

# The Big Update

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**NEW**



BBBS is very excited to have partnered with the Charlottetown Islanders Hockey Team to create Kearsy's Kids. This initiative gives matches an opportunity to attend a game, meet player Marcus Kearsy, get a T-shirt, be on the bench during the warm up and be featured on the Jumbotron. We have had several matches attend and they've had a blast! We can't thank Marcus and the Charlottetown Islanders enough! Go Islanders Go!!!!



## BREAKING NEWS

BBBS has been nominated for the People's Choice Award for the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce President's Excellence Awards. "The People's Choice for Community Impact Award recognizes a local organization that has earned an engaged and loyal following, support from the community, and gives back to the community." Your vote can help us win this award and continue our mission of creating a positive impact in the community. You can vote here as many times as you like-

<https://charlottetownchamber.com/presidents-excellence-awards>

*thank you*

BBBS recently received \$2000 worth of non-fiction books from TD Bank Group & First Book Canada Marketplace for our Literacy for Littles initiative. Research shows having books in the home has a significant impact on a child's education. Our Littles will soon have the opportunity to take home up to 10 books each to add to their home library. Thank you TD Bank Group and First Book Canada!

We have had a successful couple of months for raising awareness of BBBS and recruiting. We are slowly removing children from our waitlist. We are always looking for volunteers for In-school mentoring, community-based matches, and Go Girls programs.

**GIVING TUESDAY** is November 28th, 2023. It is often described as a global day of giving or a global generosity movement. Monthly giving is a meaningful way to donate via pre-authorized monthly payments over the course of the year which supports our mission! Your on-going commitment will support local young people facing adversity by giving them a lifeline through the supportive connection of a trusted adult mentor. No matter what the amount, your monthly contribution ensures that there is a ready and reliable stream of funding available to help us match more children with mentors who will change their lives. Every \$1 invested in mentoring returns \$23 to society. Visit [www.bbbspei.ca](http://www.bbbspei.ca) for more information.



## DEVELOPMENTAL RELATIONSHIP:

This month we are focusing on the **SHARE POWER** key element of a Developmental Relationship. "TREAT ME WITH RESPECT AND GIVE ME A SAY."

Some ways to do that:

- Include me - Involve me in decisions that affect me.
- Collaborate - Work with me to solve problems and reach goals.
- Let me Lead - Create opportunities for me to take action and lead.

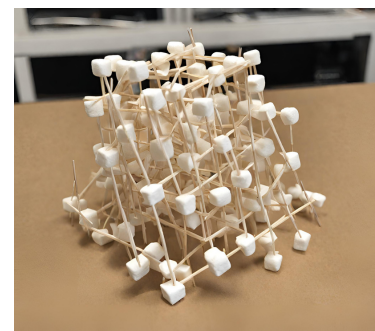
## ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:

Allow your Little to come up with an idea for an activity or an outing. This may sound simple but, is important to build your Little's self-confidence and self-esteem.

### Marshmallow building challenge

Challenge each other to build the highest freestanding structure in a set amount of time using only mini marshmallows and toothpicks.

Before you start, you may want to discuss and explore different building techniques and strategies.



### Create an Activity Wheel

Supplies: Paper, coloured pencils, pen or marker, scissors, a paper fastener and a paper clip

Using a piece of paper, cut out a circle. Divide the circle into as many sections as you want. Allow your Little to put down all of their favourite activities first. Fill in a few ideas you would like to do with your Little to help them grow. Place the paper clip through the paper fastener and insert the paper fastener in the center of the wheel. When you need extra ideas on what to do together - use the activity wheel!

