

Annual Report 2006



Big Brothers Big Sisters
Abbotsford • Mission • Ridge Meadows

Little Brother Brandon and Big Brother Richard have been friends for almost five years. Matched in the Big Brothers Big Sisters In-School Mentoring Program, the pair enjoy hanging out and woodworking projects.

Because of your support we are able to continue creating friendships like Brandon and Richard's.



Thank you for sharing a little magic!

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Mission Leisure Centre

MISSION STATEMENT

Building a child's future through the friendship and guidance of mentoring.

VISION STATEMENT

That children have the opportunity to maximize their potential, have confidence in themselves, achieve a fulfilling lifestyle and grow into productive, contributing members of their community.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters recognizes the diversity of the communities we serve. We respect and value individual differences and encourage participation from all members of our community.

2006 Board of Directors

Gerwyn Mills, *President*
John Lawson, *Vice President*
Colin Yakashiro, *Treasurer*
Susan Heinrich, *Secretary*

Directors

Todd Kessler
Diane Rauch
Carly Ferguson
Edwin Palsma
Krys Pappius
Yvon Dandurand
Glen Robertson
Lonny Andrews

Honorary Directors

Doug McGregor
Jim McCaffery

2006 Staff

Lana Liable, *Executive Director (Jan. to Apr.)*
David Sheach, *Executive Director*
Brenda Knoppi, *Office Administration Coordinator*
Krystine Plunet, *Fund Development Coordinator*
Ingrid Finnigan, *Financial Administrator*
Cheryl Unger, *Mentoring Coordinator*
Carrie Yargeau, *Mentoring Coordinator*
Tamara Schroeder, *Mentoring Coordinator*
Tammy Tait, *Mentoring Coordinator*

Quotes

In a Mom's words:

"The friendship is better than what I had hoped for, a very important part of my son's life and helps him feel cared for."

School liaison from Terry Fox Elementary comments:

"I love the ISM program and feel honored that our school is part of the program. The kids love to make the positive connections with their mentors and look forward to their visits all week."

Little Buddies describe their friendships in these telling ways:

"it helps me to express my feelings with someone I feel safe with," & "it has given me someone to talk to when I am having a bad day."

Mentors are also thrilled with their friendships:

"it deepens my appreciation for life," "it brings out the kid in me," & "it is a relaxing time away from work."

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

April 4, 2007 – Mission Leisure Centre

1. Call to order: Gerwyn Mills
 - Introductions
2. Welcome to members and guests Mayor James Atebe
3. Acceptance of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Big Brothers Big Sisters
Abbotsford – Mission – Ridge Meadows of March 29, 2006
5. Presentation of Certificate of Accreditation Mayor James Atebe
6. Business Arising out of Minutes: Gerwyn Mills
7. Presidents Report: Gerwyn Mills
8. Executive Director's Report: David Sheach
9. Big Sisters/Big Brothers Treasurers/Financial Report: Todd Kessler
 - Accept 2006 Financial Review
 - Present 2007 Budget
 - Appoint Accountants for Review Engagement Report
10. Awards Presentation
 - Honorary Director Award Gerwyn Mills
 - Tenure Awards Gerwyn Mills
 - Outstanding Volunteerism Awards Mentoring Coordinators
 - Corporate Donor Award David Sheach
11. Election of Directors: Edwin Palsma
 - 11.1 New appointments
 - 11.2 Resignations
 - 11.3 Re-appointments
12. Election of Officers: Edwin Palsma
 - 12.1 New appointments
 - 12.2 Resignations
 - 12.3 Re-appointments
13. Appointment of Signing Authorities: Todd Kessler
14. Adjournment

**Next Annual General Meeting
To Be Announced**

Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2006
Ramada Inn and Conference Centre 36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford

PRESENT

Colin Yakashiro	Tamara Schroeder	Cheryl Unger
Krys Pappius	Lonny Andrews	Eileen Abel
Tammy Tait	Carly Ferguson	Gerwyn Mills
Lana Liable	Edwin Palsma	Diane Rauch
Todd Kessler	Jim McCaffery	Carrie Yargeau
Ingrid Finnigan	John Lawson	Rose Dirks

1. **Meeting called to order by Gerwyn Mills, President, Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows at 7:05 p.m.** Gerwyn Mills introduced the head table and welcomed staff members, volunteers and guests.

2. **Approval of Agenda for March 29, 2006**

No additions or changes to the agenda.

Motion by Lonny Andrews to accept the AGM Agenda for March 29, 2006, seconded by Colin Yakashiro. Carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows of April 19, 2005.**

Motion to approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows by Carly Ferguson, seconded by Krys Pappius. Carried.

4. **Business Arising from April 19, 2005 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

No business arising.

5. **President's Report**

Gerwyn Mills

See Report

- Long time board member and President Jim McCaffery retired recently after 21 years supporting the organization. Gerwyn thanked Jim for his time and commitment.
- Current Executive Director Lana Liable came to Big Brothers Big Sisters in August 2005. She has recently resigned to take a new position in Philadelphia with the international Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.
- We are preparing to hire a new Executive Director as soon as possible.
- Financially, we have made great strides this year and would like to thank our donors for their contributions.
- Staff were thanked for their dedication and devotion. Staff were asked to stand up to be acknowledged.

