

between friends

big sisters of bc lower mainland newsletter



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Meet Eva & Tia

Length of match to-date: 9 years, 7 months

At eight years old, Eva Glickman was matched with a Big Sister and, although her experience as a Little Sister was brief, it left Eva with such a positive impression of the Big Sisters program that she became a Big Sister herself after she finished university.

Now in her second match as a Big Sister volunteer, Eva has been matched with her Little Sister Tia for almost ten years. Their years together have been marked with trips to the Big Sisters Camp, movies, the Vancouver Sun Run (walked by a determined 10 year old Tia in her winter boots), and many Two-Bite Brownies consumed at Big Sisters events. But it has been their time alone together, chatting over countless cups of tea, that has formed the special bond they have today.

"Eva is loving and supportive and – regardless of what's happening – she's always there," says Tia. "Eva's good at listening to what you are saying and understanding you."

Over the years Eva listened and gently ad-

vised Tia as she worked her way through her sometimes difficult young life that has included issues with family, health and peer friendships, and figuring out how to belong.

Tia's come through it all with flying colours and Eva's pride in how her Little Sister has dealt with it all couldn't be more obvious as she talks about the courage she's seen Tia develop in trying new things, making new friends and getting her first job. Last June, Eva was proudly in attendance at Tia's high school graduation ceremony.

"Tia is the first in her family to graduate from high school. Her Study Buddy tutor helped her a lot with that. Even though her attendance wasn't perfect and she didn't get straight A's, she figured it all out. I can't believe how proud that made me," says Eva with tears in her eyes.

When Tia turns 19 this May she will officially graduate from the Big Sister program and it is clear from Tia's closing comment that the impact Eva has had on her life – and continues

to have on her life – has been profound.

"I don't think I would be as self-assured if I hadn't had a Big Sister. I might have gone down a different path as most of my family did. It's been different for me because I had a positive influence and someone who could relate to what I was going through," says Tia with a smile.

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A Message from the Chair



As Chair of the Board of Directors, I have the great pleasure of working with a fantastic group of Board members, Honourary Board members, and staff all committed to the mission of Big Sisters. However, one of the most satisfying rewards I receive is hearing the stories and testimonials about the everyday lives of Bigs and Littles. Through letters from parents, stories from Bigs and testimonials from Littles, I've heard about life-altering changes in so many Little Sisters - from young girls who do not realize their potential to uber-confident young women with a reach that is further than their grasp. It's these stories that make my heart leap and keep me focused on the mission of Big Sisters. For that, I am truly grateful.

Big Sisters finished off 2010 with a bang! A record 593 girls were served by our programs (a 14% increase over 2009) despite a challenging

year with respect to volunteer recruitment. I wish to acknowledge and thank our faithful donors, volunteers and Little Sisters, for celebrating our 50th anniversary year in 2010.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Heather Conradi who stepped down from the Board of Directors last spring when she reached the end of her term limit. As our capable Treasurer for many years, Heather left Big Sisters with a legacy of strong financial governance. Also, please join me in welcoming our newest director, Sandra Wear. Sandra is passionate about the mission of Big Sisters and we are very lucky to have her on board.

Further, after four years as Chair of our Honourary Advisory Board, Lisa Ethans handed the gavel over to Susan Mendelson in January. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our gratitude to Lisa for all her support and guidance and look forward to her continued mentorship. Of course Susan needs no introduction - in addition to being the celebrated owner of The Lazy Gourmet, she has been a strong supporter of our organization for over 15 years. I look forward to working with Susan and the rest of the Honourary Advisory Board in the year ahead.

In closing, the work of the board continues with the development of a three year strategic plan through to 2013. The budget was approved and we are planning for modest growth for 2011. While I am very optimistic that we will achieve our goals, I know that more Big and Little stories will only be possible with the continued support of our donors and volunteers. Thank you.

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As a United Way supported agency, we were thrilled when the United Way of the Lower Mainland invited Little Sister Lula to speak at the Scotiabank & United Way Community Spirit Awards in March. Lula shared her experience as a Little Sister with over 800 guests as the United Way celebrated raising over \$29.5 million for organizations like Big Sisters during their 2010 campaign.

