



FAREEN'S STORY

MENTOR AND LIFE LONG FRIEND


Mentoring gives children an extra support person and helps them build confidence. As a mentor Fareen is able to be a role model to her "Little Sister" but it goes beyond that, she is an ear to talk to, someone to eat junk food with and a friend.



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"I have been fortunate to grow up with two remarkable sisters, and the thought that a little girl out there was looking for similar experiences, mentorship, care and support ushered me into the most challenging – yet ultimately most rewarding – volunteer experience thus far: becoming a Big Sister Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham.

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In early 2017 I met the mother of my Little Sister and finally, my Little. She was 13 at the time, and was looking for someone who would eat ice cream by her side, watch movies, go rollerblading, go shopping, do homework, eat copious amount of junk food, make crafts, celebrate birthdays, and much more.



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Over the years our activities have evolved (we've swapped rollerblading for makeup lessons) as has our relationship. We're comfortable around each other in a way you only are with close friends, confidants, and sisters. Our bond is close, casual and constantly growing. We celebrate each other's successes (good grades for her, milestone career moments for me), and attend the important events in each other's lives (her grade eight graduation, my wedding).

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