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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County

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Each September, we proudly celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters Month across Canada, recognizing **Big Brothers Big Sisters Day on September 18th**. For over a century, our mentorship programs have inspired thousands of Canadians to help youth realize their potential.



VISION

All young people realize their full potential.

MISSION

Enable life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people

WHO WE ARE:

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been providing **mentoring services in Oxford County for 55 years**, providing mentoring relationships to thousands of young people in that time!

WHO WE ARE NOT:

Our name, unfortunately, does a disservice to our organization! Our name, Big Brothers Big Sisters is gendered, gives the sense of “fluffy, feel-good,” **and the impression of a “nice to have,” and not a “need to have!”**



WHAT WE REALLY ARE:



- ❖ Social Service agency with professional caseworkers supporting programs that offer measurable outcomes
- ❖ Strive to be a safer space and offer a sense of belonging to all
- ❖ No cost for families regardless of the program
- ❖ Both prevention and intervention for young people and their families
- ❖ Highly requested and often referred to by other social service organizations
- ❖ Subject to regular accreditation and quality assurance through our national standards
- ❖ Often considered the gold standard for screening and training new volunteer mentors
- ❖ Data trackers to support young people and communities the way they need to be supported
- ❖ Offer unique mentoring relationships and mentor training based on the needs of each child

Over 630 Young People in Oxford County were Mentored in 2023!



Through one-to-one and group mentoring, community and school-based.



Last year, BBBSOC saw an over **200% increase** in applications for service from the previous year

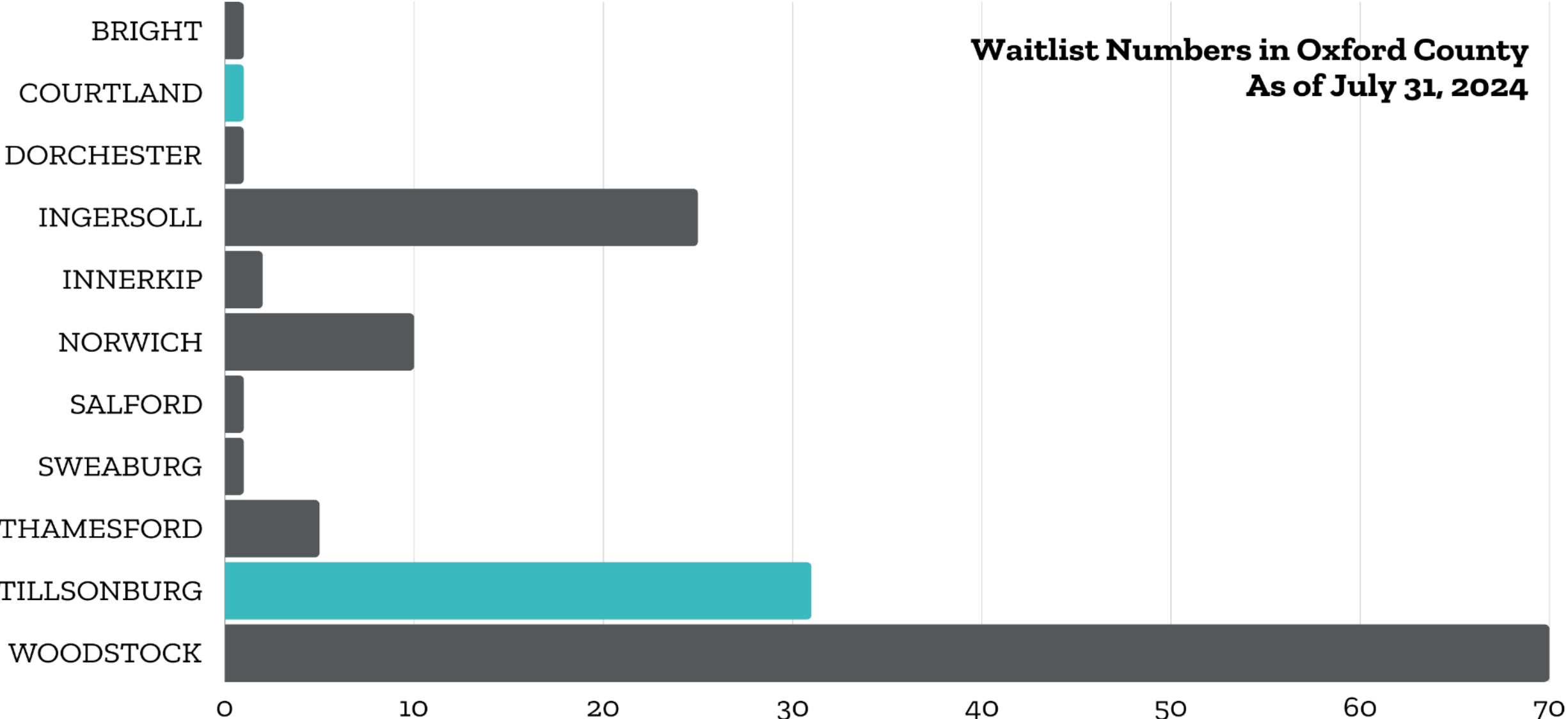
In the first quarter of 2024, we had already received 100 applications.

