

## An inner city star and mentor brings financial literacy to young students

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**J**AS BAHIA has spent a lot of her 17 years pushing through barriers. The daughter of a single mother, she grew up in a low-income family – but that wasn’t going to hold the Grade 12 Britannia Secondary IB student back. She is not only one of the top high school basketball players in BC and the highest-ranked Vancouver Police cadet but was recently awarded one of the most prestigious scholarships in Canada, the Loran Scholarship (the odds of receiving it are under 1%).

Jas also has a passion for working with kids and has been a camp counsellor, coached basketball and volunteered at after-school programs.



In 2017, she got the idea for Biz Wiz, a financial literacy program for elementary school students. For Jas, it involved taking on a stigma in our society.

“There’s a pre-conceived notion that people living in poverty don’t need financial management skills because they don’t have a lot of money,” she explains.

Jas could see that, if anything, children in low-income families need those skills more than ever. So she drew up lesson plans for children in Grades 4-7 about saving, budgeting, credit and “needs versus wants.”

The CLICK-funded program at Britannia Elementary is one hour a week for 10 weeks. Jas was impressed by the critical thinking it promoted in the students, including in the Grade 4s. Parents of the children also saw a change.

“Parents told me that their kids were asking themselves questions like: do I want a treat or do I want to save the money?”

Although she graduates this year, Jas has inspired secondary students coming up behind her to continue the program – and in doing so has left a valuable legacy in the inner city.



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## Ewan and Isla Philp

AS BUDDING FUNDRAISERS, it would be hard to top Ewan and Isla Philp. Last Christmas the impressive brother-and-sister team set to work producing their signature hot chocolate and managed to raise a whopping \$1,000 for CLICK.

Ewan, 10, and Isla, 8, are students at Trafalgar Elementary in Vancouver and are both avid soccer players. Ewan enjoys creating comic books with his friends and Isla likes drama and singing.

The inspiration to make a difference started when their mother, Tracey MacLeod, took Ewan to a We Day event before Christmas last year. "It started a lot of conversations for our family," says Tracey. Ewan and Isla decided that they wanted to do something for kids who don't have the opportunities that they have in life. So Tracey and dad Tanner gave them choices of local organizations that help kids in their city. After careful thought Ewan and Isla chose CLICK. They got the idea for packaging hot chocolate from their school and set to work putting cocoa, chocolate chips and marshmallows in cellophane bags. They attached a tag to each bag that read: Enjoy your hot chocolate. Your purchase has supported CLICK. In the end, friends, neighbors and other contacts bought about 100 bags. The project required about 10 hours work and 50 home deliveries. "It felt good helping kids who don't have what I have," says Isla. And part of the \$1000 donated to CLICK was \$240 Ewan had saved for a video console. Fundraising, he has learned, is pretty rewarding. "We plan on making it a Christmas tradition," says Ewan.

CLICK'S ANNUAL  
DEFINITELY NOT A GALA

Don't miss it!  
**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

A fantastic community fundraiser to raise funds for the important programs supported by CLICK for children living in poverty in Vancouver.

Get your tickets today through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or via the CLICK website: [www.clicktokids.ca](http://www.clicktokids.ca)

## ODLUM BROWN VANOPEN 2019 RAFFLE

CLICK is proud to announce the 2019 Odium Brown VanOpen Tennis Tournament Raffle with partial proceeds supporting CLICK.



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lodge, The Clubhouse, located on world-famous Langara Island.

[www.westcoastfishingclub.com](http://www.westcoastfishingclub.com)

Tickets are only \$10 and available through CLICK members or at [contact@clicktokids.ca](mailto:contact@clicktokids.ca)



Support Team CLICK!  
**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

Support CLICK by participating in the Scotiabank Half-Marathon & 5K.

Get your friends together and run or walk to support Team CLICK. Full details on [www.clicktokids.ca](http://www.clicktokids.ca)



## There is still much work to be done

CLICK welcomed spring with our annual CLICK Conversations in March. The event brought together leaders from programs who have benefited from your generous donations to CLICK, as well as donors. It gave me a chance to hear firsthand the programs' success stories and, more importantly, their ongoing challenges. With one in five children still living in poverty in Vancouver, there is still much work to be done.

For 2019, the CLICK team has an ambitious goal of raising \$150,000 so that we can continue to support programs that give inner city children and youth a chance to thrive and be successful.

The next opportunity to support CLICK in person will be at our annual Definitely Not a Gala! Reception, happening May 16th at Creekside Community Centre. I invite each of you to come out, enjoy a glass of wine, take in the spectacular view and bid enthusiastically (and often!) on our silent auction items. This year we are introducing a new way for attendees to participate through a Wall of Wine! Go to CLICK's website to purchase your tickets through Eventbrite: [www.clicktokids.ca](http://www.clicktokids.ca)

If you aren't able to join us on the 16th, there are still plenty of opportunities to support CLICK at the Scotiabank Charity Challenge 5K and half-marathon in June, or by purchasing a raffle ticket for the chance to win a fantastic prize at the Odlum Brown VanOpen tennis tournament in August. Details on our website.

Last, but definitely NOT least, you can always sign up to be a monthly donor through our website. For as little as cup of coffee, you can make a huge difference in the lives of Vancouver's next generation.

I hope you'll choose one of these ways to continue to support CLICK's efforts to ensure a bright and promising future for our kids.

**Jaelyn Tsang**  
President



### CLICK thanks our sponsors for 2019 Inner City Kids Week!



### INNER CITY KIDS WEEK IS MAY 13 - 19

Join us in saying "Every Kid Counts!" and help us reach our 2019 fundraising goal of \$150,000. Find out more at: [www.clicktokids.ca](http://www.clicktokids.ca)

# One in five children in Vancouver lives in poverty.

Every day, every month they need nutritious food, safe out-of-school care and access to opportunities other kids take for granted.

CLICK-funded programs give the support that helps get hungry and discouraged kids through a day. And over time, this ongoing support gives these kids what it takes for a successful future.



## Will you consider matching your coffee budget and become a CLICK monthly donor?

**\$3.25**

The price of a cup of coffee = the cost of a daily nutritious snack for a hungry kid.

**\$22.75**

A week's worth of coffees = half the cost to enroll 1 child living in poverty in a sports program.

**\$100**

A month's worth of coffees = 2 weeks of camp or a holiday safe place for an inner city kid.

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