

# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1995

WANDA SANDERS, EDITOR

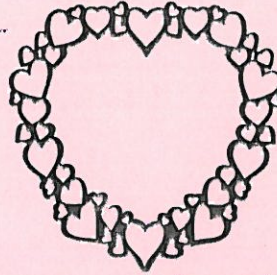
## JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Fred Barrett (9 yrs)  
Debbie Bastian (6 yrs)  
Jo Anne Schindel (3 yrs)  
Brian Ferrari (2 yrs)  
Joseph Godlove (1 yr)

### LB/LS

Jason Barnhart  
Dawnita Smith  
Mary Obitts  
Jeffrey Swope  
Timothy Rideout



## NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little Sister teams:

### Verna Brown/Lacey Faughander -

Verna is a newcomer to our program. On December 20, 1994, she was matched to Lacey Faughander. Verna is an Administrative Secretary. Lacey is a 6th grader at Springfield Middle School. She is 11 years old.

### Kelli Lawrence/Angela Morales -

Kelli is also a new volunteer. She was matched to Angela on January 5th. Kelli is an Assistant Branch Manager at Home Federal Savings Bank. Angela is 9 and is in the 4th grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

### Nicole Stephens/Carma Spencer -

Nicole works as a Customer Service Agent at the Hagerstown Airport. She is also new to our program. On January 16th she was introduced to Carma. Carma is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Northern Middle School.

### Maria Gilliam/Nichole Rivera -

Maria is a computer operator with the U. S. Air Force. She was matched to Nichole on January 18th. Nichole is 8 years old. She is a third grader at Fountaindale Elementary.

## CALENDAR

*Wednesday, February 15, 1995. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.  
We hope to see you there!*

*Wednesday, February 22, 1995. 7:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting  
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street*

*Sunday, March 26, 1995. 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.  
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lane, Dual  
Highway. Get your team together now!!!*

*Wednesday, June 28, 1995. Family Picnic/Swim -  
Mark this date on your calendar now!*

## MARKING PERIOD ENDING

The second marking period for the 1994-1995 school year ended January 26th. Report cards are being sent home.

As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you need to show your interest in your Littles education. Ask to see their report card. Praise them for a job well done and offer your help in any subject they may be having trouble with.

Remember, education is a vital key to success in the future.

## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FINALE

The annual meeting of the United Way was held January 31, 1995. A final total of \$1,503,426.00 was announced.

Our thanks goes to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters in our program who contributed their time and money to help reach this year's total.

## TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers can deduct reasonable unreimbursed expenses incurred to allow underprivileged youths to attend events, movies or dinners. The youths must be selected by a charitable organization. Expenses you incur with the youth are not deductible.

Volunteers may also deduct automobile expenses at a rate of 12 cents per mile or on an actual expense basis for the cost of gasoline.





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### **POTPOURRI**

- We hope Big Brother Dave Elliott is feeling better after his foot injury. Got well soon Dave!
- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Dard Stephens on being Rookie of the Year for 1994 at the Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway. Good job Dard!

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

- Big Brother Charlie Rowe and Mt. Calvary Church of God would like to thank Board Member Cyndi Beall for helping out at their Christmas Dinner in December, 1994.
- To Sam's Club for the generous donation recently made to our program.

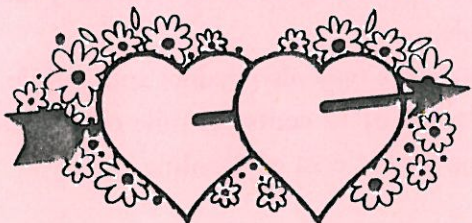
### **BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**

Preparations for the 11th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are underway.

This event is designed to enlist bowlers from all over the area into one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Washington County.

The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 1995 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and plan to come out on March 26th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake.



### **1995 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!**

Everyone participating in the 1995 BFKS is eligible to win some nice prizes. The following is the prize structure for this year's event:

Raise at least \$50.00 and win a BFKS t-shirt.

Also, earn a gift certificate from either J C Penney or Kmart when you raise the following:

- \*\$10.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$101 to \$200 in pledges.
- \*\$20.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$201 to \$300 in pledges.
- \*\$30.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$301 to \$400 in pledges.
- \*\$40.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$401 to \$500 in pledges.
- \*\$60.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$500 in pledges.
- \*\$100.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$1,000 in pledges.

