

Teams are needed for Bowl for Kids Sake...

Have fun and help kids! Bowl for Kids Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest national fund-raising campaign.

For over 20 years, Bigs, Littles, donors, corporations, and other community members have been raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters at annual Bowl for Kids, Sake events in bowling lanes across the country.

Three Bowl for Kids Events are planned to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton. They are:

- Sunday, February 5, 1-3 p.m. at Georgetown Bowl for 5-pin bowling,

• Friday, February 17, 7-9 p.m. at Hopedale Bowl for 5-pin bowling

• Friday, February 24, 7-9 p.m. at Classic Bowl in Mississauga for 10-pin bowling.

It's not about bowling. It's about kids. Bowl for Kids Sake is an easy and fun way to make a difference, and everyone can get involved as bowlers, team captain, or a sponsor. It's a party with a team of friends, family, neighbors or colleagues. Remember it's not your skill or your score that counts— it's your effort!

If you care about kids and can

"spare" a little time for fun, then Bowl for Kids Sake is "right up your alley"!

The Bowl for Kids' Sake Campaign initiative supports Big Brothers Big Sisters' goal to match 100 new children by the end of 2006. To reach that goal, more funding is needed to dramatically increase volunteer recruitment, marketing, and service delivery.

Pledging is easier than ever this year as bowlers can collect pledges on-line. For more information please check out the Big Brother Big Sister Web site at www.bbbshalton.ca or call Kristin at 905-339-2355 ext. 222.

How important are volunteers to the CNIB? Critical. Please join us.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind provides services to more than 90,000 children, working adults and seniors. We thank our 20,000 volunteers in every corner of Canada who enable us to go wherever and whenever we're needed.



Contact your local CNIB District Centre. (905) 275-5332



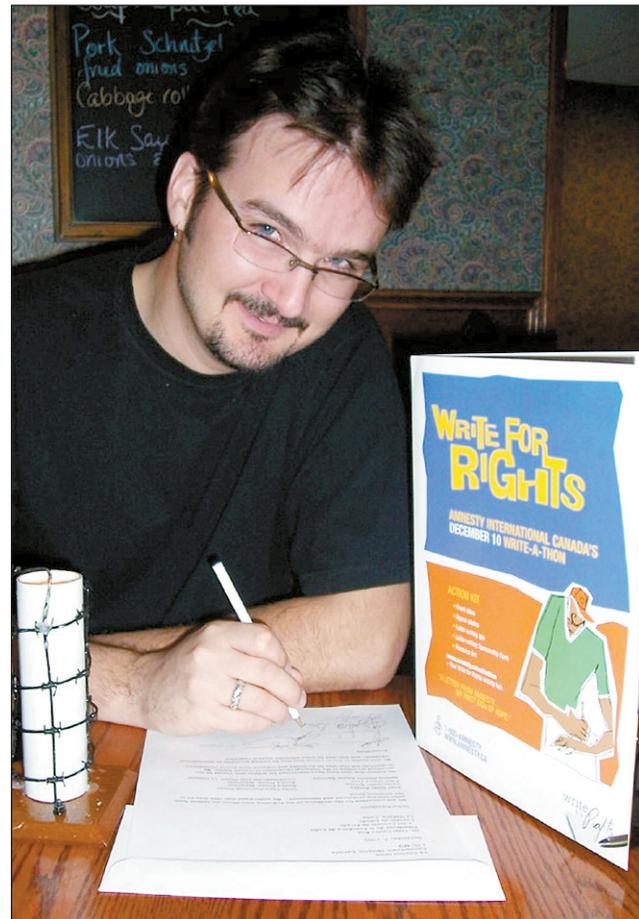
... and 'Littles' need 'Bigs' too

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton is also in need of volunteers. There are 74 children waiting for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Do you have just a few hours each week to give to a child who needs a friend and mentor?

There are also 50 students waiting for an In-School Mentor. Do you have just one hour each week to visit a student at the child's school during the school year?

If either of these possibilities interest you, please contact their office at 905-339-2355 for more information.



Signing for freedom

Jeff Wilkinson joined local members of Amnesty International at their Write for Rights event recently at the Shepherd's Crook. The group sent 70 cards, handmade by school children, to Cuban prisoners accused of speaking against their government, and collected 176 signatures on letters to government officials in Cuba, China, Myanmar, and Singapore. Amnesty groups around the world hosted similar writeathons to mark International Human Rights Day.

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Program for parents & babies 0-1



Thursdays 10:30 am-12 Starting Feb 2nd For 10 wks Call Now!

FREE!

- Parents will learn music designed to encouraged language development & interaction with their babies
- Babies will experience developmentally appropriate songs, activities & games
- Parents will meet new friends & enjoy coffee/tea & a snack together
- Parents will hear special speakers on relevant topics



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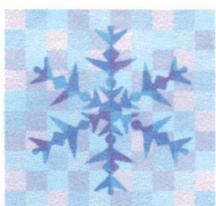
Cabin Fever Busters

Weekly on Tuesday mornings from 10 am-12, Beginning January 31, 2006

- For parents & children ages infant to 5 yrs
- A great follow up to Baby Song
- Songs, Videos, & Stories
- Free Play with lots of space to crawl or run
- Refreshments, Snacks & Socializing
- Flexible drop-in format
- Come & beat those winter blues!



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Thank-you Georgetown!

Thanks go out to everyone in this amazing community that contributed to our successful Christmas Season. The money raised during our kettle campaign will fund our food bank and family services office for this year.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to help 94 families have a wonderful Christmas by providing them with toys & 100 families by providing them with food.

Special Thanks Go Out to These Community Partners:

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It is not too late!
Donations can still be received at:

217 Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown
The Salvation Army Georgetown Community Church
905-877-1374