6. **Program Report**

Lana Liable

See Report

- Lana thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as Executive Director.
- During the past eight months our focus has been to restructure and streamline areas of the organization to serve more children in each of our communities, to build influence with others including other non-profit organizations, community leaders and affiliated agencies, to sustain our growth through the development and maintenance of operational plans and to concentrate on resource development.

7. Big Brothers Big Sisters Treasurer's/Financial Report Colin Yakashiro

See Report

- In the past year the sacrifices made to get back on track financially have paid off. Colin thanked the staff for their efforts in getting through a difficult year. A special thank you to Ingrid Finnigan and Lana Liable for their efforts.
- Our difficulties in the past were due to our goal of serving more children therefore experiencing rapid expansion and providing programs and participating in projects that the organization didn't have the financial resources to provide.
- Revenue – Gaming accounts for a significant amount of our revenue. Golf tournament, slo-pitch and bowling were all well-supported. The first LMBM Breakfast shows a loss, however pledges for future years are not accounted for in this loss. Our goal for the first year of the event was to break even.
- Expenses – There was a clear reduction in wages in the past year coming from the reduction in staff and the Executive Director position being empty for a period.
- Plans to reimburse the Jack Spencer Education Fund are underway.

Motion by Jim McCaffery to accept the 2005 Financial Statements of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows, seconded by John Lawson. Carried.

Motion by Colin Yakashiro to accept the 2006 Budget for Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows, seconded by John Lawson. Carried.

Motion by Colin Yakashiro to appoint Meyers Norris Penny Chartered Accountants as auditors for 2006, seconded by Gerwyn Mills. Carried.

Motion by John Lawson to accept all reports as presented, seconded by Jim McCaffery. Carried.

8. Election of Directors

Todd Kessler

Yvon Dandurand, Dean of Research at UCFV, Glen Robertson City Planner with the City of Mission and Lonny Andrews Broker with RBC Dominion Securities were introduced as board nominees. Glen and Lonny both have experience with Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows. Glen was involved with the organization in the early 1990s and Lonny has been a long-time supporter and participates as a member of the Golf Committee.

Motion by Todd Kessler to accept Yvon Dandurand, Glen Robertson and Lonny Andrews to two year terms on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows Board of Directors, seconded by Colin Yakashiro. Carried.

Sukhi Dhanda resigned as a Member of the Board of Directors.

The following persons are hereby approved by acclamation to hold a one-year term on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows: Colin Yakashiro, Diane Rauch, Susan Heinrich, Steve Kern, Krys Pappius, Gerwyn Mills.

The following persons are hereby approved by acclamation to hold a two-year term on the Board of Directors of Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows: John Lawson, Todd Kessler, Carly Ferguson, Edwin Palsma, Yvon Dandurand, Glen Robertson, Lonny Andrews.

Motion by Gerwyn Mills to accept Jim McCaffery as an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows in recognition of his long-term commitment to the organization, seconded by John Lawson. Carried.

9. **Election of Officers**

Todd Kessler

The following Board Members are nominated to the Executive of the Board of Directors

President	Gerwyn Mills	Vice President	John Lawson
Treasurer	Colin Yakashiro	Secretary	Susan Heinrich

Motion by Todd Kessler to accept the Executive Committee for Big Brothers Big Sisters Abbotsford-Mission-Ridge Meadows for the year 2006-2007, seconded by Diane Rauch. Carried.

10. **Appointment of Signing Authorities**

Colin Yakashiro

Motion by Colin Yakashiro to approve the signing authority to any combination of two of the following individuals: Colin Yakashiro, Gerwyn Mills, Todd Kessler and John Lawson, seconded by Jim McCaffery. Carried.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion by Gerwyn Mills to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Carly Ferguson. Carried.

Tenure Awards

Name: **Colin Yakashiro**
Length of Service: **20 Years**
Anniversary Date: **February 24, 1987**
Presentation Date: **April 4, 2007**
Date of Resignation: **April 4, 2007**

Colin joined the Board of Directors of Big Brothers of the Central Fraser Valley on February 24, 1987 and has served the agency faithfully through good times and hard times. During the period Colin was a board member, and for many years the Treasurer, the agency grew from renting offices to owning a building. The first budget Colin approved, in 1988, was for \$59,582. His last budget, in 2007, was for \$455,500. He was an active director throughout his tenure, taking leadership for the benefit of kids and his community. As an acknowledgement of his dedication and service the Board of Directors has appointed Colin as an Honorary Director of the agency.

Name: **Jim McCaffery**
Length of Service: **20 Years**
Anniversary Date: **April 1986**
Presentation Date: **April 4, 2007**
Date of Resignation: **March 2006**

Jim joined the Board of Directors of Big Brothers of the Central Fraser Valley in April of 1986. Jim undertook many leadership roles including committee work and agency president – more than once. Jim used his professional skills in social work, human resources and policy to the advantage of the agency. He was involved during periods of significant growth in terms of budget, services and service territory. During his tenure the agency merged with Big Sisters and changed its name from Central Fraser Valley to Abbotsford, Mission and Ridge Meadows – reflecting the communities served by the agency. The Board of Directors, acknowledging Jim's service, appointed him as an Honorary Director in 2006.