The **GRAND PRIZE** is two round trip tickets to anywhere in the continental United States.

**FIRST PRIZE** will be an overnight bed & breakfast and ski package.

**\*\*SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY\*\***

**TEAM INCENTIVE:** The team that turns in the most dollars by May 7th will receive a \$30.00 gift certificate per team member.

**YOUTH INCENTIVE:** All youth bowlers, age 21 and under, raising \$100.00 or more will be eligible for a drawing for an AM/FM Dual Cassette Stereo recorder with detachable speakers.

In addition, there will be door prizes given away throughout the day. But remember, to win a prize you have to bowl !!!



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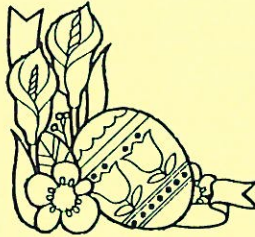
## MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Lisa Koontz (3 yrs)  
Naomi Doucette (1 yr)  
Darese Castang (1 yr)  
Dave Elliott (1 yr)

### LB/LS

Roberta Kesselring  
Star Hose  
Kacee Smith  
Brandon Hoppe



## CALENDAR

*Wednesday, April 26, 1995. 7:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street.*

*Saturday, April 29, 1995. 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.  
BB/BS Car Rally. Meet at South High.*

*Saturday, May 6, 1995. 8:00 a.m. - ?  
Meet at McDonald's with your Little for breakfast  
and proceed to help Charlie Rowe Clean Up Clear  
Spring. Let's give a little back to a community that  
gives so much!  
R.S.V.P. to the agency office by April 28.*

*Saturday, June 3, 1995. 10:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
National Trails Day. Bring your Little and hike the  
Appalachian Trail.*

*Saturday, June 10, 1995. BB/BS Home  
Improvement Auction. Mark your calendar!*

*Wednesday, June 28, 1995. Family Picnic/Swim -  
Mark this date on your calendar!*

## NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Cynthia Delauter/Tabatha Hutzell - Cynthia is a newcomer to our program. On February 10, 1995, she was matched to Tabatha Hutzell. Cynthia is the Office Manager at Associated Engineering Sciences. Tabatha is a 3rd grader at Winter Street School. She is 10 years old.

Jeffrey Jenkins/Casey Bivens - Jeff has been in our program as a volunteer since 1992. He was matched to Casey on February 15th. Jeff is a Technical Sergeant with the West Virginia Air National Guard. Casey is 13 and is in the 7th grade at Springfield Middle School.

Lois Dreisbach/Amber Campbell - Lois works as a Secretary with the Washington County Health Dept. She is also new to our program. April 4th, Lois met Amber, a 10 year old 5th grader at Northern Middle.

## THIRD MARKING PERIOD ENDS

March 30th marked the end of the third marking period. Only one more to go!

Take time to show your Little the importance of their education and encourage them to continue with hard work and dedication during these final months of school.

## FISHING DERBY

*Saturday, April 29th there will be a Fishing Derby held to benefit handicapped and disadvantaged children. The Derby will be hosted by the Washington County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League and the Department of Natural Resources. Anyone from the age of 3 to 15 may participate (no license is required). Lunch will be provided and prizes will be given during the Derby.*

*For more information, call Mr. Paul Wolber at 733-4092. Don't forget to let him know you are with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Good luck to all!*

## POTPOURRI

- Our prayers are with Big Brother Gary Naugle for a speedy recovery. Hope you're feeling better real soon!

- We would like to congratulate Little Sisters Julia and Jennifer Seal on making the honor for the second time this year. Nice job girls!

- Congratulations to Board Member Holly Proctor and husband Bill on the birth of their son, Kevin Lawrence Proctor, on April 9th!





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## THANK YOU!!!!

