Michelle C  
Nicholas T  
Jesse S  
Darby G  
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Ferrin C  
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Eden F  
Derrick M  
Kristin P  
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Tannen C  
Alexandra P  
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Curtis M  
Gabrielle S  
Breanna T  
Nadine S  
Ivy T  
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Christopher S  
Kyle N  
Kayla H  
Natasha S  
Riley D  
Raelene L  
Honor M  
Gage H

Eric S  
Noel S  
Angela G  
Susan T  
Hiroshige W  
Heather M  
Kristie B  
Ryan B  
Thesi M  
Jolene B  
Donna T  
Kerry M  
Lori H  
Ryan B  
Robyn V  
Renee T  
Christopher M  
Beverlee U  
Anna H  
Grant G  
Catherine Y  
Dennis W  
Heather R  
Mark K  
Pauline F  
Connie Z  
Rebecca E  
Rhonda E  
**Years Matched**  
**Mentor**  
Janet H  
Lindsay H  
Leslie O  
Shauna M  
Samantha H  
Jonathan S  
Marija P  
Chantelle A  
Candice M  
Tim O  
Stephen V  
Shantel B  
Aislinn O  
Sohni S  
Candice A  
Jamie C  
Sylvia C  
Laurie A  
Caroline C  
Roxann T  
Laura D  
Allan C  
Lori P  
Sharon B  
Laura W  
Phyllis B  
**Years Matched**  
**Mentee**  
Jocelyn S  
Reid H  
Jason C  
James T  
Andrew T  
Lori P  
Sharon B  
Laura W  
Phyllis B  
Talia W  
Janice B  
Michael S  
Kristie V  
Margaret T  
John O

## 5

### Mentor

Jo-Ann/Daniel S  
Leanne P  
Shawn H  
Kristine W  
Kathleen B  
Dwayne L  
Hollie B  
Sandra R  
Alexander M  
Monica M  
Paula F  
Terra M  
Tanna B  
**Years Matched**  
**Mentee**  
Jermaine S  
Krista K  
Kayla S  
Leah B  
Derek R  
Corey (Ralph) R  
Kalen M  
Heidi S  
Katherine T  
Micaela L  
Alanna F  
Carlos B  
Louanne Z

## 6

### Mentor

Anna D  
Erin J  
Matthew M  
Jacquelyn A  
Pamela P  
Brad B  
Monique A  
Heather/Beth M  
Tannis C  
Alan S  
Meisha K  
Denise P

## 7

### Mentor

Cathy R  
Troy F  
Aubrey C  
Ted F  
Devin W  
Erin M  
Susan C

## 8

### Mentor

David A  
Mike A  
Kelly Y

## 9

### Mentor

Tammy C  
Cori-Lyn B  
Lisa V

# Jolene & Krysta



**B**eing a Big Brother or Big Sister means being a friend to a young person. It's all about friendship and constructive role modeling over time. What most people don't realize, is that sometimes being a Big Brother or Big Sister positively impacts the Big as much as the little, much like in the case of Krysta and Jolene.

"Friends are like angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have forgotten how to fly"

Krysta and Jolene were matched in August of 2007. Jolene was at the point in her life where she wasn't ready to start a family of her own but loved kids so she decided to join Big Brothers Big Sisters. Krysta was 6 years old at the time of the match, a little on the shy side but excited to create a new friendship. The pair had all sorts of fun adventures together doing everything

from going to see High School Musical on Ice, watching The Jonas Brothers live in concert, to having a fun afternoon just eating ice cream.

In celebration of their 1 year anniversary last summer, they decided to do "Supermodel for a Day". Jolene hired a professional photographer friend who followed herself and Krysta around Edmonton for the day, capturing all of the great memories the girls had shared over the past year. Jolene wanted to let Krysta feel like a beautiful supermodel and from looking at the pictures, mission accomplished!

Since being matched, Jolene has seen a lot of positive change in Krysta. Her confidence is starting to grow and her once extremely shy ways are starting to fade.

Being a Big Sister to Krysta has been a life changing experience for Jolene. Not

only is she rewarded by the feeling of making someone else's life happier but also by the impact Krysta has had on her life. "Being a Big Sister has taught me a lot about being responsible and accountable. It has also taught me to slow down in life and realize that while work and career are important, so are the little things in life."

The story of friendship for Krysta and Jolene doesn't end here, it's only just beginning. On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters we wish you both an exciting journey of many more fantastic years together!

"To give a little of my time but to get so much in return has been the best choice I have ever made. Krysta is someone I expect to be in my life forever. She is an awesome kid and I am so thankful that Big Brothers Big Sisters has brought her into my life!" - Jolene

# A 'Little' Bit of Fun!

## Summer 2009

### Nextfest 2009

Thursday, June 11 –  
Sunday, June 21, 2009

### 2009 Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids

Saturday, June 13 –  
Sunday, June 14, 2009

### Dreamspeakers International Film Festival

Wednesday, June 17 –  
Sunday, June 21, 2009

### Rapid Fire Theatre Presents – Improvaganza

Wednesday, June 17 –  
Saturday, June 27, 2009

### The Works Art & Design Festival 2009

Friday, June 19 – Wednesday, July 01, 2009

### Edmonton International Jazz Festival 2009

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, July 05, 2009

### Feats-Festival of Dance 2009

Saturday, June 27 – Sunday, July 05, 2009

### Freewill Shakespear Festival 2009

Tuesday, June 30 – Sunday, July 26, 2009

### 2009 Edmonton International Street Performers Festival

Friday, July 03 –  
Sunday, July 12, 2009

### Visualeyez... a Festival of Performance Art 2009

Friday, July 17 –  
Sunday, July 26, 2009



Summer's full of fun things to do — here's just a few we thought you'd like to try:

