



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF WILLIAMS LAKE

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2019-2020**

OUR MISSION



to help children reach their full potential through consistent, dependable, and non-conditional adult friendship.

OUR IMPACT

Greater social
emotional competence

Improved mental
health & well-being

Increased educational engagement &
employment readiness



OUR STAFF



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Angela Kadar

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Susan Erlandson



MENTORING COORDINATOR

Natasha Pilkington

MENTORING COORDINATOR

Rylee Wallner

MENTORING COORDINATOR

Marilia Vieira



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YEAR IN REVIEW

MATCHES SERVED

162

TOTAL MATCHES SERVED



58

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM



104

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM



VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

14 years Harry Jennings

6 years Kaylie Waddell

6 years Jason & Kristina Ouimet

5 years Daniel Penny

5 years Helena Morgan

VOLUNTEERS SERVED



128

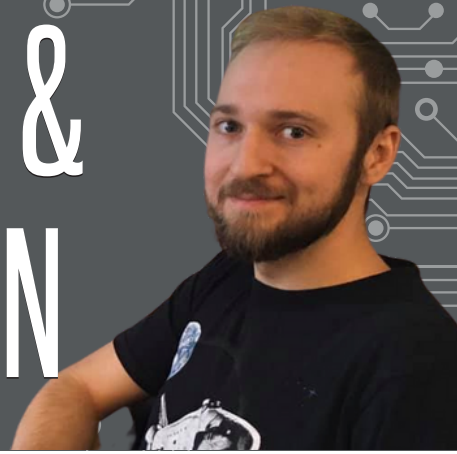
VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTED



5,420

HOURS VOLUNTEERED

LUCAS & BRYTON



The Williams Lake Community-based program is home to the most incredible Big Brother and Big Sister matches. These matches provide boys and girls with an adult role model to talk to and share their experiences of growing up with. **Bryton and Lucas are one of those incredible matches** that we want to recognize as building an incredibly unique and supportive friendship.

Big Brother Bryton and Little Brother Lucas have been matched in the Community-based mentoring program for **3 years**. Over those three years, they have shared some amazing memories together. From watching a Canucks game at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, to building a computer from scratch, Bryton has gone **above and beyond** to share some incredible experiences with Lucas. A recent highlight for the match includes a recent ski trip to Sun Peaks in February 2020.

Looking back on his time with Big Brother, Lucas says **"I appreciate how Bryton encouraged me to do new things I wouldn't have done before, like building a computer. Bryton and I got all the parts together and built it from scratch in two weeks."** Among all the trips, Lucas mentions how some of his favorite activities had Bryton and Lucas stick close to home. The two often enjoy venturing into the outdoors of the Cariboo Chilcotin, taking on adventures of ATVing and fishing.

Bryton says that he has learned so much from Lucas, who is more outdoorsy than he is. With his savvy outdoor skills, Bryton says Lucas is the one who "calls the shots" on their fishing and outdoor hangouts. During times of social distancing, the two have been able to stay connected with phone calls and playing online video games. As owner and operator of **Adventure Games Inc.**, Bryton is the expert on finding the latest and greatest games for them to play.



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Bryton describes Lucas as a very intelligent and interesting kid, who deserves to be exposed to neat things that challenge him. Bryton says, *"The best way to better understand something is to teach it, so I feel I've learned a lot from teaching Lucas about technology. Often, I'd arrange hangouts around some project, like building a computer or repairing a phone screen."*

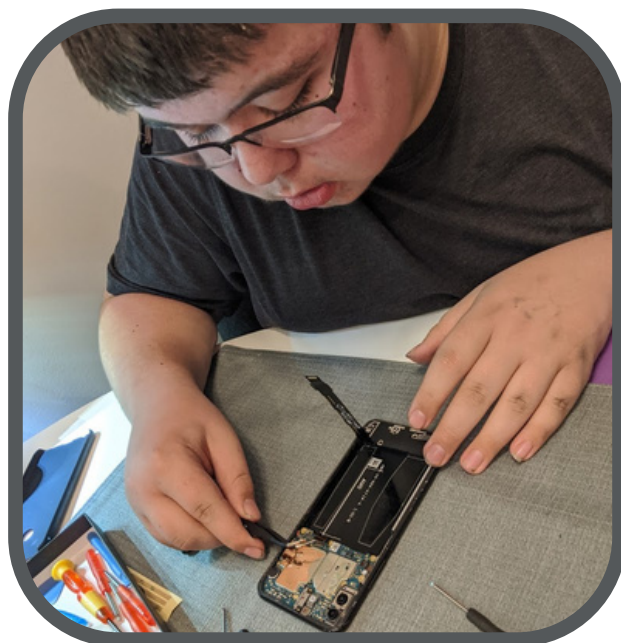


"Over the years, Lucas and I have both been through hardships, and knowing it's my job to be there for him a stable supportive part of his life has helped me to expand my own emotional intelligence."

