

## Annual Report 2022-2023

In late 2022, we received two significant Grants from the Joyce Family Foundation and the Windsor Foundation. These contributions allowed us to begin to implement our three-year strategic plan to increase the number of matches per year to a minimum of 17 over the next three years.

Thanks to these generous donors, we have been able to focus on this goal and as of July 2023, we have 11 active matches. We have embarked on a recruiting campaign on the local radio stations CKBW to acquire 15-20 new Adult Volunteer mentors ranging in geographic areas from Liverpool, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Chester, Hubbards and all points in between. We have two schools in which we want to develop in-school mentoring as well, one in Lunenburg and one in Liverpool. All of our matches are currently community-based and we hope to have more in-school matches in September 2023.

The impact of Covid has been significant for us and we are now working hard to reach as many Littles as we can to make up for lost time. We continue to encourage applications for both Littles and Bigs as we move into the second half of 2023.

We are also working on acquiring permanent Government funding for our province's agencies as the issues facing youth are societal issues that we stand ready to assist with.

Beth MacPherson Executive Director 2023

