



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Buller

2010

BECOME A MENTOR TODAY

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Introduction - What is Big Brothers Big Sisters?

There are young people in our community who would positively shine if they had an adult to give them a guiding hand.

If you became a mentor you could make a world of difference for a young person. The emphasis is on adding to the lives of young people who are in need of some extra care and attention.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an international model of mentoring. It is based on the idea that a friendship between two people, can provide support for a young person to grow and develop in positive ways. The idea is that you and your young person meet at least once a week or over 10 hours a month and during this time have as much fun as possible doing things that you both enjoy.

The presence of mentoring relationships such as these have been proven to be key in bringing hope to young lives, helping to keep them out of trouble and therefore giving them a future.

Big Brothers Big Sisters are always looking for more adult volunteers to become involved in the programme.

So if you are 18+ and would like to be part of a young person's life by building a lasting and memorable relationship then please contact

Ondy Weaver



Mentor & Young Person enjoying a laugh at the pool party



Contact

Ondy Weaver

BBBS Co-ordinator

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Ondy's role as co-ordinator

In my role, I am in contact with mentors at our monthly meetings and always available by phone should they require any information.

I recruit and arrange training for mentors so that they are aware of their roles. Full support is given to mentors during their match with a young person.

I attend Big Brothers Big Sisters Regional meetings and once a year go to National Conference.

Other meetings I attend are Hui's, Strengthening Family for children and Family Group conference meetings.

At present I am completing my diploma with the National Youth Workers Network, TOHU Project. I am an active member in the Youth Sector Network.

We have 22 matches and 7 young person's awaiting a match. I am always recruiting male and females for our programme. We are in need of good men! as I have young males waiting for a Big Brother. So if you enjoy having fun and enjoys sports, fishing or the outdoors and would like to make a difference in a young persons life, please contact me.



Ondy with a young person "hanging out" at our pool party



Cook Off



Pool Party

**Enjoy Sports?
Having Fun?
Fishing?
Become a mentor!**

Community Support

We have some great people who support the programme which we are very grateful for, these include:

1. Solid Energy Centre
2. Yellow House Restaurant who kindly judge our cook off at Buller High School
3. NBS Theatre
4. St Vincent de Paul sponsor swimming time and pool passes

5. Westport News who cover our activities
6. Fresh Choice
7. Coast FM
8. ANZ for their kind donation



Activities

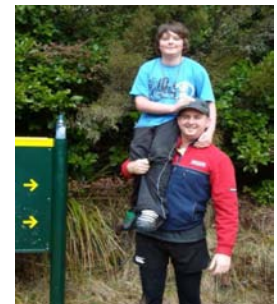
Big Brothers Big Sisters try to hold activities as much as possible to keep the interest and encourage the mentors and Young persons to experience things they would not always be possible.

These events have proved to be a lot of fun and also gets everyone together. This helps form lasting relationships and everyone makes new friends. Good team building helps young people achieve goals they never thought possible.

It has proven to be a good way of "cementing" our mentors, young person relationship and create an opportunity for mentors to revisit their childhood by having fun with their young person!

Some of the events we have co-ordinated and would like to run annually are:

- Fun in the snow
- Golf days
- Pool party
- Kayaking
- Cook Off
- Christmas BBQ



Publicity

We have great opportunities for promoting BBBS in our community. There is also the opportunity for businesses to support an inspirational programme, some ways in which this is presently happening and has occurred in the past are through events held.

1. NBS Theatre are currently running advertisements for Big Brothers Big Sisters before each screening so if the opportunity arose we could also include sponsors or supporters to this as well.
2. We have a number of posters distributed

around town as well for recruiting

3. Westport News regularly showcases the activities that BBBS hold.
4. Schools are supportive of our programme
5. We have a good relationship with Buller District Council
6. Mike Avery who was biking around New Zealand raising funds for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Zealand. He was determined to get the message out there and this proved to be a huge success. Support was given to Mike as he

passed through Westport.

We like to acknowledge everyone who supports or sponsors our programme as we feel this is an important part of the keeping the community informed and aware of all the work that goes on behind the scenes in supporting our programme.

Business are very generous for our small community and we appreciate their support



Local Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors and their Young Persons with Mike Avery as he passes through Westport. He enjoyed a lovely home cooked meal and warm bed whilst he was here promoting Big Brothers Big Sisters nation wide.

Up Coming

Meeting Dates

For mentors

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

7.30pm

At

Homebuilders



Big Brothers Big Sisters
 National Statistics
 show Buller
 2nd overall in NZ
 &
 Received
 Community Award



Mentors spend an average of 10 hours per month with their Young person so if you enjoy Golf, Fishing, Bike riding, Tramping, Sports and Movies
 Or just hanging out. Think about becoming a mentor!

Comments from the Young person's

- "Get a judge that likes pizza!"
- "Thanks for teaching me how to cook"
- "I've learnt how to make Macaroni Cheese"
- "It was great fun"
- "I didn't think I would like kayaking but it was awesome!"
- "It's really cool learning new things"
- "We had an awesome time up the mountain in the snow"

Comments from the Mentors

- "Thank you for "matching me" with such a great young person"
- "It's great watching my young person grow with confidence"
- "We have done heaps together and my young person has taught me a few things as well"
- "Being with young people and watching their faces light up when they achieve a goal"



Letter sent to Homebuilders from one of the young persons on the programme



To whom it may concern,
 I really enjoyed the Waiuta lodge camp that Ondy organised. We all went for a walk up through the forest to the snow where there was a big snow hill and we slid down on plastic bags. We all had lunch and we got really cold.
 I really liked how Ondy looked after me when my mentor was in hospital in Christchurch. Ondy helped me write letters and emails to him.
 I liked all of the pool parties that Ondy organised. It was good because all of the mentees and mentors came to the pool parties.
 Ondy organised a cook-off for BBBS. I cooked spaghetti bolognaise I won first prize, which was a book voucher for the book shop

This response makes it all worth while!
This shows what a difference you can make in a young persons life.