Here are some pictures of Lucas working on those amazing projects! Reflecting on the impact that his Big Brother had on his life, Lucas says *"Bryton is a really good guy because he treated me with respect."* Fostering mutual respect is how Bryton gained the trust of his Little Brother, and allows them to have the amazing friendship they have today. Bonding over the difficult moments in life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake is so grateful to witness the **amazing friendship** that Bryton and Lucas have fostered over these past few years.

Watching both Lucas and Bryton grow together has been inspiring. We want to give special recognition to their match, and honor their dedication to each other and to the organization.



Jumpstart

Red Sock Campaign



On December 17 2019, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake received over 2000 T-Max Heat socks from the Jumpstart "Red Sock Campaign" to distribute to children in need across the community and surrounding areas. The agency worked hard to partner with local community partners to distribute the socks to elementary schools, band offices, daycare facilities, and over 15 other youth-based agencies.

Thanks to **MLA Donna Barnett** (pictured below), the socks were delivered to the youth in the 100 Mile community. The goal of this campaign was to reach as many children in need as possible, a mission Big Brothers Big Sisters was more than happy to help accomplish during the Christmas season.



List of Community Partners

Boys and Girls Club	100 Mile Elementary
Denisiqi Service Society	Sacred Heart Elementary
Marie Sharpe Elementary	Chilcotin Road Elementary
Cataline Elementary	150 Mile Elementary
Nesika Elementary	Mountview Elementary
Cariboo Friendship Society	Knucwentwecw Society
Big Lake Elementary	Maranatha Christian School
Salvation Army	Cariboo Adventist Academy
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1ST ANNUAL BACKWOODS TRY-ATHLON

EXIT THE BEATEN PATH



On September 7 2019, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake ran the first ever Backwoods TRY-Athlon at Gavin Lake Forest Education Center. The new event was met with overwhelming positivity, with over 65 participants taking on the challenge. TRY-Athloners competed in backwoods terrain as individuals or group relays. The course included a 5 kilometer paddle, 11 kilometer bike ride, and finished with a 7 kilometer run. In total, the new fundraiser raised over \$18,000 that went directly to supporting our Community-based and In-school Mentoring programs.

Top Fundraiser for the event was Kara Mills, who raised \$1145. For her efforts, Kara won an Opus Sonar Mountain Bike Donated by Red Shred's Bike and Board. We also want to give great big thanks to our sponsors, The West Fraser Truckers Association, Penney Mechanical Ltd, Cameron & Co Accountants, and Pioneer Logging. Their support helped us to run such a fantastic fundraiser that allowed our community to get out in nature and challenge themselves.

We also want to thank Mike Tudor at Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre for helping create and host this event. He is an absolute champion for the youth, and we were so honored to collaborate with him. As we look to the future, we are so excited to run this event for all our new TRY-Athloners!





Jordan Siegmüller Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

For the third year in a row, Crystal and Cody Wells organized the Jordan Siegmüller Memorial Charity Golf Tournament. Our agency had the great fortune to be selected as one of the three Charities of Choice. In total, the tournament saw 160 golfers who raised over \$30,000.

The Charities of Choice included our agency, the Williams Lake Golf and Tennis Club, and two \$1,000 Lake City Secondary School athletic bursaries named in Siegmüller's honour.

"The tournament is popular due to who Jordan was — not only to the golf course, but to the community. He was involved in a lot and he had such an infectious personality."

Crystal Wells



BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

OF THE YEAR

*Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Williams Lake presents*

CAROL & ARCHIE DICECCO COOKBOOK

*former owners of Trattoria Pasta Shoppe
in Williams Lake*



On November 22 2019, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake released the much anticipated Carol and Archie Dicecco Cookbook. Carol and Archie were owners and operators of the popular Trattoria Pasta Shoppe that closed in August of 2018.