Name: **Doug McGregor**
Length of Service: **38 Years**
Anniversary Date: **April 1968**
Presentation Date: **April 4, 2007**
Date of Resignation: **March 2006**

Doug McGregor is acknowledged as one of the founders of Big Brothers of the Central Fraser Valley. Doug had a lengthy career in corrections, and for many years as the regional executive officer of corrections in BC and the Yukon. Doug is credited with realizing the idea that "little guys without dads should have a companion". Doug is also credited as a founder of the current Big Brothers Big Sisters of Abbotsford, Mission, Ridge Meadows – first receiving the agency charter in 1969. Not only was Doug a tireless volunteer, he also was instrumental as a volunteer caseworker. In acknowledgement of his service and leadership, the Board of Directors appointed Doug as an Honorary Director in 2006.

President's Report

Once again we have arrived at our Annual General Meeting. It is always a surprise to realize how quickly the time passes between these meetings and to consider the changes that have taken place within our agency during this period of time.

Soon after our last meeting we lost the services of our Executive Director Lana Liable who joined Big Brothers International in Philadelphia and took on the challenging task of auditing other agencies in many different countries.

We spent the summer without an Executive Director and all the staff must be congratulated on the way they pulled together to maintain the level of service expected from our agency. Adding to this was the requirement to prepare the agency for the audit by National Office that was due in September 2006.

Our new Executive Director, David Sheach, took over his responsibilities in September just before the audit was conducted. It was gratifying to note that we received accreditation for our agency with some very positive comments on our work and with only a few areas that needed attention. All such areas have been attended to and the accreditation certificate was issued in January of this year.

David has settled into his new position well and soon gained the confidence of the Board and staff. He has actively involved himself with the community as a whole and has fitted in well with our sister agencies around the Province. I accompanied him in March to a special meeting at the Legislature in Victoria where we met several cabinet ministers and other MLA's. This meeting was a great success and we hope for greater involvement with Government in the future

Financially we are in better shape than we have been in several years, however we will need to be vigilant and careful in our resources. As ever the strongest part of our agency remains our staff and it cannot be said enough that without them and their ongoing commitment we would not be as successful as we have been. I look forward to another rewarding year ahead, it will have its challenges however I am confident that they can be overcome.

Gerwyn Mills
President

Executive Director's Report

In educational theory, we talk about four stages of learning:

- Unconsciously Incompetent
- Consciously Incompetent
- Unconsciously Competent
- Consciously Competent

I think these stages are applicable to many levels of our operation, from building friendships between adults (and older teens) and children, to having new staff and to being an effective, community based charitable society. For myself, new to this agency and new to the Fraser Valley I am especially aware of the challenge of learning new things and the associated risk of forging new territory.

It's good to be reminded that learning can be an uncomfortable and tentative experience en route to mastery and further to recognize that learning is a continuum, never really achieved. Often there is great bliss when we are unaware of our shortcomings; similarly there is great satisfaction in the face of achievement and expertise. The greatest progress is often stimulated by a certain level of discomfort.

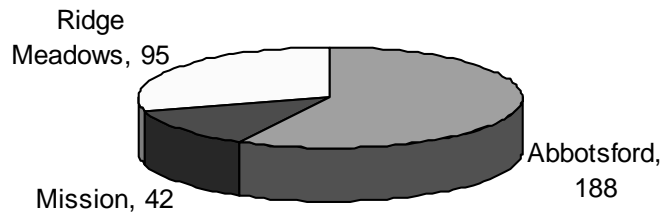
I have great respect for the many people in our communities of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Mission and Abbotsford, who step forward with open minds and volunteer to give of themselves and make a difference by befriending a child and being an external support to a family in need. Everything we do is to facilitate and celebrate the commitment of our volunteers who do grassroots community development, making a difference – one moment at a time, one child at a time.

Our agency has been around for 38 years and though we have our share of scar tissue, we have dedicated staff, personally committed board of directors and exceptional volunteers. We have many people who individually support our work with their charitable donations and hundreds of people and businesses who step forward to participate in our fundraising events – bowling, golf, and slo pitch.

