

## **Brief history of the organization Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS)**

Our organization saw the day in New York City in the early 1920's answering to a need recognized by a judge. That judge would see, in his court, young boys accused of crimes. He took notice that the majority of those cases were the result of a lack of direction from an adult. That need became the prime purpose for creating the organization Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS). A chapter of BBBS was established in Moncton in the early 1970's.

### It's main goal

Its main goal was to accompany a young boy or girl in giving them advice to enable the acquisition of good values and habits.

### Expected results

A study realized by an independent group six years ago indicated that every \$1 invested with BBBS would amount to a decrease in social cost of \$16.

### Different programs

For the last 100 years, the program in which the agency has been known for is the twinning/or matching 1 to 1. With the years, the twinning *Big couple* and *Big family* have been added. Plus, we have mentoring programs in both school districts in our region. We are considering adding new programs in the next year.

### Actual activities

In the twinning report (that will be submitted at the meeting), you will note that the agency answers to a great need but unfortunately, it is lacking in the twinning of young boys. A good number are still waiting for a big brother.

### Our request

As indicated earlier, our agency renders and offers services to all young people in our area and for many years, sees a good number on a waiting list

for a big brother or big sister. This is very often the result of a lack of awareness and information to the general population. We are always looking for volunteers, like other community groups. To reach our goal, we need human and financial resources.

Our funding comes from many sources and is awarded annually. It is not easy when you need to engage/commit with a young person for 2, 3, 4 or more years to achieve the desired results.

To achieve those results, we are asking for a commitment of more than one year, such as 3 or 5 years. The amount requested is \$7,500. Thank you!