The family-owned business was a well-loved restaurant, and attended by many Williams Lake diners for their quality authentic Italian food. With over 28 recipes, the cookbook included classic Trattoria dishes like the Cajun Chicken Fettucine and the famous cheesecake.

The cookbook was sponsored by over 30 local businesses, including gold sponsors PMT, Bob's Footwear and Apparel, and Williams Lake Credit Union. The community support was incredible, with the first 1,000 prints selling out in TWO days!

Overall, the cookbook raised over \$48,000, making it the most successful fundraiser of the year. Months later, the books are still in demand throughout the Cariboo. Copies can be purchased at several local retailers, including [Realm of Toys](#), [Taylor Made Cakes](#), and [Bob's Footwear and Apparel](#). We want to give a great **BIG** thank you to these businesses for supporting us in this incredible journey.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake is so grateful for Carol and Archie's generosity. The couple chose to support local youth by sharing their treasured recipes with the world. Each home that has a Carol and Archie Dicecco Cookbook is making their community a better place for youth to live, and a lot tastier too.

*"We've had a lot of feedback from
some of the customers that have
bought the book and they've cooked
some of the meals and they say it
tastes just the same."*

Carol Dicecco

July 2019-June 2020 Chair Report

2019-2020 was a successful but also challenging year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake. Staff and volunteers have done a fantastic job adapting and creating programming that fits into the new normal of service delivery due to COVID 19.

2019-2020 was Angela Kadar's first full year as Executive Director for BBBSWL. She did an outstanding job leading the team, maintaining, building community relationships, developing funds and navigating the agency through the beginning of a pandemic. Angela's willingness to think outside of the box and aptitude to learn has quickly turned her into a recognized leader in our community.

We said goodbye to the ISM Coordinator Natasha Johnson and, in turn, welcomed Rylee Wallner into the position. After several years of dedication, Joanna Saunders stepped down as Treasurer and resigned from the Board. Sarah Batke has stepped into the role of Treasurer for a two-year term in February. Through these transitions, the BBBSWL team-maintained unity and continuity of programming.

In September, we hosted the 1st Annual Backwoods TRY-Athlon at Gavin Lake, raising over \$18,000. In partnership with Carol and Archie Diecco, a cookbook was created that raised over \$48,000 for the agency. Our Disney Themed Bowl for Kid's Sake was cancelled due to the pandemic but has been rescheduled for next spring. Once again, the Jordan Siegmuller Memorial Golf Tournament chose us as a charity of choice. We are grateful to have been selected for another year and are looking forward to being a part of this meaningful and fun event. The postponement of these two events was disappointing but necessary as part of the collective effort regarding community safety.

Looking back over the year, I can say that I feel confident that our new fundraiser, Back Woods Try-Athlon, will become just as loved as its predecessor Tour de Cariboo. The Board is grateful to have such a strong team of staff and volunteers that continue to spark potential in the young people the agency serves

I am looking forward to watching how the staff and volunteers continue to contribute to our youth's health and happiness over the next year.

Sincerely,

Linda Bingham

Chair

Board of Directors

July 2019-June 2020 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

We started the year off on a high note, creating a brand new fundraiser called The Backwoods TR4-Athlon and partnering with the Sugar Cane Development Corporation to host a local Ribfest and Williams Lake Craft Beer Festival. Our agency received \$3,500 from the Williams Lake First Nation as a result of the amazing support from the beer and barbeque-loving residents of the Cariboo. Raising over \$18,000, the Backwoods TR4-Athlons success solidified itself as key fundraiser for our agency. Next, we worked around the clock to release the much anticipated Carol and Archie Dicceco Cookbook. Longtime Trattoria customers lined up at local vendors, waiting for a chance to grab a copy. The cookbook was so popular, we had to double our order!

With yet another successful fundraiser under our belt, Executive Assistant Susan Erlandson geared up for Bowl For Kids Sake 2020. The longtime event saw more registration than ever before. Scheduled for March 27, April 3, and April 4th, the event was postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The pandemic completely altered our fundraising success. With increased restrictions and health concerns, our matches suffered as well.

In May, our In-School Mentoring (ISM) program was forced to close for the remainder of the school year. In response, our new ISM Coordinator Rylee Wallner created a virtual program called Online Go Girls! which connects youth aged 11-13 with mentors. Together, they learn about balanced eating, active living, and self-care.

