



**Big Brothers
of Greater Vancouver**

**EBAY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO
BIG BROTHERS OF GREATER VANCOUVER FOR
NEW IMMIGRANT TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM**

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(Vancouver, BC) – eBay Foundation presented a CHAMPION A CHARITY grant of \$2,500 to Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver yesterday. The funds will support Big Brothers' Teen Mentoring for Immigrant/Newcomer Youth project. This project will match new immigrant school-aged children with high school students who also immigrated to Canada. The teens will act as role models for the children, providing guidance and support as they deal with the cultural challenges of being new to Canada.

The grant was made possible by Maling Sun, an eBay Inc. employee and Big Brothers volunteer. eBay Foundation's CHAMPION A CHARITY program encourages employees to get involved with and advocate funding for not-for-profit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all. Organizations must be nominated by eBay employees to qualify for funding, and the final decision is made by an eBay employee committee.

Maling Sun has been a mentor to an 11-year old girl since July 2003. "As a mentor, my role is simple," says Maling. "I am her friend." Maling has found this friendship very rewarding. "It's been incredible to be part of her life for the past five years, and watch her grow up."

"We are excited to support the Lower Mainland's diverse population by introducing this project," says Big Brothers Executive Director Valerie Lambert. "Growing up in a new place can be intimidating. Having a positive role model around who has experienced similar challenges can really help ease the process."

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver offers a range of prevention-based mentoring programs that enhance the resiliency and well-being of boys and girls throughout Metro Vancouver, the Sea-to-Sky Corridor and the Sunshine Coast. Male and female volunteers work one to one providing friendship and guidance to children aged 6-12. To learn more about Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, visit www.bigbrothersvancouver.com

About eBay Foundation

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