

Big Brothers plan expansion to cover all Peel

By JIM ROBINSON
Big Brothers of Brampton Bramalea, which has done much for fatherless boys in the past two years, is expanding its operations Sept. 1 to cover all of Peel County.

George L. Karpati, executive director of Big Brothers, said the move to a full-time operation will give the group a chance to delve into problem areas such as Mississauga and Streetsville.

Mr. Karpati told the News there are presently 40 boys on the waiting list for a Big Brother, 30 of whom are located south of Steeles Ave. in Mississauga.

Yet, there are 35 boys on the active list, only 10 are from the Mississauga area.

Mr. Karpati said the figures show a definite need for expansion and this is one of the reasons Big

Brothers will now be known as Big Brothers of Peel County and operating on a full-time basis.

MALE IMAGE
"The idea is to give these boys a male image. In other words what a male does," he said.

The big brother is an aid to the boy in developing social habits along accepted patterns. Mr. Karpati said.

To be a "little brother" a boy has to be between the ages of six to 16 but the average age presently is eight to 12.

The boy goes through an assessment period. Mr. Karpati will interview him, go to the school, talk to people interested in him and see the mother and the boy at home.

Mr. Karpati said he looks for a boy who needs the male image as well as no deep-seated emotional problems that might hinder the boy's ability to relate to his big brother.

Similarly, those applying to be a big brother to a fatherless boy also have an extensive "screening

process" to go through. "First of all, the man is a volunteer. He goes through interviews and we see if he is suitable.

FEELING
"A big brother is someone with no pay, no uniform, no medals, nothing but a warm feeling in the heart," he said.

"Our main purpose right now is to get more volunteers to help these boys on the waiting list and those others who will apply when we become Big Brothers of Peel County," Mr. Karpati said.

He said the move to full-time would bring much more work to the office at 14 George St. in Brampton and talked of what he would like to see in the future.

"In years to come I would like to see 200 to 300 boy-male relationships in the county.

Big Brothers is a United Appeal Fund recipient and Mr. Karpati praised those in the organization who had helped Big Brothers go to full-time work.

"I am very proud of our active board," he said.



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