Natasha Pilkington, our Community-based Mentoring Coordinator, released all new socially-distant activities and training for Bigs and Littles. Community-based matches were at an all-time high as Natasha and the rest of the team delivered food and activities to our families in need during the lockdown.

Running both ISM and Community-based programs, Mentoring Coordinator Marilia Vieira used a Pen Pal option to keep her mentors connected through letters and crafts. Transitioning to a virtual format allowed us to provide mentorship to youth during the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, services like food security allowed our agency to provide support to youth and families. Our agency worked to be the glue in our community, providing food security to families and a safe haven for children.

From developing new virtual programs, to delivering food and goods to families, our team continues to adapt to the requirements of COVID-19. As this year comes to a close, we look forward to adapting our programs to continue to serve the children and families of Williams Lake and 100 Mile House. I am proud that our team rose to the occasion of these unprecedented challenges with strength and tenacity.

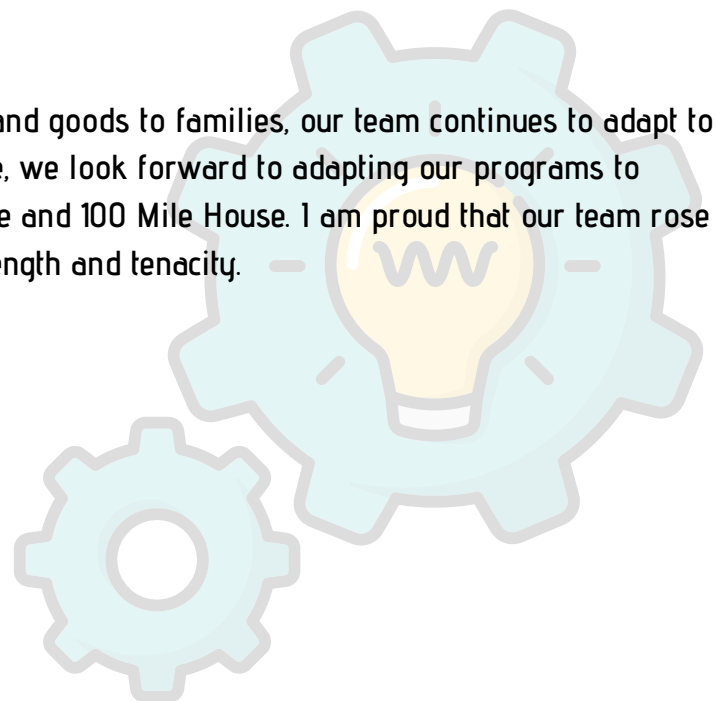
We will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Angela Kadar

Executive Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williams Lake



July 2019-June 2020 Treasurer Report

The Board of Directors Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Williams Lake thank you all for yet another successful year. I think we can all agree that this year has been challenging, however, we have endured and come through stronger and more resilient.

Thanks to the hard work of Angela and her team we had a few new fundraising events. This year we ran the Backwoods TRY-Athlon and sold Cookbooks which brought in \$18,404.22 and \$48,171.30, respectively. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our golf tournament was delayed until July, which missed our fiscal year. In addition, our fundraising event Bowl For Kids Sake had to be postponed until next year.

A huge congratulations to Angela and her staff for a great year despite the hurdles. Thank you to the board members for your dedication and extra time throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Sarah Austin

