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Youth development experts agree that alongside their parents/caregivers, children need additional supportive, caring adults in their lives. For most families this need is met through family and friends but for some children, however, this need is not met and they struggle to grow and achieve their potential.

Our mission *“To increase wellbeing and reduce offending by encouraging young people to see value in themselves, building strength and hope for their future through a supportive mentoring relationship”*

As of October 2011 we currently have a total of 34 active matches with more mentors and mentees to be matched in the near future; our highest number of matches all year. Well done team!

Who are we & what do we do

Taiohi Toa Trust and Hamilton Police Youth Development team are the lead agencies for this initiative and provide staff to manage the project.

A steering group of representatives from a variety of community and social services organisations oversee the management of the programme.

What do we do? Big Brothers, Big Sisters provides youth aged 7-12yrs who are at risk of offending with a structured and supporting one-one friendship with an interested adult.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters recruits volunteer adult mentors, screens, trains and then matches them with a young person to mentor.

We provide a Case Manager to work with each match to ensure specialist support services are available to them. We also arrange group activities to enhance the mentoring relationship, and provide additional support evenings for our Mentors.





Big Brothers, Big Sisters group activity: Street Works – Surfing Trip

Street Works is a Hamilton - based community initiative aimed at meeting the needs of the wider community through a variety of projects.

Street Works vision is "To Cultivate a culture where faith is coupled with deeds". Street Works was formed in 2007 by a hand full of dedicated University students who had a huge passion to spread the gospel of faith through good works.

Thank you Toia for putting Big Brothers, Big Sisters name forward, enabling us to work alongside Street works in order to hold this surfing event for our young people and their mentors.

A big Thank You to the Street Works team for everything. This was an awesome event and it will be remembered for a long time.

What a fantastic event!!!

10 young people and their mentors were selected to join Street Works and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters staff in learning how to surf. The event took place at Wainui Bay, Raglan on a safe overcast day with a very small swell of 1 – 2 ft (perfect conditions for kids learning how to surf).

Most of our young people managed to ride a wave at least once while the rest were just happy to get out there and give it a go. As pictured; even a couple of our mentors decided to get out there and try.

Participants then shared a meal of fish 'n ' chips, tonnes of giveaways and spot prizes (top line surf gear) and a friendly game of touch rugby to acknowledge the Rugby World Cup that's currently happening. The event scored 10 out of 10 from all who attended.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters would also like to make a special thanks to Ed, Blair, Amber and the rest of the Street Works team for such an amazing event. We look forward to working alongside you again in the near future. Thank you also to "Backdoor" for the giveaways, "McDonald's" for the major discount on breakfast and the Hamilton Police for the use of their vehicle to transport our people.



New Matches for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton

CHARM AND ROSANNE



JAMES AND CRUZ



MIHI AND IRENE



SARAH AND TYLER



BREN AND KEEGAN



ELINOR AND HANNAH



Thank you Waikato Sunrise Rotary



Over the past 3 years we have been fortunate and proud to be a funding recipient of Waikato Sunrise Rotary. On Thursday, 25th August our project leader was presented with a cheque for \$5,000. Donations and funding are a huge part of Big Brothers, Big Sisters as it keeps our wheels rolling. **We would like to express a huge thank you to Waikato Sunrise Rotary for their continued support towards our awesome programme.**

SUCCESSFUL MATCHES

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MATCHES LISTED BELOW:

EMILY & ANNA	- Matched for 1 year in December
TYLER & MATT	- Matched for 1 year in December
TATIANA & REBECCA	- Matched for 1 year in November
HARMONY & SALLY	- Matched for over 1 year
PHOEBE & PIP	- Matched for over 1 year
CHEVON & SIOBAHN	- Matched for over 1 year
LAURYN & ANNE	- Matched for over 1 year
DARREN & ROBERT	- Matched for 2 years in November
RILEY & ASHLEY	- Matched for over 2 years
ANGELA & MAREE	- Matched for over 2 years

ELIZA & STEPHANIE

- Matched for 4 years in December



Rei and Kahu bathing in the hype of the 2011 Rugby World Cup



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IN THE PIPELINE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

"Twilight Picnic" Christmas function:

Date: Thursday 10 November 2011
 Time: 5pm – 8pm
 Venue: The Hamilton Lake Domain

A Christmas celebration for both the mentors and mentees to enjoy. Big Brothers, Big Sisters will be providing the food and activities. All you need to do is come. Expect lots of food and fun.

Please RSVP to Shanon or Cole on:

shanon@taiohitoa.org.nz or
cole@taiohitoa.org.nz

"Mentor Recognition Night"

Date: Wednesday 30 November 2011
 Time: 6pm – 9pm
 Venue: Speight's Ale House
 (30 Liverpool Street)

This will be a special Christmas function to acknowledge the dedication of our amazing mentors. Partners / spouses are welcome at own expense. We would like to thank the partners/spouses of our mentors as you selflessly give up your time together for a short spell weekly, contributing to the success of the mentoring match.

Please RSVP to Shanon or Cole on:

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cole@taiohitoa.org.nz

Big Brothers, Big Sisters National Conference:
 Date: Wednesday 2 – Friday 4 November 2011
 (WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON HOW THIS EVENT WENT IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE)

**Mentoring
 young people
 of Hamilton**

**MENTORING
 IS...**

*Ordinary, everyday
 people plus ordinary,
 everyday activities
 equalling extraordinary
 results.*

**BECOME
 A MENTOR**

If the following applies to you

- 18 years and older
- Volunteer 1-2 hours per week
- Commit to a minimum of 1 year
- Reliable and consistent
- Full Drivers licence
- Desire for helping young people

Then contact us:

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Taiohi Trust would like to thank the following organisations for their continued support and sponsorship



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