Pandemic-induced negative impacts on:

Mental Health
Education
Social Competencies

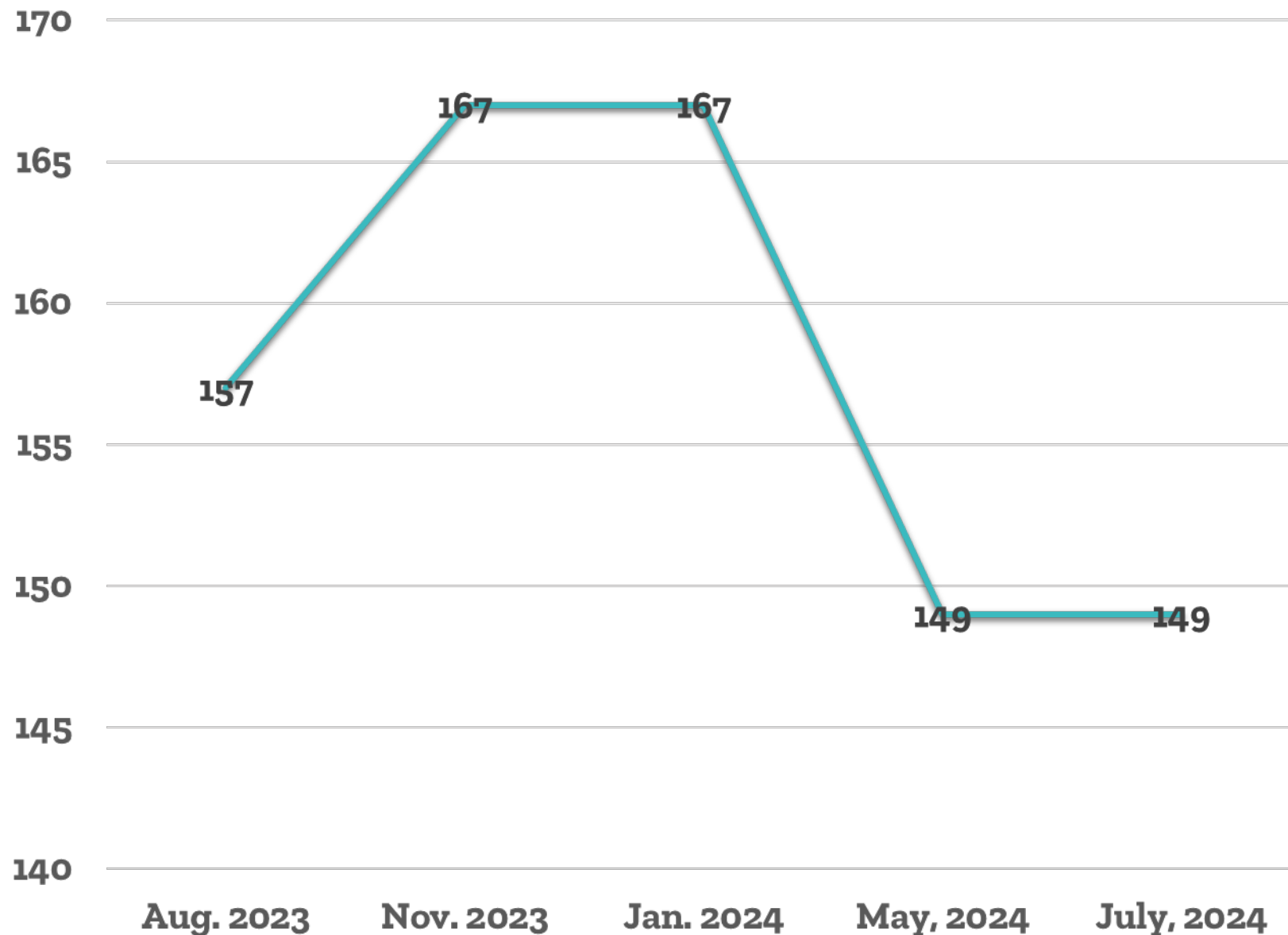


Waitlist Numbers in Oxford County As of July 31, 2024

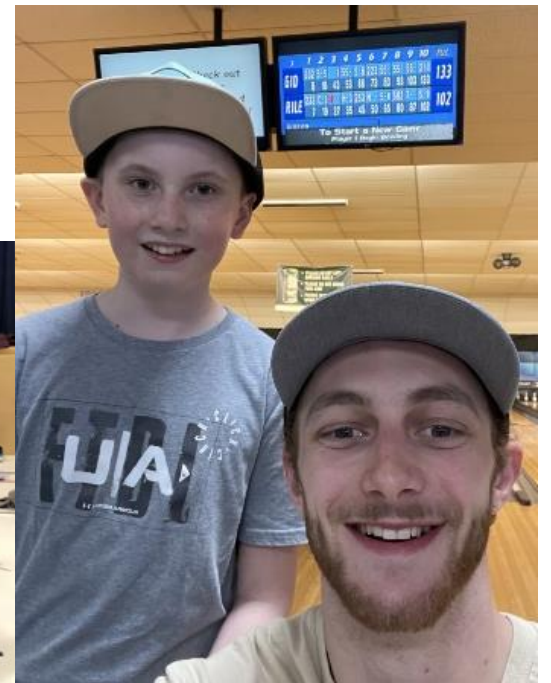
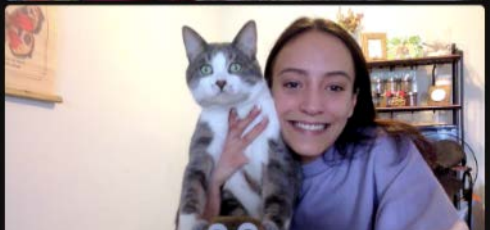


We saw our waitlist numbers decrease through the first quarter of 2024.

Unfortunately, this has slowed down and the numbers have remained unchanged over three months.



HOW WE DO, WHAT WE DO!



STRONG & PASSIONATE TEAM

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

What you may not know is, BBBSOC does **NOT** receive ongoing government funding - any funding we receive from government entities involves an application for a grant(s).



Our funding comes from:

- United Way Oxford
- Fundraising Events
- Sponsors
- Donors
- Grants

WHAT'S OUR BIGGEST NEEDS?

MENTORS & FUNDING!



WHAT CAN TILLSONBURG DO? HELP BBBS SAY YES!

You can support BBBSOC by:

- Highlighting what we're doing in your community,
- Encourage folks to consider mentoring,
- Attend our events,
- Share our social media posts and content.



Testimonials From A Caregiver:

"My son has experienced a lot of mistrust from male figures in his life. Trust isn't something that comes easy for him. His mentor has shown patience and built trust with my son. (My son) looks forward to every time (his mentor) comes and does whatever he can to prevent (his mentor) from leaving."



Testimonial From A Mentee:

"He's a really kind and caring person who really listens to people. He's been able to help me find some logic when my anxiety gets too much for me."

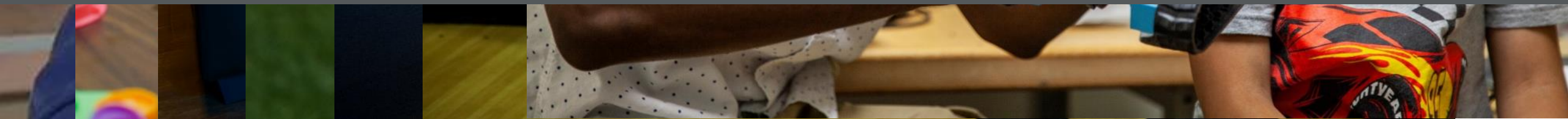
Testimonials From A Mentor:

“I can already see a lifelong friendship being built.”





BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES... TOGETHER!





QUESTIONS?

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