Treasurer

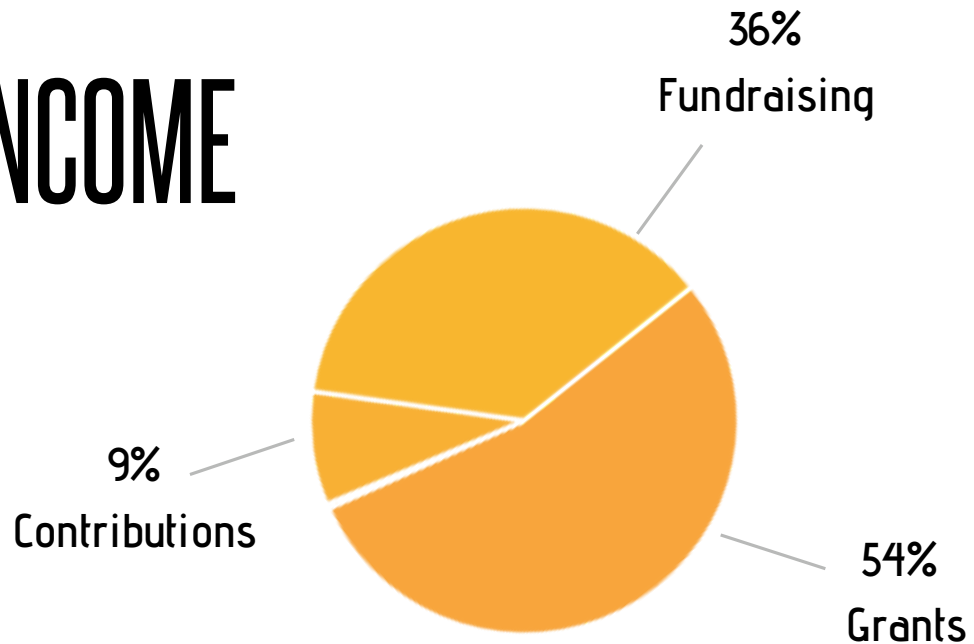
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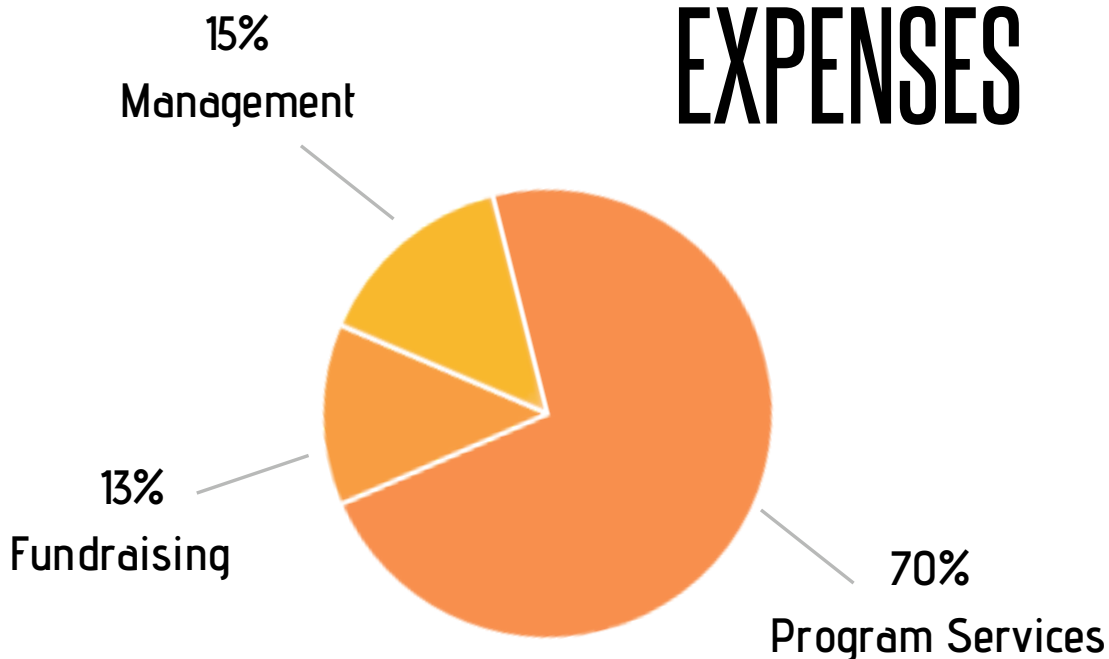
Financials

There is no cost to the families, youth, and mentors enrolled in our programs. We encourage the match to focus on the relationship.

INCOME



EXPENSES



*a little amount can
make a*

*BIG difference
a monthly donation of*

\$5 - \$25

**CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT IN THE
LIFE OF A CHILD**

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to find our monthly giving program

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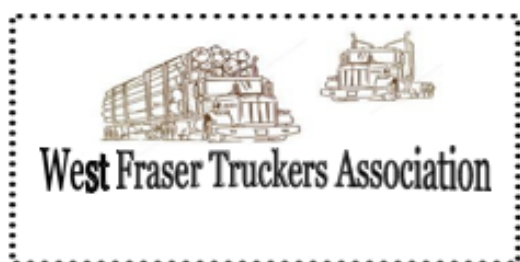
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