



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News

Agency Receives 2009 Gold Standard Award

By Stacey Waskom, Executive Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana is a 2009 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Gold Standard Award winner. Our agency accepted this honor last week at the Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference in Miami, Florida.

Gold Standard Award winners represent the top five percent of nearly 400 agencies in the United States in numbers and quality of children served; excellent staff support for the children, families and volunteers; low closure rates; and increases in revenue to sustain the long-time matches—a key to mentoring success.

“Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana represents the best of the best, working strategically in the face of a tough economy to work with donors and other supporters in their community to serve Bigs, Littles and families, sustaining long-term mentoring relationships that help children succeed,” said Judy Vredenburg, President and CEO, BBBS of America.

Judging for the Gold Standard Award is based on specific criteria that exemplify excellence in sustained growth in the number and quality of children served, as well as increased revenues. A national leadership panel of past winners conducted the judging.

“I am proud to be a part of a community committed to helping our children succeed,” said Lee Anne Hahn, President of the Board of Directors. “This award says as much about our community of supporters in Jackson, Jennings, Scott and Washington counties as it does about the agency itself. In this economy, it is more important than ever that we recognize and support what works to help children stay in school and away from negative influences.”

Kate Snow, co-anchor of ABC's Good Morning America Weekend Edition and Board Member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, presents the "Gold Standard Award" to our agency staff at this year's National Conference.



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Total Matches as of May, 09:

	<u>Community Based</u>	<u>School Based</u>
Jackson	46	34
Jennings	20	
Scott	6	81
Washington	19	5

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He shoots and scores! Little Brother, Tyler, and Big Brother, Mike Burbrink, get in a game of air hockey at the BBBS Skate Party at RokSeY Roller Rink.

Jackson County BBBS News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County held their 15th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Starlite Bowl In Seymour. Bowlers, Corporate Sponsors and auction items brought in a total of \$25,432.01.

We want to thank all of the BKFS participants, Corporate Sponsors, Bigs, Littles, board members and individual donors for making this year's BKFS such a huge success!

Thank you very much!

Thank You

Thank you to all the following business, organizations and individuals who donated to this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake:

Platinum Sponsors: Schwarz Pharma, Radio 96.3 WJAA, The Tribune and 104.9 The River.

Gold Sponsor: Cummins Industrial Center.

Silver Sponsors: Aisin USA, Bryan Bowman Chrysler Jeep, Christopher & Associates Evaluation and Counseling Center, Fraternal Order of Eagles #655, Kirtley & Stuckwisch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, Lorenzo Law Office, McDonald's of Seymour, Seymour Family Dentistry, Seymour Pediatrics, Starlite Bowl and Taco Bell.

Bronze Sponsors: American Legion Post 89, Blue & Co., LLC, Brooklyn Pizza Company, Caring Family Physicians, Centra Credit Union, DFD Industrial Services, DonJay and Kalisa Rice, Jackson County Bank, Mr. Foto, Kiwanis Club of Seymour, Pepsi-Cola Bottlers of Seymour, Royalty Companies, Schneck Medical Center, Seymour Noon Lions Club and Wal-Mart Distribution Center.



Big Sister, Ashley McDonald, and Little Sister, ShaDaisey, kickin' back and taking it easy.

Match Anniversaries

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to recognize and congratulate those volunteers and children who celebrated their match anniversary with BBBS in recent months:

