

# Member Agencies & Funded Programs



Brant United Way is the only local funding organization that delivers significant core operating support to social service agencies. This base support of funding provides stability and allows agencies the flexibility to develop and respond to emerging needs of this community. In addition to core funding, Brant United Way provides program funding to support specific areas of need.

- Healthy People, Strong Communities
- All That Kids Can Be
- From Poverty to Possibility

## ■ **Adult Recreation Therapy Centre (program)**

**(519)753-1882**

**Adult Day Program:** Offers structured activities to individuals affected by conditions such as stroke, Parkinson's disease, MS, and other progressive disorders, as well as for adults with diminished abilities related to mild cognitive impairment related to early dementia. Each day consists of a variety of social, recreational and therapeutic activities that have been created to maintain and enhance the well-being of the participants, allowing them to remain independent at home.

**County Adult Day Program:** offer similar adult day program services in Paris for residents of the County of Brant on four days a week at the Willett site.

## ■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters Grand Erie (core)**

**(519)759-3222**

Provides five main programs to ensure children have an adult role model to look up to. They are committed to providing youth with the highest quality, volunteer based mentoring programs in order to ensure healthy development, a safe environment, and positive outcomes for the children and their families.

**Traditional Match:** provides children 6-17 years of age with a caring adult relationship based on trust and friendship for 2-4 hours per week.

**Big Bunch:** provides the children waiting for a Big, the opportunity to participate in social and recreational activities in a group setting of 1 volunteer to 4 children.

**In School Mentoring:** provides children in grades 1 to 4, at risk of not achieving their potential a match with an adult volunteer to improve the child's self esteem, social functioning and school interest.

**Co-op In School Mentor:** children are matched with a high school or post secondary student

**Go Girls/Game On:** youth aged 12-14 are match with young adults for seven weeks. This program focuses on healthy eating, active living, self-esteem and social issues that boys and girls deal with.

## ■ **Boys and Girls Club of Brantford (program)**

**(519)752-2964**

**Transportation Program:** provides a Transportation Program that ensures transportation to/from After School Care, Evening Recreational and Summer Camp programs for members/users that may not have the resources or means to travel to the Club to participate in programs. Routes are designed to accommodate children and youth living in low income and/or subsidized housing areas in the city.

## ■ **Brant Food For Thought (core)**

**(519)759-6164**

**Student Nutrition Program:** is helping to fuel the current school year for over 9,200 elementary and secondary school students by facilitating the provision of 515,000 health breakfast and 506,500 nutritious snacks.

Studies show that children who are well-nourished perform better at school and are able to concentrate longer. It has also shown to improve school attendance.

 **Brant Skills Centre (core)**

**(519)758-1664**

Helps adults obtain the literacy/essential skills they need in order to become independent, go on to further education or obtain employment. Adults may learn to read the newspaper, understand medical instructions, banking, how to use a phone book or computer. For improved education the centre can assist with skills to obtaining a Grade 12 Diploma or to enter an apprenticeship or college program. Volunteers also help with skills to employment, such as reading a job posting or filling out a job application.

 **Brantwood Community Services (program)**

**(519)753-2658**

Brantwood provides support to individuals with developmental and complex health challenges.

Their **Community Day Program** offers support and comprehensive developmental activities for individuals, who have multiple disabilities, are over the age of 21, and reside in a family home. Some activities include life skills training, computer skill training, cooking class, bowling, mini golf, swimming and other recreational or social activities.

 **The Canadian Hearing Society (core)**

**(519)753-3162 or (519)720-0251 TTY**

Provides support to individuals who are deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and their families, as the connection between hearing loss and communication can often lead to social isolation.

**Support Counselling:** provides general support for dealing with family, employment and mental health

**Hearing Care Counselling Program:** assists those 55+ in carrying out daily activities independently and with reduced communication difficulties

**Ontario Interpreting Services:** facilitating communication between culturally Deaf and hearing, therefore making communication clear and less frustrating

**Communication Devices:** offering the most complete range of assistive listening and communication devices

**Information /Education:** provides unbiased information about deafness, hearing loss, and prevention of hearing loss, noise and its effects

**Sign Language Instruction:** provided in classroom or by special contract to organizations interested in learning how to communicate with the deaf

 **The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) (program)**

**(519)752-6831**

*The social-economic impact of vision loss includes high unemployment, social dependence, poverty, greater use of health and social services and emotional distress. Someone suffers from vision loss every 12 minutes in Canada.*

**Vision Rehabilitation Services** consist of three service types which benefit blind or partially sighted people.

**Orientation and Mobility Instruction:** helps clients improve their safe travel skills in their home or community.

**Living Independent Skills:** teaches clients how to remain active and engaged in activities of daily life, such as personal care, cooking, cleaning, reading, banking and shopping.

**Low Vision Assessment:** clients with low vision need to know the level of their functional vision, understand their eye-related diagnosis and learn appropriate techniques to maximize the use of residual vision.

 **Canadian Red Cross Society (program)**

**(519)753-4189**

**Disaster Management Program:** provides immediate food, shelter, clothing and personal services including medication to individuals or family directly affected by a fire or other small scale emergency. These supports can be provided for up to the first 72 hours.; provides Personal Preparedness Workshops in order to assist community members to be prepared in case of an emergency. Target audiences include seniors, those with special challenges and youth.

**Transportation:** provides door-to-door rides for the physically and mentally frail, seniors and people with temporary or permanent disabilities to medical appointments and out-of-town specialist appointments; program is for ambulatory clients who are unable to access other transportation options including public transit and lack the financial resources to use profit-based services like taxis.

**Meals on Wheels:** provides hot and frozen well balanced meals to those who do not have access to regular nutritious meals, including seniors, recovering adults, the chronically ill and physically or mentally challenged individuals. Menus respond to a wide variety of tastes and special dietary needs such as bland, diabetic, low sodium, minced, celiac and pureed. Program also provides social interaction for isolated clients and a daily check on the health, safety and well-being of clients.

 **Community Resource Service (program)**

**(519)751-4357**

**Food Bank:** supports families and individuals in need with emergency food to supplement grocery costs for economically stressed individuals. In addition, they provide support to community meal programs and local food cupboards who provide added assistance to people in need. Monthly they provide 11,500 meals to the community.

 **Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre Inc. (core)**

**(519)751-0123**

**Structure Day Program:** provides intellectually challenged adults with the training and learning opportunities to build their capacity to live independent. Extensive life skill programs include kitchen, grocery shopping, housekeeping, laundry, sewing, budgeting, literacy, computer and woodworking. These programs instill clients with a sense of social responsibility and allows them to contribute to the well being of our community.

 **Family Counselling Centre of Brant (program)**

**(519)753-4173**

**Individual, Couple, Family and Group Counselling:** assists people in resolving problems, by sharing strategies to deal with life stresses and disabilities, and in developing more satisfying interpersonal relationships, in a confidential atmosphere.

**Women's Group :** offers individual counselling, support groups and workshops for women who have experienced verbal, emotional, physical, financial, sexual or spiritual abuse or stalking harassment from a husband, boyfriend or partner.

**Men's Group:** provides support for men who struggle with their feelings of anger and frustration, suffering from grief, stress management, etc.

**Credit Counselling Services:** is a consumer education, debt management and repayment program designed to assist individuals and families to acquire the skills necessary for financial stability.

 **Kids Can Fly (core)**

**(519)448-1713**

**Launch Pad:** early learning and parenting centers offer a free drop in program for parents and caregivers with children to age 6; it is a "learn by doing" environment aimed to help children with school readiness.

**Parachute Program:** a free program geared to parents with infants in the first year. This is a six week session where parent and child participate in music, lap games, infant massage and discussions on parenting the infant.

**Imagination Library:** this program provides registered children with a free book a month from birth to age 5 to encourage early literacy.

**Book Camp:** creative writing day camp at Laurier University for children between the ages of 10-15 years who are mentored by professionals.

**Roots of Empathy:** Internationally acclaimed anti-bullying program, over 9,000 elementary students have participated and it shows an 88% reduction in aggression.

■ ***Navy League of Canada – Brantford Branch (core)*** (519)752-8821

**Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Admiral Nelles:** provides a safe, fun environment for local youth aged 12-18 to interact with one another while developing significant life and work skills; free program for youth

**Navy League Cadets Admiral Landymore:** provides a safe, fun environment for local youth aged 9 to 12 to interact with one another while developing significant life and work skills; free program for youth

■ ***Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services (program)*** (519)752-1005

**Challenge to Change - Men's Program:** This 16-week program is directed at men who are, or are at risk of becoming, abusive towards their partners. Through group counselling, participants discover how the violence has impacted on their families, learn how to stop their abusive behaviours and develop new respect for their partners and their relationship. The safety of the participants' female partners is monitored through the Partner Check Program. Participants are offered ongoing therapeutic/crisis support throughout the program.

■ ***Sexual Assault Centre of Brant (program)*** (519)751-1164

**Young Women's Program:** provides individual counselling sessions, advocacy, accompaniment, resources and referrals for female survivors of sexual violence aged from 14 to 19 years.

■ ***Victim Services of Brant (program)*** (519)752-3140

**Court Assistance Program:** provides assistance and support to victims during the accused bail court hearing.

**ALERT Program:** assist victims of domestic violence with specific safety issues.

■ ***YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington /Brantford (program)*** (519)752-6568

**Child and Youth Programs:** provides children and youth programs that support the healthy development of children from 3 months to 15 years of age through health, fitness, and recreation and leadership programs. The YMCA is committed to helping youth gain the skills and confidence they need to become healthy, happy and productive adults.

**Day Camp Program:** provides a safe place for children from 4 to 15 years of age to make new friends, build social skills, stay active and have fun, as well as to try new activities such as canoeing, archery, swimming in a lake, sports, outdoor games and crafts.