



New Zealand
Programme

Small Grants Fund Recipient 2006

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of North Canterbury

Grant: \$1440.00 (plus GST)

Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS) of North Canterbury is part of a model of mentoring that has proven to be successful all over the world. BBBS connects children and young people with adults in the community based on the idea that adult friendship can provide support for a child/young person to grow and develop in a positive way. Big brothers Big Sisters works by matching an adult volunteer with a child or young person between the ages 6-17. The adult volunteer then seeks to become a mentor for the young person by spending 2 to 3 hours together each week, one-on-one.

The Small Grants Fund provided registration fees for the BBBS of North Canterbury delegation at the INVOLVE 06 conference, November 1-3 at Lincoln University in Christchurch. The Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury coordinator and 4 volunteer mentors attended the huge biannual gathering that seeks to connect the diversity, knowledge and experience of young people and Youth Workers in New Zealand.