- **Big Sister, Mackenzie Cain, and Little Sister, Davida,** were matched for one year on January 2nd.
- **Big Brothers, Mike Burbrink, and Little Brother, Tyler,** were matched for one year on January 11th.
- **Big Sister, Jill Sommers, and Little Sister, Kasie,** were matched for one year on January 30th.
- **Big Brother, Shawn Charlton, and Little Brother, Brandyn,** were matched for two years on February 5th.
- **Big Brother, Mitchell Otte, and Little Brother, Blaine,** were matched for one year on February 11th.
- **Big Sister, Mindy Thompson, and Little Sister, Amy,** were matched for five years on March 15th.
- **Big Sister, Connie Cochran, and Little Sister, Brandi,** were matched for four years on April 5th.
- **Big Sister, Diane Barnett, and Little Sister, Ricki,** were matched for three years on April 8th.
- **Big Brother and Big Sister, David and Jerrica Ziegler, and Little Sister, Tori,** were matched for three years on April 14th.
- **Big Sister, Fay Renaker, and Little Sister, Daisa,** were matched for two years on May 15th.
- **Big Sister, Fay Renaker, and Little Sister, Paisley,** were matched for two years on May 15th.
- **Big Sisters, Olivia Shephard and Anita Gault, and Little Sister, Erika,** were matched for seven years on May 16th! Congratulations ladies!
- **Big Sister, Ashley Malott, and Little Sister, Whitney,** were matched for one year on June 26th.



Jennings County BBBS News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jennings County held their 6th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake on March 15, 2009.

BFKS participants, Corporate Sponsors, Bigs, Littles, board members and individual donors brought in a total of \$8,442.96 to

help create and support more matches this year.

We want to thank everyone who helped make this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake such a wonderful success!

Thank you all very much!



BINGO! Big Sister, Malory Burtle, and Little Sister, Carla, anxiously wait for the next number to be called.

Match Anniversaries

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to recognize the following individuals who recently celebrated a match anniversary:

- **Big Sister, Meaghan Bowman,** and **Little Sister, Megan,** celebrated three years together on January 30th.
- **Big Sister, Karmin Koelmel,** and **Little Sister, Lacey Layman,** celebrated one year together on February 20th.
- **Big Sister, Rita Hurley,** and **Little Sister, Brooklyn,** celebrated three years together on February 24th.
- **Big Sisters, Gretchen Armand,** and **Little Sister, Mary,** celebrated three years together on March 27th.
- **Big Brother, Roy Record,** and **Little Brother, Cory,** celebrated four years together on April 8th. Congratulations gentlemen!
- **Big Brother, Scott Franks,** and **Little Brother, Leyton,** celebrated one year together on April 9th.
- **Big Brother and Big Sister, Danny and Christy Willhite,** and **Little Brother, Alex,** celebrated one year together on April 9th.
- **Big Brother, Charlie Hall,** and **Little Brother, Levi,** celebrated one year on May 5th.
- **Big Sister, Maggie McCoy,** and **Little Sister, Natasha,** celebrated one year on June 3rd

Congratulations to all for creating such wonderful friendships.

Thank You

Thank you to the following donors who gave to our recent Bowl For Kids' Sake:

Platinum Sponsors: Y-106 Indiana's Rock Station and Lowe's Distribution Center.

Gold Sponsor: Scott A. Terry, D.D.S.

Silver Sponsors: St. Vincent Jennings Hospital and WJCP Radio.

Bronze Sponsors: Rotary Club of North Vernon #6580 and Webster West Packaging.

We would also like to thank the Jennings County Community Foundation for their recent grant of \$750.00.

"The future depends on what we do in the present."

- Mahatma Ghandi



Scott County BBBS News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County held their signature fundraising event, Bowl for Kids' Sake on Sunday, March 8th at the Scottsburg Lanes. The event raised \$14,184.51 to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County.

We would like to thank all Corporate Sponsors, Bigs, Littles, bowlers and individual sponsors for their help and support in making this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake such a great success. Thank you so much!



Scottsburg High School and Elementary School students pose for a group picture at the end of another successful year of the High School Bigs program at Scottsburg Elementary.

"No man is capable of self-improvement if he sees no other model but himself."

--Conrado I. Generoso

Match Anniversaries

The following matches recently celebrated their match anniversaries.