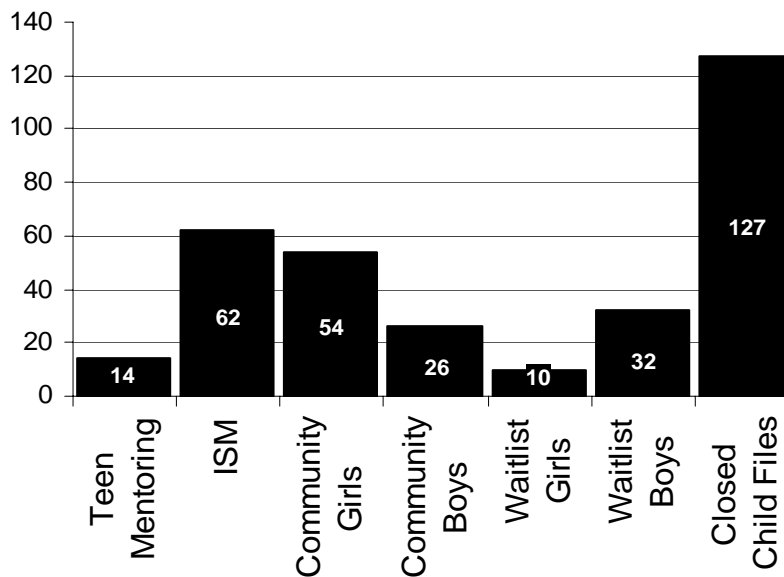
I want to specifically acknowledge the Board of Directors who have lead this agency through thick and thin and who never waiver from their mandate of being responsible stewards whose top of mind goal is that *every child who needs a mentor has a mentor*. I want to acknowledge my predecessor, Lana Liable who was the Executive Director in the first half of 2006 and Gerwyn Mills who is our President and was a more than capable Interim Executive Director, until my arrival in September. My staff in 2006 included: Cheryl Unger, Carrie Yargeau, Krystine Plunet, Ingrid Finnigan, Tammy Tait, Brenda Knoppi and Tamara Schroeder. Thank you for your efforts to forge territory, to promote and grow our programs in all corners of our service area, and to maintain positive and curious attitudes. I must introduce some new faces for 2007 – new Mentoring Coordinators, Zorka Szilagyi and Misty Koster as well as Lawrence Salembier as accountant. In 2007 I think we are poised to grow. We have some exciting new program ideas shaping up for this year and I hope to report more about our successes next year.

David Sheach
Executive Director

Children Served in Each Community - 2006



Total Number of Children Served in 2006



Total Number of Children Served in 2006: 325

Traditional Program – Abbotsford

The Traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Abbotsford experienced many positive developments as well as a few challenges throughout 2006. In summary we:

- Had continued support from long-standing community businesses and supporters:
 - 2 Tim Horton's Stores in Abbotsford sent 4 Little Brothers to camp last summer.
 - Rotary Club of Abbotsford sponsored a Little Brother to attend an outdoor adventure camp.
 - Circle K Club members from UCFV lent a hand at our Annual Christmas Party.
 - Canadian Tire – Jump Start Program supported 12 Little Brothers/Little Sisters enabling them to participate in a recreational sport of their choice throughout the year at no cost.
 - 14 Little Brothers and Big Brothers participated in the Nazy Suite program in 2006.
- Had new community businesses and supporters develop partnerships with our agency:
 - Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook sponsored our Annual Christmas Party for the first time and has confirmed their intention to support our 2007 Christmas Party both financially and with “hands on” involvement to make this event a festive celebration of friendships.
 - Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery supported the Match Group Activity program by hosting an event for Abbotsford Matches – “Learn How to Fish Program”.
 - Home Depot sponsored a Waitlist Activity event – they hosted an evening for the Abby Waitlist Littles to build various wood projects.
 - The “Kids Up Front” program offered free tickets to community events for our matches.
- Coordinated the fifth consecutive Kids n' Kops program for the Littles in Abbotsford in partnership with the Abbotsford Police Department. 12 youth participated in this 4 day summer camp.
- Focused on recruitment of volunteers by setting up displays at UCFV, CBC and Summit Pacific College. Speaking engagements included Abbotsford Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook and a workplace presentation at Manning Elliot among others.
- Initiated a Poster Campaign which included connecting with faith-based organizations, mechanic shops and general businesses, providing them with program posters to display in a visible spot in their business – total of 50 posters were distributed in an attempt to recruit Big Brothers.
- Increased the agency's Community Involvement and visibility by participating in:
 - Abbotsford Youth Networkers Committee
 - Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee
 - Abbotsford Community Fair – networking fair of services available in Abbotsford
 - Abbotsford Volunteer Resource Centre Committee
- Had a slight decrease in the number of Big Brother matches at the end of the year compared to 2005 with 17 BB matches versus 20 BB matches in 2005. Only 4 new BB matches were made in the past year compared to 6 in 2005.
- Had some families discouraged from applying for service by the waiting period for a child to be matched (especially the BB/LB match) with only 5 Little Brothers and 7 Little Sisters being added to the waitlist in 2006 compared to 10 LB and 8 LS in 2005.

Overall, the 2006 calendar year brought much anticipation for great things to come in 2007. I have already experienced a surge in new volunteer inquiries, family referrals and applications, new community partnerships and recruitment possibilities in the first quarter of 2007.

Cheryl Unger
Mentoring Coordinator

Traditional Program – Mission

In Summary:

- Involvement/visibility in community groups increased significantly, including:
 - Mission Celebration of Community
 - Riot Readers
 - Early Childhood Education committee
 - West Heights Elementary staff meetings
- Our Tim Horton's in Mission is very supportive of our program. We were able to send four Littles to the Tim Horton's Camp in Ontario to participate in Camp Day.
- Mission Record supported our program by running a match story in their publication on a monthly basis.

