



Big Sisters
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City of Burnaby
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Dear Kate O'Connell,

On behalf of everybody here at Big Sisters we want to thank you so much for your recent gift of \$5,000. Your generous support helps us do so much! Your donation provides unique and empowering mentorship support for vulnerable girls in your community at a time in their lives when they need it most.

2015 was a banner year for Big Sisters, we served more girls than ever before! Thanks to your generous support we were able to provide mentorship to 819 girls throughout the Lower Mainland. That's 819 more girls that have the confidence to reach their goals. Thanks to your generosity, there are 819 more girls with a supportive woman in their corner encouraging them to be the best they can be.

You support Big Sisters because you believe in the power of mentorship. You understand that having someone to encourage these girls to reach their full potential is a powerful agent for positive change, we couldn't agree more. We love hearing from our Bigs and Littles about how important this relationship is in their lives, and how both the Big and Little are benefiting from this relationship.

My name is Ashleigh and I have been blessed to be a Big Sister to Sara for 3 years now. Wow! I still remember the day we first met on the couch at her grandma's house, and I remember thinking that this little girl looked like so much fun. I was totally right! Every time we get together we have a blast! It has been an incredible privilege and learning curve hanging out with a teenager and watching her make her way through the transitions that come with adolescence and secondary school. I've personally learned that I'm not as 'hip' as I thought I was. More importantly, I've been able to see a little girl who has seen so much trouble and adversity in her life thrive despite everything and work towards her many big dreams. In the time we've been sisters I've watched her grow ever more determined, smart, kind, and conscientious.

City of Burnaby will be gratefully acknowledged as a member of the Big Sisters Giving Circle at the Match Maker level over the next year and City of Burnaby will be listed on our website, annual report, Spring Lunch recognition sign and our Luminary Award Soiree Program. Our Giving Circle seeks to recognize and honour donors like you who make meaningful contributions of \$2,000 or more in support of our programs.

If you would prefer not to have your name included on this list, please contact our Fundraising Assistant at 604 873 4525 ext. 321 and we will ensure that your contribution remains confidential and anonymous.

If you have any questions about our organization, our programs or you would like to drop by our office and see your support in action please feel free to contact me.

Thank you so much for contributing to the positive development of today's girls, who will be tomorrow's strong women.

Sincerely,

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