- **Big Brother, John Martin**, and **Little Brother, Jonathon**, celebrated eight years on February 24th. Congratulations!
- **Big Sister, Mary Jo Duvall**, and **Little Sister, Cheyenne**, celebrated five years on February 24th. Congratulations ladies!
- **Big Brother, Hank Jetzen**, and **Little Brother, Devon**, celebrated eight years on June 21st. Congratulations you two!

Congratulations to all three matches for creating such strong amazing friendships.

Thank you

We would like to thank the following organizations, businesses and individuals for their donation to Bowl For Kids' Sake this year:

Gold Sponsors: Mariann Travel Inn, Scott County State Bank, Papa John's Pizza, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Scott County Kids First, Stan Dunn DDS, 1105.3 WMPI and Pepsi Americas.

Silver Sponsors: Saegesser Engineering and Scottsburg Lions Club.

Bronze Sponsors: Jeff Cox CPA, Murphy's Boot Shop, Kiwanis Club of Scottsburg, Buchanan Funeral Home, Scott Memorial Hospital, Stoplight Liquors and Hampton Inn.



Representatives from Big Brothers Big Sisters pose with a check from Mariann's Travel Inn and Restaurant in the amount of \$500. Mariann's was a Platinum Sponsor for the agency's Bowl For Kids' Sake event this year.



Washington County BBBS News

“If all children had a safe harbor – none would be at risk.”

– Unknown

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County held its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake at the Scottsburg Lanes on Sunday, February 22nd.

Corporate Sponsors, bowlers, Bigs, Littles and individual donors brought in a total of \$6,062.82 to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

This year's event was so popular we had to add additional bowling times so everyone could bowl! We would like to thank all who participated and who helped make this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake such an awesome success. We hope to see you next year!

New Matches and Match Anniversaries

Our agency would like to take this opportunity to recognize the following matches who recently celebrated their match anniversaries.

- **Big Sister, Tonnie Terrell,** and **Little Sister, Shelby,** celebrated one year together on March 4th.
- **Big Sister, Melody Hill,** and **Little Sister, Shyanne,** celebrated one year on March 6th.
- **Big Brother, Bud Detenber,** and **Little Brother, Aaron,** celebrated three years on March 30th.

- **Big Sister, Emily Siler,** and **Little Sister, Passion,** celebrated three years on May 22nd.
- **Big Sister, Nina Owens,** and **Little Sister, Caitlyn,** celebrated one year on June 7th.
- **Big Sister, Johna Voyles,** and **Little Sister, Esther,** celebrated seven years together on June 30th! Congratulations ladies!

Congratulations to all the matches for their successful friendships!



Big Brother, Michael Grassmyer, and Little Brother, Eli, one of our Salem High School Bigs matches, duke it out to see who will win their arm wrestling battle!

Thank You

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and businesses for donating to our Bowl for Kids' Sake this year:

Platinum Sponsors: Mid-Southern Savings Bank, Abdul Aziz Orthopedic Educational Foundation and First Harrison Bank.

Gold Sponsors: Kovert-Hawkins Architects and Community First Bank.

Bronze Sponsors: Salem Masonic Lodge #21, John Tackett, DMD, Salem Mortgage, Beta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, Meadow View Health and Rehabilitation Center and Eddie Gilstrap Motors.



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New Face at Big Brothers Big Sisters 😊

Big Brothers Big Sisters recently welcomed a new staff member on May 11th. Jennifer Hill comes to our agency from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

Jennifer is the Program Manager for the Community-Based programs in Jackson, Jennings and Scott Counties and works out of our central office in Seymour. She has been in touch with many of you already, but she invites everyone to give her a call or stop by the office to introduce themselves.

Jennifer can be reached at the Seymour office at 812-522-9699 or toll free 1-877-892-2447, or she can be reached by email at jennifer@bbbssi.org.



Big Brothers Big Sisters welcomes Jennifer Hill as our new Program Manager for Community-Based programming in Jackson, Jennings and Scott Counties.

We are glad to have Jennifer join our team and welcome her to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana!