

THE story behind Big Sisters Association of Huronia is told

Big Sisters Association of Huronia received its Charter on Nov. 8, 1976.

The Quota Club of Huronia and the Huronia Social Planning Council identified the need and sparked the idea to establish this voluntary and non-profit organization.

The aims of the Association include promoting, in a constructive way, the personal growth of younger girls in their general relationship with their peers, family, relatives, and the adult community in general.

The girls who need help and who receive the help from Big Sisters are those often with poor self images, who lack self confidence, and who may lack a certain amount of adult female attention. Little Sisters may be from one-parent families or from large families which submerge their personalities and leave little time for personal attention. Sometimes their parents may be ill or unable to afford special family outings or cultural experiences for the Little Sisters, or the Little Sisters may

come from a home left motherless.

It is the aim of the Association to match Little Sisters with Big Sisters in a one-to-one relationship.

The Big Sisters organization locally is made up of a Board of Directors, an Executive, and a number of support staff from the community. All participants volunteer their time and energy. The Board is made up of 15 members from which are drawn an Executive.

The Executive consists of the following

people at the present time: Jan Anderson, President; Sue Blake, Secretary; Mary Besley, Treasurer; Marilyn Shewfelt, Ruth Lamoureux, Pam Blackwell, Chris Marsh - responsible for social arrangements; Mary Ellen Moore, Bonnie Wonnacott, Publicity; Carol Coutts, Mena McGill, Beryl Young, Lynn Turnbull, Liz Goodwin, Screening & Matching.

In addition to the Board of Directors and its Executive, the Association has a number of community

"support staff". These include members of local clergy, professional groups, and social work teams.

Big Sisters receive requests for assistance from members of the clergy, school principals, the Contact Centre, and social workers as well as, occasionally, from other sources.

The Huronia Association serves an area which includes Penetanguishene, Midland, Lafontaine, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour, Elmvale, Orr

Lake, and Hillsdale. In other words, it serves the whole area of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula.

NUMBERS INVOLVED

At the present time there are fourteen Little Sisters matched with Big Sisters for a total of 28 involved. On the average, six new Big Sisters are required, as a minimum, each year. Because of the need for very careful matching of Little Sisters with their Big Sisters, there is a need to have on hand a larger number of prospects so that proper matching and suitability can be arranged.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A BIG SISTER?

Big Sisters must be at least 18 years of age and have a sincere interest in devoting some time each week for at least a year to helping a young girl. The emphasis is on establishing and building a relationship of mutual confidence and acceptance through activities and through conversation. The cost to a Big Sister is only a cost of time - time which others, because of circumstances, cannot give.

The role of the Big Sister is not meant to detract from the role of the girl's mother or family in any way; expensive gifts and expensive outings are discouraged. If a special

talent or interest is identified in the Little Sister, it is hoped that talent or interest would be stimulated and would blossom with the attention of a Big Sister.

Each month all the Big Sisters and Little Sisters get together for a social activity, usually one focussing on a specific topic, such as a Crafts Night. This permits Big Sisters and Little Sisters to meet their colleagues, to share their experiences and possibly share their problems.

Problems can arise, possibly due to waning interest on the part of a Little Sister, or perhaps because the Little Sister is demanding more and more time. The Board of Directors, through the screening and Matching Committee, are encouraged to discuss these problems and seek solutions so that the association between the Big Sister and Little Sister can continue and be successful.

Someone interested in becoming a Big Sister fills out an application, is met by a member of the Screening Committee who will answer her questions and perhaps go into details of a particular Little Sister who seeking a Big Sister. Applications are available from the Contact Centre in Midland at 526-9333.

'Molson Big Fish' derby

Fish contest lures Ontario's anglers!



Gun Club draw winner

Simcoe County Gun Club President Alex Bressette hands club member Bill Simpson a cheque for the

prize in the draw the club held to raise money for Huronia Transition Homes.



Help for Homes

Gayle Leroux, co-ordinator for Huronia Transitional Homes, accepts a donation of \$190 from Simcoe County Gun Club President Alex

Bressette. The first home is scheduled to open in Midland next month.

Get out your rod and reel, put film in your camera, and let's go fishing--the 27th annual "Molson" Big Fish Contest, operated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, is underway!

Over \$40,000 in cash and prizes is up for grabs in this year's "Molson" Big Fish Contest which runs from April 15 to November 30, 1985. Nine species of fish qualify for the Live Release and Catch and Keep categories.

Anglers across the province have an opportunity to win Evinrude trolling motors, Mitchell rods and reels, and cash prizes.

Every competitor whose fish meets the minimum size requirement will receive a personalized award certificate and a handsome print of a largemouth bass by renowned Canadian wildlife artist, Michael Dumas. In addition, one angler will be awarded the title "Ontario Angler of the Year" and a 9.9 h.p. Evinrude outboard motor.

Participation in the contest is easy. Just photograph the fish and carefully measure its length and girth. To enter the Catch and Keep category, fish must be weighed on a government-inspected scale.

The "Molson" Big Fish Contest, Ontario's largest and most prestigious provincial fishing contest, is open to all anglers catching fish in Ontario waters during open seasons.

All fish must be entered within thirty days of being caught. For complete rules, pick up an entry form at sporting goods, bait and tackle shops, taxidermists, lodges, resorts, Evinrude dealerships, or directly from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Box 28, Peterborough, K9J 6Y5.

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