



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF CAPE BRETON

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Vision Statement

To significantly contribute to the healthy development of youth in our community.

Mission Statement

We are committed to the healthy development of children through professionally designed mentoring programs.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 21, 2022

I'd like to thank everyone for making it to this year's AGM. I'm glad we could finally meet in person again (Covid), but I'd be lying if I said I wasn't at least a little sad that I can't do this in my pajamas...

To start, I want to thank all our board members for all the great work you all did throughout this past year. I'm always amazed at how well everyone can come together and really knock an event out of the park each and every time. We started off strong with our yard sale back in September, and continued all the way up to an awesome day at Bowl for Kids Sake in Membertou. There are many more things in between to point out, like all the little things everyone has done at one point or another, but there's so many that I'd have to be here talking all night.

I also want to make a special mention as to all the hard work Francine has done this year, balancing her caseload with school activities, the auction, our events and fundraisers, and all during a year of Covid. On behalf of the board, I'd like to extend our sincerest thank you. I mean, I'm not 100% sure if it was enough to get her a gift this year, but we'll see...

As well, I want to thank the new board members and guests for joining us and especially wish the new board members a warm welcome to the team... and good luck – you might need it with us!

I also want to make a special mention for Justin, our latest retired board member, on all the hard work he did for us over the last number of years on the board. I'm not sure who we're going to make wear a suit to Bowl for Kids to replace him, but I'm sure it won't have the same impact.

Looking forward to the coming year, we should be happy with where we are but not content. Our finances are in great shape thanks to all the cost saving during Covid and our board is getting back in shape. We managed to snag a few great fundraisers over the past few years, such as the auction and the WestJet ticket draw, that will help us stay on our feet until we can build Bowl for Kids back up to where it used to be.

We should be proud of all we did this year. But, we need to continue looking at new ways to source funding both to help in hiring a caseworker and to keep building on our strong financials going forward so we can weather any future storms as well as we did during Covid.

Matthew Bennett

Interim President.

EXECUTIVR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

June 21, 2022

“I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things.” Mother Teresa

This past year has had its financial challenges; however, we were able to do BFKS after a two/three year hold due to Covid. The support of the community with on line fundraising events and the CEWS program allowed us to end the year in a comfortable position. There had to be sacrifice as well, for instance, no additional staff and watching costs.

Now that CEWS is coming to an end, we need to look at ways to increase our funding. I am hoping this Fall, we can have a Saturday morning retreat to look at ways to raise our funds.

In order for our services to grow, it is time to look at hiring a caseworker to do our school programs and casework. I can research possible grants to help us achieve this. However, this is a chicken and the egg scenario where we need to increase our funds to hire this person after funding is completed.

I am asking the board to come together to look at some recruitment ideas for the Fall. We need to put our presence in the community again and help more children and find new volunteers, with a caseworker in place, we can handle an increase in program.

So this year needs to focus on increasing finances and PR/Recruitment this Fall.

We are all exhausted of what COVID has done to us, our friends and community. Let us find the “New Normal” together.

Thank you.

Francine Hall BA BSW
Executive Director



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Breton

(society name)

for the fiscal period ending

2022-03-31

(yyyy/mm/dd)

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Income

Membership fees	0
Fund raising	58,635
Other revenue	12,432
Other revenue	60,818
A. Total Income	131,885

Expenditures

Administration	7,835
Education and training	0
Insurance	7,078
Professional fees	2,643
Salaries	87,412
Other expenditures	4,777
Other expenditures	8,229
B. Total Expenditures	117,974

C. Net Surplus or (Deficit) (A - B = C) 13,911

D. Surplus or (Deficit), beginning of year 37,421

E. Surplus or (Deficit), end of year (C + D = E) 51,332

Auditor or Director: (signature) Director: (signature)

Matthew Bennett
(name)

Charles Aboud
(name)



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BALANCE SHEET FOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Breton

(society name)

for the fiscal period ending 2022-03-31

(yyyy/mm/dd)

Assets	2022
Current Assets	
Cash and deposits	51,332
Accounts receivable	_____
Prepaid expenses	_____
Capital/Fixed Assets	_____
Equipment	_____
Land and buildings	_____
Other capital/fixed Assets	_____
A. Total Assets	<u>51,332</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Amounts payable	_____
Taxes payable	_____
Long Term Debt	_____
Mortgage	_____
Other	_____
B. Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
Equity	
Retained earnings/deficit	_____
General reserve	51,332
C. Total Equity	<u>51,332</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity (A must equal B + C)	51,332 <u>51,332</u>

Auditor or Director: MB (signature) Director: Charles Aboud (signature)

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