As with all our communities, Mission has a unique set of challenges to work on, including:

- Office location:
 - The space is only available two days per week, therefore, families and volunteers are often meeting at other locations such as coffee shops or traveling out of their community for meetings with BBBS staff
 - Due to being located in a school there is only access to the office during the school year calendar
 - Staff have to ensure they are at the school before 4 pm closing for any evening meetings or the school is locked up for the night
 - The office does not have any public visibility, area to post signage, etc. making it difficult to have our presence and location well known in the community
- Attendance at group/match events is low even when the event was held in Mission suggesting a need to increase our connections to the community, our clients and our volunteers
- Staff turnover – most recent change in November 2006 with another change in March 2007.

Tammy Tait
Mentoring Coordinator

Traditional Program – Ridge Meadows

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows had its fair share of growth in 2006. Overall, the total number of children served increased though the number of matches decreased slightly. There were abundant referrals and requests from community members and families – especially for Little Brothers. This indicated that there is a strong knowledge base about the program in the community amongst parents, schools and other support agencies in town.

In Summary:

- There were a large number of match closures in 2006 - however, the remaining matches better fit the mandate of the program
- Attendance at match/group events by Ridge Meadows matches increased significantly suggesting enhanced group cohesion/connectedness to the agency.
- Matches are connecting and planning their own group events independent of the agency.
- Involvement/visibility in community groups and organizations increased significantly, including:
 - Child, Youth, and Family Network (CYFN) member
 - Community Van Project member
 - School Community Connections member
 - 'Ritz' (Chamber of Commerce) planning committee member
 - Attendance at miscellaneous Chamber of Commerce luncheons, Business 2 Business
 - Various resource fairs
 - Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Volunteer Interagency Committee member
 - Several fundraisers were held in the local community, including BFKS, Pole Sit, Coast Riders and Golf Tournament
- Accessed funding for Littles for sports/recreational activities through Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program
- Sent four Littles to Tim Horton's Camp in Ontario

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows still have their own diverse set of challenges, including:

- Recruitment of male volunteers – no new Big Brother matches were made in 2006
- Recruitment of volunteers in Pitt Meadows – there are virtually no volunteers from the area although there are many families involved in the program
- Maintaining a balance of ensuring matches stay connected to the agency as a whole, but recognizing the diversity of the matches/families within Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.
- Staff turnover – Current staff in place for 17 months; previous staff in place for 8 months; another change in March 2007.

Tammy Tait
Mentoring Coordinator

In School Mentoring Program – Abbotsford

The year of 2006 for Abbotsford In School Mentoring was busy as usual. There was an increase in inquiries in 2006 with 110 new inquiries compared to 59 in 2005. Teens' getting involved as mentors has been our fastest growing program. Word of mouth is our most effective recruitment strategy. Our agency website and workplace presentations are also fruitful.

In summary:

- Recruitment continues to be strong at UCFV and Columbia Bible College with 25% of our mentors being university/college students.
- 32 new In School Mentors were screened and trained and the program served 89 children in 2006.
- We saw a 55% retention rate for the 06/07 school year.
- We have two matches which have been together for five years. They are our longest running matches and have graduated into the middle school together.
- Our longest serving Abbotsford In School Mentors have been in the program for eight years.
- Our middle school In School Mentoring program has grown and is now currently running 24 matches.
- The Teen Mentoring program has seen expansion and currently has 16 teen mentors.

The Year Ahead:

2007 will see some new, interesting takes on programming:

- In partnership with Dormick Elementary, we have started a pilot after school recreation program using current teen mentors as teen leaders and will explore expansion of this program into other schools.
- We are initiating a new partnership with the UCFV Athletics Department using athletes as mentors in an after school type program one night per week.

I continue to enjoy my part in 'sharing a little magic' and look forward to a great 2007.

Carrie Yargeau
Mentoring Coordinator

In School Mentoring Program – Mission and Ridge Meadows

Mission:

2006 was a year where the focus was on connecting with our mentors, monitoring the progress of the matches, and providing resources to them. It was a relatively quiet year for the ISM program in Mission as no partnerships had to be ended. In the late fall, there was a staff change when Tamara left the organization. Carrie Yargeau, our Abbotsford In School Mentoring Coordinator, took on maintaining the ISM program until a new staff member could be brought on board.

Ridge Meadows:

In Ridge Meadows 2006 was a year of recruitment, closing files, ending partnerships and match “graduations”. Tammy Tait spent some of the fall focused on getting the teen mentoring program off the ground; she actively pursued partnerships with Pitt Meadows Secondary School and Maple Ridge Secondary School. There was quite a bit of interest from the students, but no active follow-up.

We closed two ISM partnerships, Golden Ears and Laity View, and opened two new partnerships, Mount Crescent and Davie Jones. Most of the ISM matches that closed were the result of “little buddies” graduating from elementary school.

The Year Ahead:

For 2007 there are strides being taken to have the Teen Mentoring program operating in both Mission and Ridge Meadows. Active recruitment of ISM volunteers is necessary as there is a huge need for more volunteers and there are other schools that want to get involved with the program.