Pictured left to right: Mike Killeen (CTV), Nilusha Alibhai (Scotiabank), Tamara Taggart (CTV), Little Sister Lula and her Big Sister Erin.



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2010 – Our Golden Year

2010 was a special year as Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland celebrated 50 years of providing vulnerable girls with positive, female mentors. Thank you for being a part of it! Here are a few highlights from our golden anniversary year...

50 Stories for 50 Years – We reached out to past and present volunteers, Little Sisters, parents and staff and encouraged them to share their stories of mentoring on our anniversary blog. We were thrilled to hear from alumni matches who are still together after 25+ years! You can read these inspiring stories at <http://bigsistersofbc.lowermainland.blogspot.com/>.

Golden Match Makers – The launch of our “Golden Match Makers” campaign saw Ron & Janet Stern, Susan Mendelson & Jack Lutsky, Peter & Joanne Brown, and Bob & Judy Hager generously commit to each sponsoring 25 matches with a \$50,000 donation (\$10,000/year for five years). Thank you!

Celebrations – At our Spring Lunch we were honoured to have seven of our past leaders share some key historical moments for Big Sisters. At our Gala, six alumni Little Sisters shared what they’ve been able to accomplish because of their mentors and, at our Volunteer Recognition Event, we were joined by many current and alumni volunteers. Even our matches got in on the celebrations with 50th ‘birthday’ cakes at group events, an anniversary photo contest, and creating anniversary artwork for our 2010 event sponsors.

BIG Numbers for a BIG Year – In 2010 we provided a record number of girls – 593! – with the support of a positive mentor. Thanks to our generous donors and supporters, \$970,000 was raised last year which allowed us to serve those 593 girls.

We are very proud of our organization’s long history, but we couldn’t have made it to our 50th year without the help of thousands of people – people like you – who have been a part of our organization as volunteers, Little Sisters, donors and sponsors, employees, and champions for mentoring. Thank you for being a part of our past, our present, and our future. Here’s to the next 50 years!



New Matches

September 2010 – February 2011

New Big & Little Sisters: Lucia Arreaga & Tiffany * Olivia Bartsoff & Emma * Courtney Bottiglio & Little Sister * Melissa Clark & Kalei Joelle Cummings & Little Sister * Stephanie Davis & Cassandra * Danielle Drouin & Katelyn Amanda Duke & Vendela * Marissa Faulkner & Jessica * Tara Foster & Kristin * Mandeep Gill & Little Sister * Kerri Harrison & Michela Yulin Hswen & Little Sister * Devyn Twitchell Hui & Shereen * Justine Jarvis & Little Sister Ariane Johnston & Kayla * Tiana Kaczor & Little Sister * Kiran Kandola & Avery * Demill Keevil & Jessie * Navjot Khatkar & Venus Minna Klie & Hayleigh * Joannie Lam & Kaysey Jessica Laturnus & Erika * Olena Mahoney & Flora * Stephanie Martin & Nubia * Megan McAuley & Sabrina * Amrit Morsara & Kaitlyn Zoe Ng & Little Sister * Kaitlin Oliver & Haley Miranda Quinn & Courtney * Michelle Radic & Madison * Rohini Ranjan & Danielle * Meghan Sime & Jenna * Leah Stewart & Little Sister Miranda Stirling & Ruth * Alyssa Stryker & Little Sister * Holland Stuart & Cheyanne * Alisha Thompson & Destiny * Jennifer Trost & Abbey Sabrina White & Jocelyn * Big Sister & Karyssa