### National Aboriginal Days 2009

Saturday, June 20 –  
Thursday, June 25

Visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)  
for more info

### The Great Divide Waterfall 2009

Wednesday, July 01

### Capital Ex Festival 2009

Friday, July 17 – Sunday, July 26





## Stand up for kids

**Little Warriors** is a charitable organization with a national focus that educates adults about how to help prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Little Warriors also provides information about the prevalence and frequency of child sexual abuse and information about healing and support resources. The Stewards of Children child sexual abuse program is a designed for parents, teachers, staff and volunteers with organizations that serve children and youth. Register today! Visit [www.littlewarriors.ca](http://www.littlewarriors.ca) or call toll free at 1-888-440-1343

## Youth in Care

The Youth in Care program attended Camp Nakamun in April. We all had a great time with amazing weather and lots of laughs. In our attempt to walk a kilometre hike, we ended up with a little more than that; more like six kilometres, soggy feet, and big spiders!

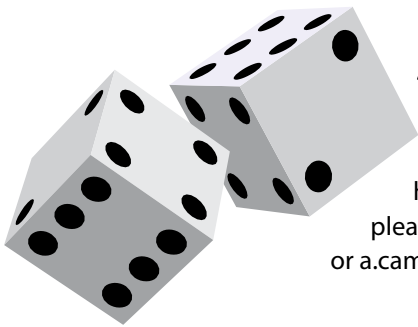
We've all been busy working on our Duke of Edinburgh, especially volunteer hours and recreation.

Our Youth in Care Grad on June 19th (also teen Aiyana's birthday) was a highlight as always. We congratulate the Duke of Ed Program as this year's recipient of our BBBS YIC Dream Catcher Award. We would like to congratulate our Grade 12 Graduates: Amanda D., Lyz, and Chris R. Also we have new matches between Zak and mentor Rachel, Mona and mentor Kelsey and teens Joey S., Raven, Kassie and Janine soon to be matched. We are all looking forward to a great summer and looking forward to coming back in the fall.



## Take me out to the ball game!

A baseball game for Bigs and Littles was held on May 23, 2009 and it was a great success! Thank you to all of those who participated or helped out with the event. We had close to 60 people show up for an afternoon of fun. The winners of the "best coordinated match" were Matt and Aidan who showed up wearing matching green hats and t-shirts. Way to go guys – you rock!



## Are you feelin' lucky?

Our casino will be July 26 & 27 at Gold Dust Casino in St. Albert. We are still looking for more volunteers to help out with this event. If you would like to volunteer please contact Allison Cammaert at: 780.424.8181 ext. 249 or [a.cammaert@bbbsedmonton.org](mailto:a.cammaert@bbbsedmonton.org)

## Training Sessions

All parents, children and youth registered to be matched in our Big Brother Big Sister or TEAM (Group) programs need to attend one of the following workshops before they can be matched.

All training sessions are held at Big Brothers Big Sisters House, 10135 – 89 Street in Edmonton.

Please call **780.424.8181 Ext. 325** to register for one of the following dates:

### Child and Parent Personal Safety

June 20	11am – 1pm
July 18	11am – 1pm
August 15	11am – 1pm
September 19	11am – 1pm

### Teen Training from children over 12

June 25	5:30pm – 7pm
July 21	5:30pm – 7pm
August 27	5:30pm – 7pm

**Have fun! Make a difference! Volunteer this summer! No experience necessary!**  
**Do Something Meaningful with your Summer!**  
**Apply online today at [bbbsedmonton.org](http://bbbsedmonton.org) or call 780-424-8181**

Volunteer with African immigrant children and youth aged 4 to 18 this summer. Build relationships and foster meaningful community with children and youth that will benefit from the support of healthy adults just like you. It's easy, fun and best of all, you'll be making a difference for kids this summer.

**Multicultural Mentoring Programs**

**Africa Centre July 7-August 15**  
 (for children & youth aged 7-15)

- Volunteer 2-4 hours Tuesday-Friday anytime between 9am - 4pm
- Located at the Africa Centre 13160 127 St.
- Educational activities including reading, math, computing, science and cultural dance

**Welcome Centre for Immigrants**

**July 6-August 7**  
 (for children & youth aged 5-15)

- Volunteer 2-4 hours Monday to Thursday between 9am - 3:30pm at Tower 2 Millbourne Mall
- Leadership building activities such as soccer, basketball, yoga, swimming and tutoring



**Somali Program**

**July-August**

- Volunteer 2-4 hours evening programs
- Located at the Africa Centre 13160 127 St.
- Breaking down language and cultural barriers with dance and song

**Inner-City Children's Programs**  
 (mentors 15+)

- Located in the Inner-City: Mother Teresa School, 9008-105A Ave. Thursdays from 12pm - 5pm  
 McCauley School, 9538-107 Ave. Tuesday-Thursday from 3 - 5pm
- Volunteer 2-4 hours
- Share you passion for visual arts, dance, drama, drumming, music, etc.

**Summer in the City**

Monday-Friday 1 - 3pm  
 Field trips around the city of Edmonton

**Club Connect Group** (mentors 18+)

**July-August**

- Two locations in South Edmonton: Steinhauer 10729-31 Ave. 11am - 3pm  
 Sakaw 10, 1275-62 St., 4 -8pm
- Volunteer 2-4 hours Monday to Thursday
- Recreation based programming, arts, crafts, sports, field trips.
- Educational activities like reading, math, computing, homework clubs, healthy eating clubs, board games and science



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Alberta Lottery Board

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**Thank you!**

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