Misty Koster
Mentoring Coordinator

Match Group Events 2006

JANUARY:

- Abbotsford Pilots Hockey Game – Abbotsford matches
7 BB/BS matches and 2 families attended this community event.

FEBRUARY:

- Skiing/Snowboarding at Mt. Seymour
13 BB/BS matches participated and enjoyed the day at Mt. Seymour.

APRIL:

- Fishing Day at Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery – Abbotsford matches
16 BB/BS matches enjoyed the day learning how to fish and catching the “Big One” on their newly developed fishing ponds.
- Big Sister Sleepover at Greg Moore Youth Centre – Ridge Meadows matches
8 Big Sister matches enjoyed swimming and doing crafts together.
- Golf Day – Rained out in Ridge Meadows
- Car Rally – Cancelled in Mission
- Volunteer Appreciation Burger & Beer Nights
Abbotsford – 26 mentors attended
Mission – 7 mentors attended
Ridge Meadows – 10 mentors attended

JUNE:

- Paintball - The Survival Game (Littles aged 11 – 18 yrs)
12 BB/BS matches battled it out on the open field
- Science World Field Trip (Littles aged 7 – 11 years old)
14 BB/BS enjoyed a fun day in Vancouver

JULY

- Waterskiing at Albert Dyck Water Park – Abbotsford matches
13 BB/BS matches came out to learn how to waterski or wakeboard with skilled instructors from the Fraser Valley Waterski Club

SEPTEMBER:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Month – Agency-wide event in Mission
20 Big Brother/Big Sister matches and a few ISM mentors participated in a fun-filled Car Rally and picnic at Heritage Park in Mission.

OCTOBER:

- Corn Maize, Hayrides and Hot Dog BBQ – Abbotsford matches
15 BB/BS matches attended this fun-filled afternoon at The Maize in Chilliwack
- Halloween Bowling Party – Maple Ridge & Mission matches
7 BB/BS matches dressed up for the occasion at Rev’s Bowling Lanes.

DECEMBER:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party - Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook
63 BB/BS matches and 22 Waitlist Littles attended this festive party along with agency staff & board and 20 Kiwanis Club Members at Best Western City Lodge in Mission.

Waitlist Activities 2006

JANUARY:

- Laser Tag – Langley
25 Waitlist Littles came out to play 2 fast-paced games of laser tag.

MARCH:

- Home Depot “Do-It-Yourself” Project Night – Abbotsford
11 Waitlist Littles came out to put their woodworking skills to the test and made 2-3 woodworking projects with the help from Home Depot staff and BB/BS volunteers.
- Spring Break Blues Busters – Mission
6 Waitlist Littles joined Tamara in Mission for a fun-filled afternoon of games, crafts and, of course, yummy snacks.
- Michael’s Craft Store – Ridge Meadows
Event was cancelled due to low numbers

MAY:

- Hatzic Outdoor Adventure Day – Mission
13 Waitlist Littles joined the staff and a professional outdoor adventure tour guide, Doug Short for an afternoon of hiking, learning outdoor survival skills, games and hotdog BBQ.

AUGUST:

- Kids n’ Kops Program – Abbotsford
In partnership with the Abbotsford Police Department, 12 Waitlist Littles participated in the 5th annual KNK program. The 4-day summer day camp included learning about the duties and responsibilities of a police officer, gaining knowledge about bicycle & traffic safety, emergency response team, drugs and crime prevention. In addition, every afternoon included fun activities for the children and police officers to do i.e. Cultus Waterslides, Mini-golfing, Car Rally and Bowling.

SEPTMEBER:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Month Celebration – Car Rally & BBQ in Mission
Waitlist Littles and their families enjoyed an afternoon full of festivities to celebrate BB/BS Month with Big Brother/Big Sister matches, staff and board members.

NOVEMBER:

- Science World Field Trip – Vancouver
17 Waitlist Littles explored and discovered various aspects of science and our world along with agency staff and adult volunteers.

DECEMBER:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party – Sponsored by Clearbrook Kiwanis Club
22 Waitlist Littles attended the annual Christmas celebration which was sponsored for the first time by the Kiwanis Club. Besides the financial support, 9 Kiwanis Club members and 6 UCFV Circle K Club members came and helped out by being paired up with the Waitlist Littles to enjoy the party festivities – carnival games, Santa’s arrival and lunch buffet at the Best Western City Lodge in Mission.

Fund Development Report

The focus of Fund Development in 2006 was primarily fundraising events and secondly marketing. The role of the Executive Director in Fund Development is grant writing, event guidance and support. The past year was tremendously exciting for the Fund Development Department.

With a smaller team than in previous years, the staff dealt with the task of operating at full capacity with limited resources. This entailed members finding financially responsible opportunities while executing superior time management. The Fund Development team consisted of one full time (35 hour) Fund Development Coordinator and one student during the months of January to April and through the summer, with support from the Executive Director.

The Fund Development Team focused on Bowl for Kids Sake, the Annual Slo-Pitch Tournament, the Annual Charity Golf Classic, in addition to working on Klimbing for Kids and the Coast Riders Leadership Fund.

