



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News

All Counties Gear Up for Bowl For Kids Sake

By Stacey Waskom, Director

Would you like to help Big Brothers Big Sisters in a "BIG" way? Then dust off those bowling shoes and prepare for a day of fun at our annual fundraiser, Bowl For Kids Sake! All proceeds benefit your local Big Brothers Big Sisters program. It's easy and it's fun. All it takes to participate is for you to form a bowling team of 3 or 4 people, raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and bring in all collections with you on the day of the event. While there, you and your team will enjoy an hour of free bowling and shoe rental, free pizza and soft drinks, a free Bowl For Kids Sake t-shirt, and a chance to win great door prizes. And you don't have to know how to bowl...it's about having fun helping kids in your community.

Below is a list of the events scheduled throughout our service area. Call your local Big Brothers Big Sisters office for details on how you can get a team registered today!

- **Sunday, February 22** – Washington County Bowl For Kids Sake at Scottsburg Lanes in Scottsburg
- **Sunday, March 1** – Jackson County Bowl For Kids Sake at Starlite Bowl in Seymour
- **Sunday, March 8** - Scott County Bowl For Kids Sake at Scottsburg Lanes in Scottsburg
- **Sunday, March 15** – Jennings County Bowl For Kids Sake at Starlite Bowl in Seymour

Tax Deduction for Bigs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana is pleased to inform you that Bigs are entitled to the following tax deductions:

- Deduct \$.14 cents per mile incurred in picking up and driving your Little around.
- You may also deduct the cost of meals, movie tickets, museum admissions, etc. which you spend for your Little. However, you cannot deduct the costs you incur for your own meals, tickets, etc.

While we encourage quality time rather than money spent on your Little to be most important in the relationship, we trust that you will find the above information welcome and useful.

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Total Matches as of 12/30:

	<u>Community Based</u>	<u>School Based</u>
Jackson	35	48
Jennings	19	
Scott	11	76
Washington	16	11

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Jackson County BBBS News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County held their annual Christmas Party on December 9th at Bel-Air Hall (formerly known as The Gathering Place) in Seymour. Guests were treated to dinner and gifts. **Big Brother, Scott Davis**, and

Board Member, Jenny Ault, were both recognized as Volunteers of the Year for 2008. A big "Thank You" to ALL of our volunteers and board members. Your countless hours and support makes a **BIG** difference in the lives of our Littles!

New Matches and Match Anniversaries

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to recognize those volunteers and children who are either new to our program, or who celebrated their match anniversary with BBBS in recent months:

- **Big Brother, Jackson Fischer**, and **Little Brother, Alex**, were matched on September 29th.
- **Big Sister, Stephanie Murphy** and **Little Sister, Katie**, were matched on October 20th.
- **Big Sister, Rachel Eickholtz**, and **Little Sister, Katie**, were matched on November 5th.
- **Big Sister, Elois Green**, and **Little Sister Stevie**, were matched for one year on October 17th.
- **Big Brother and Big Sister Ervin and Dee Kruse** were matched with their **Little Brother, Jacob**, for one year on October 17th.

- **Big Sister, Stacey Waskom**, and **Little Sister, Payton**, were matched for three years on October 20th.
- **Big Brother, Scott Davis**, and **Little Brother, Gabe**, were matched for three years on October 28th.
- **Big Sister, Amy Smith**, and **Little Sister, Gabby**, were matched for two years on October 30th.
- **Big Sister, Mackenzie Belcher**, and **Little Sister, Jasmin**, were matched for one year on November 7th.
- **Big Sister, Heather Davis**, and **Little Sister, Dottie**, were matched for eight years on December 6th!!! Congratulations you two!!!
- **Big Sister, Linda Brock**, and **Little Sister, Shelby**, were matched for four years on December 9th.
- **Big Sister, Eva Plessinger**, and **Little Sister, Kimmie**, were matched for one year on December 21st.