*- We wish to thank Elaine Rose and Edna Carbaugh along with Board Members Raymond Holton, Jo Ann Plum, Kistie Palmer and Traci Benedict for the great job they did cleaning up the agency's bills of the Adopt-A-Highway Program.*

*- We would like to thank Sue Bevine, WHAG TV for all her time and the thoughtfulness she demonstrated while serving as Honorary Spokesperson for our Bowl For Kids' Sake.*

*- We would like to thank Raymond Hahn for the complimentary tickets to the All Ghaz Shrine's Circus held at Hagerstown Junior College. All those who attended had a very enjoyable time.*

### JCPENNEY GOLDEN RULE AWARD

On Wednesday, April 26, 1995 Big Brother Charlie Rowe will be recognized as a semi-finalist for the Golden Rule Award. This award is given to a nominee who has been recognized for his/her outstanding volunteer efforts.

Congratulations Charlie on becoming a semi-finalist and best of luck on April 26. You are a very special volunteer and deserving of this recognition.

### BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 11th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a huge success! Over \$39,000 was raised and now we are collecting the monies and thanking those who participated.

A special thank you goes to Holly Proctor and Cyndi Beall who co-chaired this year's event. Thanks also to the committee members Jo Ann Plum, Lynann Adams, Wanda Sanders and Gary Weaver for all their time and hard work.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, feel free to contact the agency at 739-4711.

Again, a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success!

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Chip Swisher as the agency's new part time caseworker. Chip is a guidance counselor at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He was a Big Brother volunteer and Board Member in the 1960's. Chip will handle matches which have reached their one year anniversary. Chip is very excited about joining the Big Brothers/Big Sisters staff. Let's all make him feel welcome.

### Parenting Seminars

Family Services Counseling Center will offer two seminars for parents experiencing separation and divorce. Session I will be Wednesday, May 17th and Session II on Wednesday, May 24th. The sessions are 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. from April 25th till May 30th, there will be a group meeting for parents who have children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.

For more information or to register for any of the above seminars, call 301-733-5858.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

**Your own happiness increases the more you  
give your happiness away.**

**Bruce Bogaert**



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MAY/JUNE, 1995

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## MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Gary Naugle	(6 yrs)	Dard Stephens
Greg Nearchos	(6 yrs)	Michael Horst
Claire Mumma	(4 yrs)	Chinninia Clopper
Scott Highbarger	(2 yrs)	Christian Bikle
Lois Walling	(2 yrs)	Christy Swope
Gary Rossman	(1 yr)	Daniel Jones
Cynthia Trumpower	(1 yr)	Robin Bishop
Tim Cave	(1 yr)	Randy Robinson

### LB/LS

## CALENDAR

*Wednesday, June 21, 1995. Board of Directors\* Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.*

*Wednesday, June 28, 1995. 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Family Picnic/Swim at Halfway Park.*

*Monday, July 24 - Saturday, July 29, 1995. Bingo Tent - Kmart. Volunteers needed nightly.*

*Friday, August 11 - Sunday, August 13, 1995. Camping Trip. Mark your calendar now!*

## BB/BS HOME IMPROVEMENT AUCTION

This year's Home Improvement Auction was a big success! We are pleased to announce that over \$5,800 was raised.

We would like to thank the businesses who donated items to the Auction and, all those who came out and supported our program by buying items at the Auction.

A special thanks goes to Robert Mullandore and his staff for donating their time and services to insure such a successful Auction. Also, to all our Bigs, Littles and Board Members who gave of their time to help with this fund raising event. Most importantly, our thanks go to Jack Hall and Jo Ann Plum, this year's event co-chairs.

## PIZZA SALES

The agency picnic/swim, Wednesday, June 28th will be the kick off day for our 1st pizza sale. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, July 12th. On this date, all order forms must be turned in to the agency office. Pizza kits will be delivered Thursday, July 20th. The monies raised from this sale will go toward volunteer recruitment efforts. We urge you to participate in this fund raiser. For more information, call the agency office at 739-4711.



## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Casework Supervisor Meg Mallon on her March 25th marriage to Robert Nestor. May your marriage be all the two of you ever wanted.

- Congratulations to the following Car Rally winners: Meg Nestor and Nikki Avallone, third place; Wanda Sanders and Jeffrey Jacobson, second place win; and Bob McKee and Randy Ashbrook, first place.

- Congratulations to Little Sister Lynale Frazier for making the Honor Roll last marking period. Good job Lynale!

- Congratulations to Little Sister Lacey Faughander for receiving straight A's last marking period. Good job Lacey!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Nicole Stephens on her marriage to Larry Schwab on May 27, 1995. May your marriage be filled with happiness.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Jason Barnhart for making the Honor Roll at North High. Good job Jason! We also want to congratulate Jason on being elected to attend the National VICA Convention in Kansas City the end of June.