New Study Buddies: Laura Allen & Little Sister Ande Axelrod & Holly * Jennifer Baetz & Nida Kiran Basran & Sami * Ashley Bowker & Sukhmani Alina Calota & Little Sister * Courtney Carpenter & Anja * Elena Cavazzi & Cindy * Navjot Chahal & Vendela * Jody Chan & Tianna * Karen Chee & Haley * Carol Chen & Grace * Yiqi Chen & Little Sister * Ellen Chui & Kelsey * Sara Conroy & Maggie * Meagan Cordeiro & Vera * Frances Corney & Katrina * Amy Coutts & Coco * Diana Davidson & Iyonna * Carol Fleischhaker & Janice * Thea Gilks & Dominique * Sara Graves & Sierra * Amrit Hundal & Aziza * Rebecca Irani & Danielle * Dana Kovanda & Sadie * Louise LaFleur & Wendy * Georgina Martin & Shandee Emily Palmer & Dipika * Kristen Reipas & Annabelle * Ravina Sandhu & Little Sister Mandeep Sidhu & Ghazaleh * Crystal Sun & Alice Vera Sun & Little Sister * Debby Sung & Janette Dawn Virginillo & Ashley * Tracy White & Cindy Katherine Wieckowski & Kaitlyn * Fiona Xu & Jennifer * Na'ama Yehezkel & Rayne * Maureen Jeremy & Ruth * Study Buddy & Carrera

New Go Girls! Mentors: Ashley Frederick * Emily Gordon * Jen Martin * Stephanie Parisotto Alison Shields * Kaitlin Stephens * Krystal Vrba Alisha Zacharias

Some volunteers and Little Sisters have requested that their names not be published



Big Sister Holly and her Little Sister Christine





“Huge Transformations”

Sandra Hosseini and Tina Ebrahimi (pictured above) are volunteer mentors for our Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds program. For the past two years, Sandra and Tina have been co-mentors at Maple Creek Middle School, where they have co-facilitated five Go Girls! programs for a total of 47 girls. These two dedicated mentors have witnessed, first-hand, the benefits that this group mentoring program has on girls, ages 11-14. Sandra shares that she has seen the girls in the program “develop new friendships and display greater confidence,”

with some participants showing “huge transformations.”

With the support of positive, energetic mentors like Sandra and Tina, the Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds program strives to help girls develop healthy lives that involve physical activity, balanced eating choices, and a positive self-image.

For further information on Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, please contact Carolyn Fernie, Program Coordinator at 604-873-4525 ext. 311 or cfernies@bigsisters.bc.ca.



Learning Life Skills

Study Buddies Allison and 13 year old Emily practiced their first aid skills at a free workshop put on by Community Care First Aid last fall. Study Buddy matches who participated received their official first aid certification - a great asset for Littles looking for their first job!



30 Years with Big Sisters

It was our great pleasure to recognize Linda Parsons with a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada 30 Year Tenure Award at our fall 2010 Volunteer Recognition Event.

Linda has been involved with our organization since 1980. With her strong vision and passion for Big Sisters, Linda has been key in creating positive change and growth for the organization by offering her leadership as a mentor, board member, legal advisor, corporate patron and personal donor. In addition, Linda has spearheaded initiatives that have helped shape Big Sisters including securing a grant to purchase the Big Sisters House and launching our first Spring Lunch.

We conservatively estimate that Linda has contributed over 5,000 volunteer hours to our organization. Thank you so much for all that you have done for Big Sisters and for your continued commitment to our Little Sisters, Linda - we are lucky to have a friend in you!

2010 Program Facts & Figures

- **593 girls were provided with a mentor.**
- **284 new matches were made.**
- **218 volunteer applications were received.**
- **234 Little Sister referrals were received.**
- **31 activities and workshops were hosted.**

A warm hello from Big Sisters' new Director of Development

I still remember the butterflies in my stomach the day I met my Little Sister Melissa, 12 years ago. Would she like me? Would I like her? What would we do each week? Would we have fun? My nervousness quickly subsided once our first cloud of laughter bubbled, and we have been best friends ever since. However, I know you will relate when I tell you our relationship has had its ups and downs. Really, just like any friendship. But we have been lucky to have the Big Sisters organization behind us to guide us through. I am forever grateful to Big Sisters for connecting me with this beautiful, life-long friendship and now I have an opportunity to give back my gratitude in combination with my passion.