Thank You

A big "Thank You" to the following individuals and businesses who recently made donations to us:

- Jackson County Sertoma Club for their monetary donation in December. All money was used to fund our agency's Christmas party this year.
- Wal-Mart Distribution Center for donating toys and games for the Littles at Christmas.

- Bel-Air Hall in Seymour for hosting our Christmas party, providing such beautiful decorations and preparing our delicious dinner.
- Cummins Community Involvement Team for painting our office.
- To Schwarz Pharma Foundation for their grant of \$10,000 to be used for programming in 2009.



Big Sister, Fay Renaker, and Little Sisters, Paisley and Dasia, anxiously wait for the festivities to begin at our annual Christmas party in December.



Big Sister, Kendra Zumhingst, and Little Sister, Nakisha, are all smiles at our recent Christmas party. They are one of eighteen matches in the Corporate Mentoring Program at Seymour Middle School this year.

" You don't have to change your life to change hers"



Jennings County BBBS News

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jennings County recently held their annual Christmas party on December 4th at I'm Stuffed restaurant in North Vernon. Guests enjoyed playing "Christmas Bingo" and were treated to pizza, refreshments and gifts. **Big Brother, Roy Records,**

and **Board Member, Emily Ponsler,** were recognized as "Volunteers of the Year" for 2008. We want to thank ALL our volunteers and board members for the time and support they give to our agency and to the children we serve. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Littles!!



Above, Big Brother, Roy Records, and his Little Brother, Cory, at the Agency's Christmas Party in December.

Roy was named this year's "Volunteer of the Year" along with Board Member, Emily Ponsler (shown bottom left).

New Matches and Match Anniversaries

We have a few new faces in our Jennings County community-based program. A big "Welcome" to:

- **Big Sister, Alyssa Olson,** and **Little Sister, Alexis,** were matched on October 8th.
- **Big Sister, Cyndi McCormick,** and **Little Sister, Anna,** were matched on October 9th.

Big Brothers Big Sisters would also like to recognize **Big Sister, Allie Hensley,** and **Little Sister, Brittany.** They were matched for two years on October 11th.

Also celebrating their recent match anniversary was **Big Sister, Jessica Bradley,** and her **Little Sister, Kendra.** They have been matched for one (1) year on November 19th. Congratulations!



Program Manager, Cathy Gentry, poses with board member, Emily Ponsler. Emily was a recipient of this year's "Volunteer of the Year" award.



Big Sister, Cyndi McCormick, and Little Sister, Anna, share a moment at our Christmas Party in December.

100 Years from Now

One hundred years from now
It will not matter
What kind of car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
How much money was in my bank account
Nor what my clothes looked like.
BUT...
The world may be a better place
Because I was important
In the life of a child.

Author Unknown

**"expanding
horizons through
the power of
one-to-one
friendships."**



Scott County BBBS News



Executive Director, Stacey Waskom, presents Big Brother, John Martin, with his Volunteer of the Year award at the Christmas dinner. John has been involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for nearly 8 years. Also picture are Program Manager, Linda Dawson, (standing) and board member, Sheilah Williams, (seated.)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County recently held their annual Christmas Party on December 11th at Roadhouse USA. Dinner and gifts were provided for each guest in attendance. **Board Member, Lee Ann Hahn, and Big Brother, John Martin,** were honored as Volunteers of the Year for 2008, and received a plaque for their long-term commitment to

the organization. On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County, we want to thank ALL of our Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Board Members for their dedication and commitment to our program and to the children we serve. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed this past year with us. Thank you all very much!

Match Anniversaries

Match Anniversaries are a great time to celebrate the longevity of a Brothers Big Sisters "match." The match anniversary date is the day when a volunteer and child meet for the first time and agree to be paired up, or "matched" in the program. **Big Sister, Tracey Mullins and Little Sister, Emily,** celebrated their six-year match anniversary on October 8th. **Big Sister, Mary Jones, and Little Sister, Sarah,** were matched for one year

on October 16th. **Big Brother and Big Sister, Dale and Ida McGuire and Little Brother, Anthony,** celebrated their six-year match anniversary on November 2nd. And **Big Brother, Tim Mullins, and Little Brother, Tyler,** celebrated their nine-year match anniversary on December 30th. Way to go you two! Congratulations on creating such a wonderful friendship!!

