

PRESS RELEASE

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTH HURON RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Burlington, Ontario – Bill Adams, Board Chair of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada has announced that Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron was granted National Accreditation for having successfully met the review standards outlined by the national governing body, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC). To continually ensure maximum child safety and the pursuit of organizational excellence, Big Brothers Big Sisters' review process for its member agencies has been in existence for more than twenty-five years. The National Accreditation program is conducted by professionally trained reviewers who must complete Accreditation training given by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

The Accreditation Certificate is granted upon approval of agency practices in the areas of child safety, service delivery, and organizational excellence. Organizational excellence includes a consultative process with agency volunteers, parents and Board Members, assurance of sound fiscal management practices, and agency strategic planning.

Each agency within the BBBSC organization is Accredited every five years. Agencies also participate in a mid-term evaluation as an interim measure ensuring adherence to National Standards.

Elaine Osborne, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron, stated that this National Accreditation certification represents a great deal more than our organization's obvious commitment to upholding the terms specified in the national governing documents. Osborne stated that it's a symbol of our agency's dedication to providing our community with the best possible mentoring services for children and families.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron has been serving Central and North Huron for more than 25 years and is committed to serving children and youth by providing them with quality mentoring relationships with volunteers. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada congratulates Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron for their efforts to uphold the principles of organizational excellence espoused by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada. For more information regarding the agency's programs and services and inquiries pertaining to becoming a volunteer in the areas of mentorship, Board Members, and community volunteers, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron at bbbsnh@bellnet.ca or telephone (519) 524-4361.