Events in 2006 were quite successful in attaining community support and recognition. An abundance of posters were put up in Abbotsford, Mission and Ridge Meadows for the The Rodeo themed Bowl for Kids Sake. This technique helped to recruit more than 50% of our participants.

The Slo-Pitch Tournament was hit with a variety of challenges including being held on the same weekend as the Agrifair. However, we were able to recruit over 40 teams. With a variety of different teams pitching in, the event had an excellent turnout and fabulous weather.

Assante Wealth Management became a major sponsor of our Charity Golf Classic. We moved from Ledgeview Golf and Country Club, its home of 16 years, to the beautiful and prestigious Swan-E-Set Bay Resort and Country Club in Pitt Meadows. This change was brought on by a collective decision to actively involve ourselves within one of our other service communities. The scenery was phenomenal and the staff were happy to help. Golfers enjoyed a buffet breakfast before hitting the green. Participant Cam Hall walked away with a new LCD television after getting a hole in one. All participants and sponsors received a Charity Golf Classic DVD.

Sponsored Media coverage in 2006 was incredible. New relationships with Shaw Cable resulted in two media segments on Big Brothers Big Sisters. Country 107.1 provided Bowl for Kids Sake radio promotion while the Abbotsford News supported all Big Brothers Big Sisters events. Local media in all three of our service communities showed support for all of our programs and events.

The returns on our events in 2006 were lower than budgeted. This was highlighted by a reduction in gaming revenues and fewer grant applications submitted (due to not having an Executive Director for several months). Given these challenges the year ended solidly.

I look forward to the new challenges ahead in 2007.

Krystine Plunet
Fund Development Coordinator

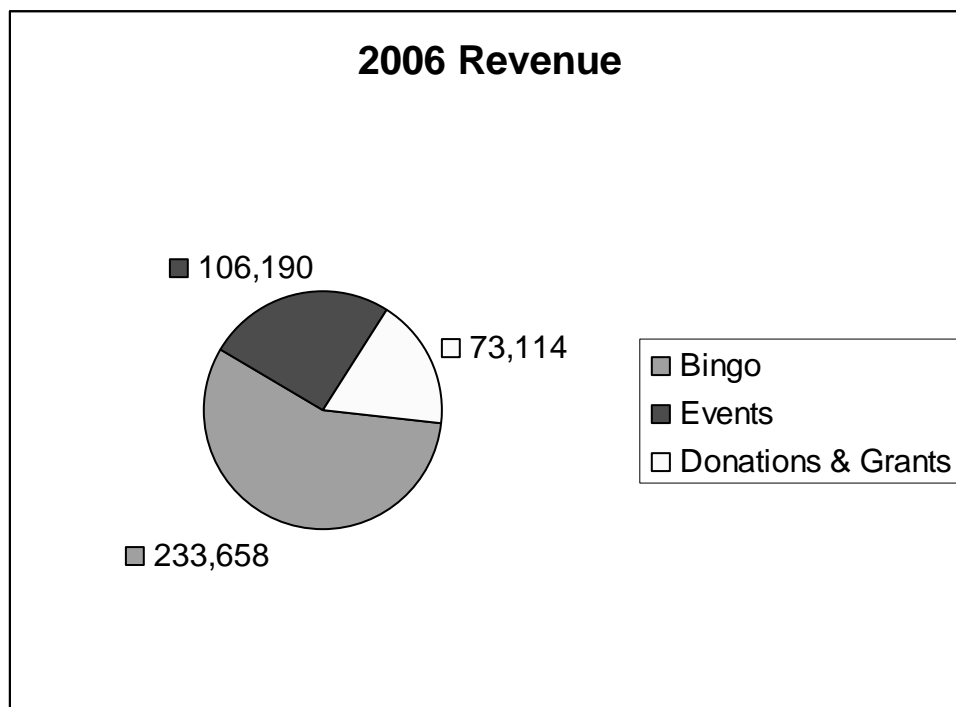
Treasurer's Report

The 2006 fiscal year ended with a small deficiency of revenues under expenditures of approximately \$15,000. Actual revenue for the year was approximately \$17,000 below budget with spending approximately equal to budget. (The budget for 2006 was approved with an anticipated surplus of approximately \$2,000). Wage costs continue to make up approximately 75% of our annual spending.

Following a routine review by BC Gaming of our Bingo funding levels, our monthly allotment was reduced during the current term of our Bingo affiliation licence. This accounted for the entire deficiency for the 2006 fiscal year since this reduction was not anticipated at the time of preparing our original budget. Despite our best efforts to have the funding remain at its original levels, BC Gaming reduced the allotment to the Agency. We were unable to replace the lost revenue with other sources for the year.

At year end the Agency was in a relatively healthy financial position with current assets on hand in excess of current liabilities due. Our mortgage balance was approximately \$103,000 at December 31, 2006 with continuing monthly payments on the mortgage of approximately \$1,000 per month.