- Congratulations to Big Sister Nicole Winger on her new job as the Writer & Editor for Publications at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Good luck Nicole!

- Congratulations to Little Sister Jessica Robinson on lettering in track at Williamsport High. Good job Jessical!

- Congratulations to Big Sister Sabrina Henderson on her new job at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Good luck Sabrina!

- Congratulations to Big Brother Jeff Jenkins on his job promotion to Master Sergeant in Air Field Management. Good job Jeff!

- Our prayers go out to Big Brother Gordon Hurlburt on the loss of his cousins in the Oklahoma bombing.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Donald Saum on receiving an A+ on his volcano project for school. Good job Donald!

- Congratulations to Big Brother Joe Godlove on receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree with a Social Work Major. Good job Joel!

- Congratulations to Big Brother George Rowe who was sworn in as the Great Sachem with the Improved Order of Red Men for the state of Maryland.

## FISHING RODEO

The 17th annual "Charles E. Price Memorial Fishing Rodeo For Children" will be held Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Elk's Picnic Grounds. Rain date, Saturday, June 24th. Children, 4 to 12 are invited. The rodeo is free and includes refreshments and lunch. All who participate must bring their own equipment and bait. Prizes will be awarded to the luckiest young anglers. For more information call George Hamilton at 824-5390 or the Elks Lodge at 739-0844.



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## THANK YOU!!!!

*- We wish to thank Raymond Holton and Elaine Rose for hosting this year's Car Rally. We would also like to thank Board Member Jo Ann Plum for all her help, and all those who contributed food for the picnic which followed.*

*- We would like to thank all those who participated in the Clear Spring Clean-Up.*

*- We would like to thank Little Brothers Casey Bivens and Dustin Hines and Little Sisters Christy Swepe and Annie Shumaker for being involved in our Bowl For Kids<sup>®</sup> Sake commercial.*

*- We would like to thank the Appalachian Trail Conference and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club for hosting the National Trails Day hike on Saturday, June 3rd. Bigs and Littles from our agency truly enjoyed the hike.*

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations and best wishes to our four Little Brothers upon their graduation from high school this year.

Jason Barnhart graduated from North Hagerstown High School. He was matched to Big Brother Fred Barrott for 9 years.

Frank Shupp graduated from South Hagerstown High School. He was matched to Big Brother George Rowe for 9 years.

Dard Stephons graduated from Williamsport High School. He was matched to Big Brother Gary Naugle for 6 years.

Todd Chaco also graduated from South Hagerstown High School. He was matched to Big Brother Ned Rood for 6 years.

We wish all our graduating Littles the best in everything they do in the future. Also, we thank the Big Brothers for their years of involvement.

### NEW MATCH

Please welcome the following Big and Little team:

Charles Highbarger, Jr/Donald Saum - Chuck is a newcomer to our program. On April 21st, he was matched to Donald Saum. Chuck is a Substitute Teacher for the Board of Education and a Technician with Comfort Home of Maryland. Donald is a 4th grader at Lincolnshire Elementary School. He is 9 years old.

### Day of Caring

The United Way of Washington County is proud to announce its fourth annual "Day of Caring". This year's project will be Washington County park playgrounds. We will be painting equipment, clearing the areas around the equipment and working on ball fields at area parks. The "Day of Caring" will be held Saturday, July 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration and lunch will be at Doubs Woods Park. Transportation to a particular site will be offered. Everyone is invited to participate in a morning of fun and community support. If you have any questions, please call the Big Brothers/Big Sisters office, 739-4711.

### OFFICE CLOSING

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters office will be closed July 4, 1995 in recognition of Independence Day. The answering machine will be on if you need to contact the office. Messages will be checked and emergency calls returned.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"The key to life is service to others."