My new position here at Big Sisters is to provide financial sustainability to the organization. So, what does that actually mean? It means coming up with a game plan to raise money for our mentoring programs for today and for the future. As we are 100% funded by our generous community, we want to ensure we have a strong fundraising operation in place so we can keep programs flourishing and also take care of our mentoring programs for future generations to come. Important work indeed. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and digging into this game plan. If you share the same passion, I would love to hear from you. I already have loads of ideas erupting, and already have visions of striking a dynamic volunteer fundraising team that can be part of making fundraising history for Big Sisters! I would love to hear from you soon!

Warmly,
Treena Innes
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Big Sisters welcomed Treena Innes as our new Director of Development in January. Treena brings over 17 years of experience in directing business development in the communication, technology and non-profit sector to our organization.

A BIG 'Thank You'...

Alcatel-Lucent Canada

\$5,000 to support our Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds program.

Amir & Yasmin Virani Family Foundation

\$10,000 to support the Study Buddy program.

Best Buy

\$5,000 to support our mentoring programs and services.

Peter & Joanne Brown

\$10,000 donation as part of a five year Golden Match Makers commitment to support 25 matches.

Canadian Western Bank

\$8,875 raised through the bank's Greater Interest GIC Campaign to support our programs.

CHC Helicopter

\$10,000 to provide five First Nations girls with a Study Buddy tutor.

City of Coquitlam

\$5,000 grant to support the Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds program.

Davis LLP

\$5,000 sponsorship of the Big Sisters Spring Lunch.

Deloitte

\$5,000 sponsorship of the Big Sisters Spring Lunch.

Diamond Foundation

\$20,000 grant to sponsor the production of a new agency video for Big Sisters.

Keg Spirit Foundation

\$5,000 raised during a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro to support our mentoring programs.

The Lutsky Family Foundation

\$10,000 to support the Study Buddy program.

Raymond James Ltd.

\$10,000 to support the Study Buddy tutoring program.

Ron & Janet Stern

\$10,000 donation as part of a five year Golden Match Makers commitment to support 25 matches.

SAP Canada Fund at the Toronto Community Foundation

\$10,000 to support the Study Buddy program.

Scotiabank

\$10,000 presenting sponsorship of the 2011 Big Sisters Spring Lunch.

TELUS

\$10,000 grant to support the Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds program.

United Way of the Lower Mainland

\$30,000 to support the Study Buddy program.

The Vancouver Sun Raise-a-Reader Campaign

\$30,000 grant to support the Study Buddy program.

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Sixteen year old Little Sister Lula (left) gave an inspiring testimonial speech at the 2010 Gala with her Big Sister Erin (right) cheering her on.

2010 Gala Raises \$122,500!

Thanks to the generous support and friendship of our Gala supporters, 61 girls will be matched with a positive, female mentor with the proceeds from this event! Hosted by Steve Darling and Arran Henn, the Big Sisters Gala was held on October 7th, 2010 at the Pan Pacific Hotel. Our 240 guests enjoyed a champagne reception, gourmet dinner, silent auction, and entertainment by Soulstream. They were also treated to a heartfelt testimonial by 16 year old Little Sister Lula and a special tribute to our 50th anniversary featuring six alumni Little Sisters. Special thanks to Gala Chair, Gayla DeHart, our hard-working committee and event volunteers, and all of our valued Gala guests, sponsors and donors. What a great event and great results!



2010 Gala Sponsors: Northern Feather DreamMakers, The Peter & Joanne Brown Foundation, Coast Capital Savings, Grant Thornton, Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP, Greg Moore Foundation, Grosvenor, InstaFund, RBC Dominion Securities, Canadian Western Bank, Nurse Next Door Home Healthcare Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Navigo, Park Shore BMW, 103.5 QM/FM, BCBusiness, Business in Vancouver, Global BC, The Letter Shop, Pan Pacific Hotel.

Save the Date!

The 2011 Big Sisters Gala will be on Thursday, October 6th at the Pan Pacific Hotel. For more information please contact Andrée at 604.873.4525 ext. 312.



Six alumni Little Sisters helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary at the 2010 Gala. (L-R) Josie (1985), Carly (2001), Trish (1983), Tia (1988), Elissa (1999), Heidi (2001).

