



BIG BROTHERS - BIG SISTERS MONTH ACROSS DURHAM REGION

Every young person deserves to have a mentor by their side. For over 110 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been championing the health and wellbeing of youth. We step in before it's too late, to help prevent the physical and mental effects of adverse childhood experiences. We ensure children as young as 7 are supported by caring adults as they overcome these adversities. Kids with one stable adult relationship end up doing better in life.

Our solution: intervene as early as possible. Young people graduate our programs with measurable outcomes: physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, and academically.

The City of Pickering, town of Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington proudly raised the flag to celebrate Durham Region Big Brother Big Sister Month. Big Brother Big Sister fills an important roll providing mentorship.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Durham has been providing mentorship, guidance and friendship to young people who need it most, and this year, the organization celebrates 50 years of service

and impact in our community and across the region.

On Friday, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Durham and Northumberland raised their flag in celebration of Big Brothers Big Sisters Month and their 50th anniversary of igniting potential.

For half a century, mentoring has changed the lives of young people in our community — and the flag raising is a reminder of the impact that's possible when a community comes together.

What is the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters?

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to "create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth". Adult volunteers are matched with children from age 5 to young adulthood.

What is the concept of Big Brother Big Sister?

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS (BBBS) seeks to establish matches between youth (Littles) and volunteer adults (Bigs) that result in consistent interaction and a high level of relationship quality, marked by friend-

ship, bonding and trust.

What is the motto of the Big Brother Big Sister?

BBBSA's national motto is "making a difference, one child at a time." According to the Big Brother Big Sister Association of Cincinnati, the idea of developing one-to-one mentoring relationships can be traced back to 1903.

What are the benefits of Big Brother Big Sister?

Impact On Self-Confidence

One-on-one attention from a caring adult role model is a key part of developing self-confidence, and research shows that Bigs help Littles feel more confident in several areas.

How long is a Big Brothers Big Sisters commitment?

12-month

How much time will it take to be a Big? You'll need to commit at least four (4) hours over two (2) visits minimum each month to spending time with your Little Brother or Little Sister. Because Littles deserve consistency, we require Bigs to make a 12-month commitment (in hopes you'll continue beyond that!).

PICKERING MAYOR KEVIN ASHE UNDER FIRE BY TORONTO MEDIA AND FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBER



Durham - It appears that Pickering Mayor Kevin Ashe is under fire from the Media and fellow council members.

Kevin Ashe and experience and carried politician should know better than to pick a fight with the media.

His outburst during council meetings against a fellow council person has drawn a lot of negative attention.

This past week, Rebel News visited Kevin Ashe's corn roast, where they finally had a chance to put questions to the Pickering mayor about the censorious policies his city is enacting.

Unlike almost all of our mainstream media competitors, Rebel News doesn't receive any government funding. We rely on our generous audience to help keep us reporting.

At this event, Rebel News brought a truck with digital display as shown above. This received a lot of attention from the 100 or so people in attendance and it was clearly there to expose the Mayors antics.

Last week a Clarington council person made some threats towards another citizen. This sparked outrage.

City of Pickering Councillor Lisa Robinson: "Mayor Ashe

Mocked Threats of Murder and Rape — and Put a Target on My Back"

On August 28, 2025, Clarington mayoral candidate Tom Dingwall revealed he had received a voicemail from Councillor Corinna Traill, threatening that if he did not step out of the mayoral race, she would have him killed, his wife killed, and his wife sexually assaulted.

These were not rumors. These are explicit threats of murder and rape against a family.

And instead of condemning such violence, Pickering Mayor Kevin Ashe went on Facebook and wrote: "Councillor Lisa Robinson the arsonist says her house is on fire."

That is not just tasteless. It is chilling. It is enabling. It is the Mayor of Pickering putting a target on my back and telling the public that if anything happens to me, it is my own fault.

claims Lisa Robinson. She further ads: This is victim-blaming at its most dangerous. When the Mayor normalizes threats, when he mocks murder and sexual assault, he emboldens those who would carry them out. He signals that violence

against me is fair game. I have already endured harassment, lies, and over a year of stolen pay simply for standing up for residents. Now, while another candidate's wife is threatened with rape and murder, the Mayor of Pickering chooses to make me the punchline and reinforce the false narrative that I somehow deserve to be targeted.

That is not leadership. That is a betrayal of his oath of office. And it is reckless enough to put my safety, and the safety of my family, in real danger.

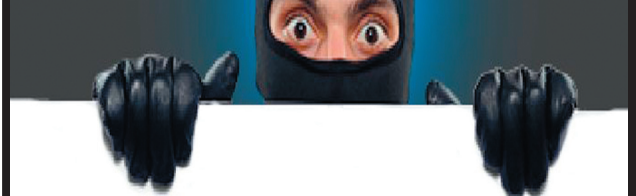
Let me be absolutely clear: no woman, no family, no elected official should ever be told they will be raped or murdered for participating in democracy. And no mayor should ever turn those threats into a joke or a weapon against his political opponents.

I am demanding:

A full public apology and immediate retraction from Mayor Ashe;

An independent investigation into whether his conduct violated the Code of Conduct and his oath;

A united statement from Pickering Council condemning political threats of murder



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