"Everyone has the potential to give something back."

--Diana, Princess of Wales and British humanitarian

Thank You

We would like to recognize and thank the following organizations for their donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Scott County in 4th quarter, 2008:

- Kiwanis Club of Scottsburg for their \$100 donation.
- Scott County Kids First for their \$500 donation.
- Scottsburg Lions Club for their \$100 donation.



Big Sister, Mary Jo Duvall, is spotted here with her Little Sister, Cheyenne, at a Big Brothers Big Sisters group outing this fall at Montgomery Farms.



Washington County BBBS News

“To give, without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.”

--Anne Lindberg, American pilot

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County held its annual Christmas Party on December 1st at Arby's restaurant in Salem. Guests were treated to dinner and gifts. **Big Sister, Johna Voyles**, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. Also recognized as Volunteer of the Year was Corporate Mentoring **Big Brother, Ron Haendiges**.

A big “Thank you” to Arby's of Salem for hosting our Christmas party this year. The food and hospitality was wonderful! And thank you, volunteers and board members, for the time and support you give to Big Brothers Big Sisters each year. Your kindness and generosity make a world of difference in the lives of our Littles.

New Matches and Match Anniversaries

Big Brothers Big Sisters welcomed several new matches this past fall:

- **Big Sister, Natalie Ewen**, and her **Little Sister, Maryha**, were matched on October 1st.
- **Big Sister, Amanda Bush**, and **Little Sister, Tiffany**, were matched on November 19th.
- **Big Sister, Jaclyn Branaman**, and **Little Sister, Courtney**, were matched on December 10th.
- **Big Sister, Kayla Ambers**, and **Little Sister, Keely**, were matched on December 1st.

Our agency would also like to take this opportunity to recognize a match who recently celebrated their match anniversary. **Big Sister, Marji Morris**, and **Little Sister, Jazmyn**, celebrated their one-year match anniversary on October 12th.

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, thank you all for participating in our mentoring program in Washington County. Through our organization, we hope you build a long-lasting friendship!



Big Sister, Leslie Allen, and Little Sister, Chantell, are pictured here at a group activity in October. The agency hosted a “Dinner Night” at El Toro Restaurant in Salem.

New Face at Big Brothers Big Sisters

Did you know? In December, Washington County native Monika Spaulding joined our staff as Program Manager for the Washington County office. Monika comes to us with years of experience working with the citizens of Washington County and the local schools. Monika will be responsible for overseeing the Big Brothers Big Sisters community-based and

school-based mentoring programs in Washington County. She can be reached on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office, located at 201 Jeans Drive in Salem. The agency phone number is 883-0411. We are delighted to have Monika on staff and welcome her to our organization.





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You are receiving this newsletter because you have been identified as someone who has participated in Big Brothers Big Sisters in the past, or someone who is presently involved either as a volunteer, child participant, advocate or donor of Big Brothers Big Sisters in your community.

We hope you enjoy these quarterly publications and find the information useful. If for any reason you wish not to receive this newsletter, contact Executive Director, Stacey Waskom, by phone (toll free) at 1-877-892-2447 or by email at stacey@bbbsi.org and she will kindly remove you from our mailing list.

Our Wish List

A common question that people ask us is "What kind of items can I donate to your agency?" So, we have put together a list of office and program supplies that we could always use here at Big Brothers Big Sisters. Those items are: postage; envelopes; white copy paper; file folders; paper towels;

standard light bulbs; new or lightly used board games; coloring books and crayons; and free meal coupons or gift certificates from local food venues or restaurants for our volunteers to use during their match meetings. Any of the above items would be greatly appreciated!