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Make-over is magical for Coquitlam girl

Local interior designer and decorator Edit Simon has provided a free 'Distinct Bedroom Makeover' for Banting Middle School student, Angela. Simon believes there are many children working hard to be good and stay out of trouble but that due to family circumstances, these children are often not recognized or rewarded for their efforts.

Simon, a volunteer in Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver's (BBGV) In-School Mentoring Program, conceived of a bedroom makeover contest as a way to reward some of these children for their hard work and consistent efforts. Working with BBGV, six students from Banting Middle School were selected to participate in the contest and Angela, 12, was the winner. With local businesses donating supplies and labour, Simon spearheaded a true community effort to bring happiness and positive reinforcement to Angela's life. Her new bedroom will be unveiled on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 10 am. The family lives in Coquitlam but to protect their privacy we will release the address selectively.

Simon hopes this will be the first of six bedroom makeovers, and wants to repeat this project with the five other Banting Middle Students who were eligible for the contest.

Edit Simon's goal is to work with her clients to create a unique and enjoyable living space that fits their personal needs and budgets. www.distinctlookdesign.com.

In 2007, Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver (BBGV) will celebrate 50 years of providing Lower Mainland children with role models and mentors. BBGV's volunteers will provide fun, friendship, encouragement, and support for 750 children in 2006. www.bigbrothersvancouver.com.