



- MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT -

On behalf of the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley, it is my pleasure to report on the agency's activities and successes over the past year. In 2017, we embarked on the first year of a new strategic plan that provided a framework to achieve our agency's vision for mentoring programs in the Langley community through to 2020. We achieved many of the goals that were set out this year to increase our impact and ensure delivery of quality programming, to amplify our voice and share the impact of mentoring, to enhance our sustainability and to strengthen our leadership and staff team.

Here at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley, we know first-hand the remarkable impact that mentoring can have on our children and youth. Our mentoring programs foster resiliency and help children gain the confidence to achieve more, and in 2017, we were fortunate to help change the lives of 416 children in the Langley community. We know that this success is not achieved in isolation, and is only possible because of the collective support from all those who believe in our agency and the power of mentoring.

I am proud to work alongside a Board of Directors whose leadership, engagement and expertise continues to help strengthen and grow this agency. We had no turnover in our board membership this past year, and this continuity in leadership has helped us maintain momentum and ensure that we will continue to thrive into the future.

The board is extremely proud of the staff team at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley, which consists of a total of five staff led by Executive Director, Roslyn Henderson. They bring enormous passion, dedication, innovation and professionalism to their roles. All of the employees have worked extremely hard this past year to affect positive change and have achieved great success.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley is fortunate to have tremendous support from our community. Our agency fundraising events continue to perform well, surpassing our projected goals, and we had a very successful year in our grant applications. We give a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all our donors who help us achieve our mission and support children in the community through mentoring programs.

Finally, our board would like to thank all of our volunteers who everyday make a difference in the lives of the children they mentor. You truly are the reason behind our success as an agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Farrell
Board Chair