Jesse Jackson



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## JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



### BB/BS

Pam Grove	(6 yrs)	Jessica Robertson
Trina Johnson	(6 yrs)	Tina Horst
Bill Grove	(3 yrs)	Andrew Mowery
Naomi Doucette	(3 yrs)	Lynale Frazier
Craig Newcomer	(3 yrs)	Joseph Keltner
Sabrina Henderson	(2 yrs)	Steve Hardy
Carol Veil	(2 yrs)	Michele Swope
Charles Rowe	(2 yrs)	Travis Clopper
Joan Bowers	(2 yrs)	Samantha Hardy
Nicole Winger	(1 yr)	Jennifer Seal

### LB/LS

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Donald Saum and Little Sister Christy Swopa on winning the bicycles at the annual agency Picnic/Swim on June 28th.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Lynale Frazier on making the Honor Roll at Springfield Middle School last quarter.

- We would like to announce that Big Brother Jeff Jenkins and Little Brother Casey Bivens were selected to

participate in the Bigs & Littles Challenges at the National Family Tournament in Kansas City, MO on August 3rd - 6th. The event is being hosted by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. Only 21 matches were selected. Good luck Jeff and Casey!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Kelli Lawrence on her job promotion to Manager at the main branch office of Home Federal Savings Bank. Good job Kelli!

## CALENDAR

*Friday, August 11 - Sunday, August 13, 1995.*

*Camping Trip. Fort Frederick State Park.*

*Wednesday, August 23, 1995. Board of Directors\**

*Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.*

## CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

This year's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q benefitting the Big Brothers/Big Sisters camping trip will be held on Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. - ? It will be held at Ernst's Market, 2 miles east of Clear Spring on Dam #5 Road. The cost is \$4.00 for half a chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, roll and butter.

Big Brother Charlie Rowe has a need for volunteers to help set up and serve. If you would like to help, call the agency office at 739-4711.

Make your plans now to take a Saturday drive, have a good meal and benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters all at the same time.

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Board Member/Big Brother Fred Barrett on his new job at Magnolia Management. Good luck Fred!

- We would like to congratulate Board Member Tom Breidenstein and his wife Jale' on the new addition to their family. Their daughter, Sydney McGee was born Monday, July 24th around 1:00 p.m. Sydney weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

- We would like to announce that back in May, 1995, Little Brother Casey Bivens earned the rank of First Class Scout in the Boy Scouts, Troop 18 from St. Ann's. Casey just returned home after hiking the mountains of New Mexico with other Boy Scouts. Good job Casey!

## SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Here are a few suggestions on how you, as a parent, can help make your child's school a safe place:

Most parents are aware of what occurs during the school day; however, you must also be aware of what happens on the way to and from school.

Make yourself familiar with your child's school safety measures and make sure your child understands what is expected of him/her.

Encourage your child to be assertive but not aggressive. Teach them non-violent behavior and personal safety.

Help your child to choose educational, non-violent television shows, movies and games.

Make it a point to meet your child's friends and their parents. Set curfews and rules about visitors and visiting others.

Provide your child with responsible role models such as teachers, community leaders and other respected adults.

## FAIRCHILD HOMECOMING AND AIRSHOW

The Washington County Regional Airport proudly announces the "Fairchild Homecoming and Airshow: The People and the Planes".

The airshow will be held on September 9th and 10th at the Washington County Regional Airport in Hagerstown. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. with the show beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you would like more information, call 745-5708.





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## **THANK YOU!!!!**

*- We wish to thank Big Brother Charlie Rowe and his family for hosting this year's picnic/swim.*

*- We would like to thank all those who participated in the Pizza Kit Fund Raiser. It was a big success!*

*- We would like to thank Edna Carbaugh, Jimmy Childers, Terry McGurl, Dick Myers, John Hegley, Joseph Rawls and Pam Williams for all their help with the preparation of this year's Home Improvement Auction.*

*- We would like to thank Lynnann Adams, Bob McKee and Holly Proctor for participating in the June 24th Adopt-A-Highway day.*

*- We would like to thank all those who participated in the United Way Day of Caring.*

*- We would like to thank the Western Maryland Trooper's Association for tickets to the circus which was held June 2nd at the Hagerstown Speedway.*

*- We would like to thank St. Peter's In Between Class and Parkhead Youth Group for their generous contributions to our program.*

### **NEW MATCHES**

Kathleen Maier/Ashley Hutzell - Kathleen was matched to Ashley on June 15th. Kathleen is a newcomer to our program. She is employed as a Nurse Manager at the VA Center in Martinsburg. Ashley will be attending 2nd grade at Bester Elementary School. She is 6 years old.

