



Big Sisters
of BC Lower Mainland

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The Office of the City Clerk
c/o Financial Management Committee
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V4G 1M2

Dear Financial Management Committee,

"With my Big Sister I can talk about anything – if I have a problem, she is the one I tell. It's not the fun activities that is the fun part, it's her! We have a lot of the same opinions, but when they are different we can both share and understand each other's perspectives."

-Little Sister, Natalie

Vulnerable girls throughout the Lower Mainland of BC, just like Natalie, are waiting for a Big Sister of their very own. Someone in their corner, who supports them, listens to them and helps build their confidence. Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland facilitates mentoring relationships that champion a girl's potential.

Each time Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland pairs a young girl with a role model, we start something incredible: a one-to-one relationship built on trust and friendship that can blossom into a future of unlimited potential. At a time in their lives when even small choices can change the course of their future, having a Big Sister can help at-risk girls avoid a life riddled with low self-esteem, trauma, substance abuse and poverty. We hope you'll review the 2016 Big Sisters Program Impact Report to see the valuable impact your support has made in the lives of girls and the Burnaby community.

On behalf of Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland, I would like to thank the City of Burnaby for the \$5,000 gift in 2016 and your cumulative giving of \$52,025 since 2002. Over the past 15 years, you have supported 26 girls with a supportive mentor in Burnaby. We hope that you will consider reinvesting a gift of \$8,000 in 2017 to support another 4 girls on our waitlist. It's a gift that will impact the Burnaby community at large!

Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposal. Your financial support will enable Big Sisters to provide vital mentorship to vulnerable girls and help build brighter futures.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Boyle our Fundraising Manager, at the coordinates below.

Sincerely,

Brenda GersHKovitch
Executive Director

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