BIG EVENTS 2011 Fundraisers

There are lots of fun ways you can support Big Sisters this year! For more info on any of these events, please contact Andrée at alalonde@bigsisters.bc.ca or 604.873.4525 ext. 312.

May 5 – Grape Juice Wine Auction

McNeill Nakamoto Recruitment Group and CameronMcNeill.com are hosting their exclusive wine auction on May 5th at Society with all proceeds being donated to Big Sisters! www.grapejuicevancouver.com

May 18 – Big Sisters Spring Lunch

Celebrate mentoring with keynote speaker Mayor Dianne Watts at our 15th Annual Spring Lunch, presented by Scotiabank, at the Sutton Place Hotel. www.bigsisters.bc.ca

May 28–29 – COBS Bread in-store fundraiser

Visit any COBS Bread location on May 28-29 and purchase some delicious scones – partial proceeds will be donated to your local Big Sisters/Big Brothers agencies. www.cobsbread.com

June 21 – Golf for Good

Sponsor or register for Golf for Good on June 21st at University Golf Course. Organized by Honourary Advisory Board member, Tracey McVicar, this charity golf tournament benefits three charities, including Big Sisters. www.golfforgood.ca

June 26 – Scotiabank Vancouver Half-Marathon & 5K

Join Team Big Sisters and walk or run the 5k or half-marathon in Stanley Park on Sunday, June 26th. All pledges you raise will support our Little Sisters! Call Andrée to register at 604.873.4525 ext. 312.

October 6 – Big Sisters Gala

Join us for live entertainment, a three course dinner, silent auction and more at the Pan Pacific Hotel on October 6th for our premiere fundraising event of the year! www.bigsisters.bc.ca

Welcome to our new Patrons' Circle members

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Celebrating Match Anniversaries

October 2010 – March 2011

1 Year

Big & Little Sisters: Natasha Berntsen & Amber * Stephanie Gautier & Vanessa * Samantha Stojkovich & Katrina * Debbie Wong & Susanna * Charissa Tehrani & Paige * Leslie Dodd & Alicia * Nicole Lemay & Safoura * Katie Litzenberger & Jaimison * Audrey Mak & Kaelen * Brittney Merryweather & Hailey Ginger Mason & Alicia * Yuki Matsuno & Jennifer * Kristin Bowden & Julie * Cori Kay & Tianna * Marisol Petersen & Sapphire * Holly Henry & Christine Jennifer Keis & Isabella * Heidi Arias & Emely * Evelyn Chen & Julia * Sally Toft & Mariah * Kimberley Chatwin & Michelle * Kasondra Lukashuk & Deshya Big Sister & Alyssa * Janet Kim Sing & Little Sister * Brianne Nord-Stewart & Little Sister * Anna Klug & Little Sister * Wesla Wong & Havana * Marika Grabowski & Sarah * Georgina Lonsdale & Alysson * Kate McComb & Ricki * Heather Holden & Little Sister * Tiphaine Maisonneuve-Lebrec & Little Sister

Study Buddies: Lindsay McNeill & Susan * Judy Christensen & Trinity * Assunta Detels & Paloma * Poonam Kainth & Michaela * Heather Wright & Little Sister * Taylor Dick & Fiona * Ashley Welsh & Crystal * Jennifer Rurak & Vivian * Mijay Pavon & Sara * Ajla Duranovic & Gazal * Kaleigh Coolsaet & Alice * Kim Redgwell & Alessandra * Jessie Hanson & Monica * Jina Lee & Sadie * Jenna Robbins & Reena * Leslie Chan & Vivian * Christy Armstrong & Sanaz * Helena Lee & Aisha * Laura Smith & Fatoumata * Dana Johl & Melika * Tricia Kerr & Ariel * Janet Ross & Mallory * Bowie Tse & Katherine Study Buddy & Leslie * Stephanie See & Masha * Jennifer Morrison & Kate * Study Buddy & Tiana * Gayle Pelman & Irene * Margaret Mlodzik & Tina