Terry Stotemyer/Kristopher Fitzwater - Terry was matched to Kristopher on June 16th. Terry is also new to our program. He works for Highland Air Conditioning and Heating. Kristopher is 13 years old and will be in the 8th grade at E. Russel Hicks School.

Martha Blake/Steffy Lewis - Martha was matched to Steffy on July 14th. Martha is another newcomer to our program. She is a dental hygienist. Steffy is an 8 year old who will be in the 4th grade at Emma K. Doub this year.

### **DOG SENSE**

More than two million dog bites are reported each year in the United States. Of these 2 million, 2,700 were letter carriers. This is a problem we can all help to solve. The following are some responsibilities and safety tips to follow with dogs:

Spay or neuter your dog. Unneutered dogs are more likely to bite.

Keep your dog inside or on a leash.

Don't allow a child to get mail from the carrier in the presence of your dog, it's instinct is to protect the family.

Obedience training can teach your dog proper behavior and help you control your dog.

Never run past a dog. Their natural instinct is to chase and catch.

When threatened by a dog, don't scream. Avoid eye contact and remain still until the dog leaves.

Never approach a strange dog, especially one who is tied up or confined.

Always let a dog see and sniff you before you attempt to pet them.

### **THE BOTTOM LINE**

**"The purpose of life is not to be happy. The purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all."**

**Leo Rosten**



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## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Pat Poffenberger	- 10 yrs-	Carol Burkner
Jill Poffenberger	- 9 yrs-	Annie Shumaker
Pamela Hause	- 7 yrs-	Laura West
Milton Stamper	- 5 yrs-	Nathan Mowery
Karla Wentz	- 4 yrs-	Marsha West
Kathleen Vogt	- 2 yrs-	Julie Seal
Virginia Draper	- 2 yrs-	Ashley Magee
Gary Naugle	- 1 yr -	Travis Keliher

## CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22, 1995. "Meet the Littles". Come to the agency office between 2:00 - 4:00 and meet some of the Littles in our program. It's the perfect opportunity to receive information about the program if you're interested in becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister of Big Couple.

Sunday, October 22, 1995. Swim/Pizza party. 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. YMCA. Make your reservation now.

Wednesday, October 25, 1995. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, November 15, 1995. Annual Dinner. Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, December 6, 1995. Annual Christmas Dinner. Make plans now to attend.

## NEW MATCHES

Edward Distad/Dustin Hines - Ed was matched to Dustin on July 12th. Ed has been in our program since 1986. He is a teacher in Montgomery County. Dustin attends 2nd grade at Emma K. Doub. He is 7 years old.

Michael Gellar/Joshua Benner - Mike was matched to Joshua on August 22nd. He has been involved in our program since 1991. Mike is employed with Scorpion Systems. Josh is 11 years old and is in the 7th grade at E. Russel Hicks School.



## FALL ACTIVITIES FOR BIGS/LITTLES

Here are some ideas for you and your Little to enjoy during this fall season:

Take a trip to a pumpkin patch, then carve or decorate the pumpkins you get. Make a scarecrow. Bake a pumpkin pie, cookies or cupcakes and decorate for the season. Attend local school football games. Take a nature hike and see the signs of fall. Go bike riding. Prepare for the Christmas season by getting cards ready, writing your gift list and window shopping for gift ideas.

Remember, it isn't what you do with your Little that is important -- it's the time you spend with them that counts!

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Board Member Lynann Adams on her new job as a Banquet Server at the Ramada Inn. Good luck Lynann!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Susan Reed and her husband John on the new addition to their family. Their daughter, Kathleen Nora was born Saturday, July 29th.

- We would like to congratulate Chip Swisher, our part time caseworker, on his new position in Pupil Personnel with the Board of Education. Good luck at your new position!

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Mike Horst for making the South High Football team. Way to go Mike!

- Our thoughts are with Board Member/Big Sister Kritic Palmer and her family as her father recovers from major surgery.

## WHO AM I?

Am I a teacher, an instructor?

A shoulder to cry on,  
or a friend to rely on?

Am I someone to walk with,  
or someone to talk with?

Am I a person who cares,  
a person who shares?

Am I an example to see,  
of what might be?

