For Immediate Release - February 22, 2023 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake A Huge Success in Lanark County

<u>Lanark County:</u> Local bowling alleys were jam packed full as over 430 bowlers came out to support Big Brothers Big Sisters on Saturday. Over \$75,000.00 was raised to fund mentoring programs for this local children's charity.

Bowl for Kids is a Canadian tradition from Coast to Coast. Big Brothers Big Sisters is not annually funded by the government, and this fun filled event raises approximately 20% of the agency's annual budget.

Local Corporations have covered all the overhead costs of the event, which means that all funds raised by teams go directly to fund mentoring programs for local children. These sponsors include; Tim Hortons, Canadian Tire, Hinton Dodge Chrysler, Eaton, Durabond, Ogilvies, Rideau Home Hardware, Mike Fair Chevrolet, Cogeco Your TV, Country 92.3, Rob Garvin Remax, Ascend, Rob Roys Pub, Hunt and Dopson Insurance, TD Bank Carleton Place and Perth, Lake 88, and John and Brenda Gray Remax. Please support businesses that support mentoring in Lanark County.

The community rallied to ensure mentoring programs could continue. While the economy is tough right now, the people in Lanark County continue to be generous.

Funds raised go to help children reach their full potential through consistent, dependable and non-conditional adult friendship. Programs offered include one on one traditional mentoring, a youth program, schoolbased programs and small group programs. Over the years thousands of children in Lanark County have benefited from these relationships and the adults involved have overwhelmingly expressed their enthusiasm for the friendship they have enjoyed. In 2022, 423 children took part in agency programming.

The agency is actively seeking new volunteers for their mentoring programs, and would welcome your calls or questions about volunteer options. For more information about the agency, visit www.bigbrothersbigsisterslanark.ca or call 613-283-0570.

-30-

For more information:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County Jennifer Miller, Executive Director 18 William St. E., Smiths Falls, ON K7A 1C2 613-283-0570 jennifer.miller@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca www.bigbrothersbigsisterslanark.ca