2 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Khudeja Rehmanji & Sahara * Sabine Obeid & Lyla * Iva Jokic & Megan * Sandra Bennett & Little Sister * Niki Marshall & Gina Annamajja Irvine & Alyssa * Devyn Cousineau & Joshua * Jenna Jangalee & Kathy * Eugenia Yeh & Tia * Naomi Scavington & Heather * Meredith Briggs & Heather * Julia Baart & Ashley * Michelle Fong & Sonia * Sharon Steele & Tamara * Kristi Hayward & Alexa * Julie Pellicelli & Kayla * Deb Gale & Simsimtko

Study Buddies: Rachel Moffat & Diamond * Rachel McGovern & Savannah * Study Buddy & Nicole * Jennifer Mayberry & Aliza * Vanessa Woznow & Melissa Study Buddy & Ayelet * Rebecca Jensen & Chloe * Megan Borchert & Issabelle * Jenny Li & Amy * Lina Azeez & Morgan * Krista Gerty & Sarina

3 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Minna Su & Sara * Elsie Woo & Kaitlynn * Big Sister & Anne-Marie * Monica Li & Cindy * Sara Nielsen & Rebecca * Eve Belmonte & Victoria Erica Williamson & Tiana * Big Sister & Marcella * Caroline Amor & Charlize * Gurmey MacDonald & Little Sister * Megan Braun & Mariah * Dianne Goertzen & Illahi * Reta Rea & Sofia * Patricia Reid & Zoe * Navi Johal & Marina

Study Buddies: Leya Behra & Little Sister * Lisa Chen-Wing & Sara * Shonagh MacRae & Melinda * Yvette Menges & Sofia * Susan Tomaine & Little Sister

4 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Lysa Wone & Angeline * Heather Ballachey & Little Sister * Cloe Hewitt & Nomi * Kiran Evans & Sara * Brenda Petrunia & Kendra * Alexandria Sabell & Angela * Bonnie Chu & Little Sister * Betty Cho & Little Sister * Karen Hadley & Little Sister * Mahin Rashid & Deserree * Misty Temelkovski & Kim Linda Benson & Cassandra * Jenny Qian & Natasha * Laura MacCormack & Simonne * Bridgid Beckingham & Jadine

Study Buddies: Germaine Koh & Little Sister * Carmen Weld & Little Sister

5 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Deborah Charles & Little Sister * Hilary Cole & Shannon * Tamara Granek & Jordyn * Frances Kerstiens & Murphy * Martina Lee & Masha Jaclyn Rennie & Marie-Yola * Heather Robertson & Kaley * Tamara Slobogean & Heather * Robin Spisak & Gazal * Deborah Tibbel & Sunshine * Marina Trenkel & Aiesha

Study Buddies: Martha Harrison & Christi * Meghan Schroeder & Tianna

6 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Cali Mancina & Michelle

7 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Karen Boriss & Sarah * Lisa Capitanio & Michaela * Natalie Martz & Alyssa Maureen Murphy & Barbara

8 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Joanne Alderson & Amanda * Eva Chrostowski & Corinne * Jill Koehler & Victoria Anna Lam & Lisa

10 Years

Big & Little Sisters: Karen Lenehan & Shawna * Shelley Parker & Heidi

Note: some volunteers and Little Sisters have requested that their names not be published



Big Sister Nicole and Little Sister Safoura celebrated one year together in November.

Volunteer Information & Shop Night at Plum

Thinking about volunteering? Know someone who would be a GREAT mentor? Need some new spring clothes?

If you answered yes, then please join us on April 27th at 6:30 pm at the Plum store on South Granville for a special volunteer information night! This fun evening will feature a fun night of shopping (15% discount on Plum's spring clothing line), wine tasting, door prizes and – of course – information on Big Sisters' volunteer mentoring opportunities. This event will be hosted by Big Sister and Global BC traffic reporter, Wesla Wong.

If you are already volunteering with Big Sisters, bring yourself and a friend or co-worker who is interested in becoming a mentor, OR if you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor yourself, please come and meet some of our current volunteers and staff to find out more during this fun evening out!

Register with Linda at info@bigsisters.bc.ca or 604.873.4525 ext. 300.



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