Todd Kessler, CA
Treasurer



2007 Revenue and Expense Budget

2007 Revenues		
Gaming		\$216,500.00
Grants		
ISM	\$30,000.00	
Waitlist	\$10,000.00	
Healthy Living	\$15,000.00	
Traditional	\$20,000.00	
Kids N' Kops	\$11,000.00	
UCFV	\$5,000.00	
United Way	\$4,000.00	\$95,000.00
Capital Grant		\$10,000.00
Events		
Bowl for Kids Sake- April	\$40,000.00	
Charity Golf Classic- August	\$35,000.00	
Little Moments Big Magic- November	\$30,000.00	\$105,000.00
Enterprise		
Renew Crew	\$25,000.00	
Avro	\$3,000.00	
Coke	\$1,000.00	\$29,000.00
Total Revenues		\$455,500.00
2007 Expenses		
PR/Recruitment		
Advertising	\$4,200.00	
Donor/Sponsor Appreciation	\$2,500.00	
PR: Events	\$900.00	
Promotional Materials	\$5,400.00	
Staff Appreciation	\$500.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$4,500.00	\$18,000.00
Program Expenses		
Canucks Tickets	\$2,800.00	
Group Activities	\$4,200.00	
ISM Bowling Parties	\$1,150.00	
Kids N' Kops Program Expenses	\$1,800.00	
Waitlist Activities	\$1,400.00	\$11,350.00
Building Occupancy and Maintenance		
Fund Development/Office Admin	\$9,065.00	
Program: Abbotsford	\$13,800.00	
Program: Mission	\$7,230.00	
Program: Ridge Meadows	\$7,230.00	\$37,325.00
Office Supplies		
Abbotsford Office Admin/FD	\$11,458.48	
Program: Abbotsford	\$20,095.76	
Program: Mission	\$9,137.88	
Program: Ridge Meadows	\$9,137.88	\$49,830.00
Office Administrative Costs		
Education Fund	\$4,500.00	
Honorariums	\$4,500.00	
Insurance- Professional/vehicle	\$1,350.00	
Dues and Membership	\$12,566.57	
Police Clearances	\$850.00	\$23,766.57
Wages		
Program Staff Time	\$148,614.23	
Bottom Floor Staff	\$144,968.15	
Students	\$11,000.00	\$304,582.38
Travel		
Abbotsford	\$2,350.00	
Mission	\$1,075.00	
Maple Ridge	\$1,075.00	\$4,500.00
Total Expenses		\$449,353.95
Total Revenues		\$455,500.00
Total Expenses		\$449,353.95
Net Revenue		\$6,146.05

Terms of Office – Board of Directors 2007

Standing for Re-election (Two Year Term)	Year Two (1 year remaining)
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Gerwyn Mills

Glen Robertson

Krys Pappius

Yvon Dandurand

Diane Rauch

Lonny Andrews

New Nominees for Two Year Term

Carly Ferguson

Dan Maki

Todd Kessler

Ron Howard

Edwin Palsma

John Lawson

Executive Committee Nominations

President: Gerwyn Mills

Vice President: John Lawson

Secretary: Edwin Palsma

Treasurer: Todd Kessler

Resignations

Colin Yakashiro

Susan Heinrich

Honorary Directors

Doug McGregor

Jim McCaffery

Colin Yakashiro

The Board of Directors expresses sincere appreciation for the commitment and dedication of Colin Yakashiro (1987-2007) and Susan Heinrich (1995-2007) who have served the agency as directors and members of the agency executive.

During the year, Steve Kern also stepped down from his position as director and the Directors wish to express appreciation for his service to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thank You for Donating a Little Magic!

2006 Donors

Dream Makers \$10,000-\$25,000

Abbotsford News
Assante Wealth Management
Country 107.1
Mission City Record
United Way of the Fraser Valley
University College of the Fraser Valley

Magic Makers: \$5,000-\$9,000

Coast Capital Savings
Citigroup Foundation/United Way International
Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook
Loyal Protestant Association
RBC Financial
Scotia Bank
Tom Lee Music
United Financial

Match Makers: \$1,000-\$4,000

Abbotsford Community Foundation
Chace Sales
Desiree Spenst
John van Dongen
Maple Ridge Foundation
Panago Maple Ridge
Sentry Select Corporation
Todd Kessler

BTG Enterprises
Colin Yakashiro
Edith Lando Foundation
Mackenzie Financial
Millennium Foundation
Rod Thomson
The Keg Spirit Foundation
VanTel/Safeway Foundation

Carly Ferguson
District of Mission
Envision Financial
Masonite International
Panago Abbotsford
Sears Dealer Store
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Smile Makers: \$100-\$900

Abbotsford Chevron
AGF Funds
Rumsby
Benjamin Moore
Clarica
Edenvale Carpet Restoration
Building Supplies
Freeway Communications
Grant Thornton LLP
Industrial Alliance
JMV Woodworking
Landmark Realty
Manulife One
Polar Electric
Reimer Hardwoods
Rosborough & Company
Seville Mortgage Corp.

Abbotsford Police Association
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Antoinette Waddell
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Haney Place Mall
Jim McCaffery
Kathy Zanatta
Manulife Financial
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Rob Matty
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Susan Francis

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