Yes, I am all of these.

I am a Big Brother/Big Sister.



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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank Board Members Tom Breidenstein and Raymond Holton for co-chairing this year's Bingo tent. It was a great success!

- We would like to thank the American Legion for sending five of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar. All who went had a wonderful time!

- We would like to thank Ms. Washington for taking some of our Littles to King's Dominion on this year's bus trip.

- We would like to thank Chininnia Clopper, Raymond Holton, Tina Horst, Trina Johnson, Bob McKee and Claire Mumma for participating in the September 30th Adopt-A-Highway day.

- Big Brother Charlie Rowe wishes to express his thanks to the following people for all their help at the July 29th Chicken Bar-B-Que at Ernst Market: Casey & Tom Brooks, Bob & Meg Nestor, Susan Rowe and Mary Shirley. Your help was very much appreciated!

- We would like to thank all those who helped make this year's camping trip such a great time for all who attended.

### BIGS, LITTLES AND SCHOOL

Now that the 1995-96 school year is underway, here are some tips for both Bigs and Littles to help make the school days the best days.

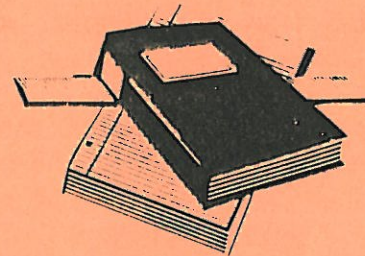
Bigs should encourage their Littles to get to bed earlier on school nights. Sleep at night is vital to one's performance during the day. Show interest in your Little's school work by helping with homework whenever possible, asking how the day went, and requesting to see report cards each marking period. Help your Little to dress as neatly and cleanly as possible. And most important, let your Little know the importance of education and where it can get them in the future.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR TEACHER CONFERENCES

*The following are some suggestions offered by educators and parents to make conferences less stressful and more beneficial:*

1. *Talk to your child about the meeting and get suggestions about what needs to be discussed; reassure your child that conferences are helpful for progress.*
2. *Get acquainted with your child's teacher. Be familiar with their style and approach.*
3. *Be prepared with information about your child. Be ready to express your concerns about school work and your child's progress.*
4. *Ask the teacher about what goes on in the school so you can set goals and establish checkpoints.*
5. *Follow up on any concerns identified during the conference.*
6. *Talk to other parents about their conference experiences.*

*These six simple suggestions will help you and your child get the most out of teacher/parent conferences.*



### THE BOTTOM LINE

**"One of the finest virtues is generosity - a quality characteristic of the person who thinks more highly of others than he does of himself.**

**D. Malcolm Maxwell**



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1995

NEWSLETTER

WANDA SANDERS, EDITOR

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



## SUPPORT THE UNITED WAY

This year the United Way has set a goal of \$1,800,000.00. The monies raised are distributed among 24 member agencies who provide services to people in our County.

Support the United Way and help our neighbors. Be a fair share giver through payroll deductions. Then, share the wonderful feeling of giving with your family, coworkers and friends. Every donation, no matter how large or small, plays an important part in the life of someone in our area. Please help the United Way help Washington County.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Big Sister Kristie Palmer reported that her Little Sister Brandy Smith brought home an excellent report card for the first marking period. Keep up the good work Brandy!

We know that there are many Littles who have improved their grades or made the honor roll at their school. We'd like to hear about it. Please call the office and let us know how well your Little is doing.

Always remember that education is the key to your Little's future and praising him/her for a good report is of utmost importance.

## OFFICE CLOSINGS

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 27th.

The agency office will also be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21st until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd.

The answering machine will be on during that time and all calls are monitored daily. In case of an emergency, contact Bob McKee at 739-2896. Do not hesitate to give him a call if you have concerns or need assistance.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Five individuals were elected to the Board of Directors at the recent Annual Dinner Meeting. Those elected for three-year terms were Thomas Breidenstein, Virginia Draper and Karen Giffin. Those individuals who were elected for a one-year term were Cyndi Beall and Sterling Moyer.

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Douglas Fiery	- 7 yrs-	Jack Winters
Christie Pritchard	- 3 yrs-	Jasmine Fitzwater
Susan Reed	- 3 yrs-	Tasha Mankins
Kristie Palmer	- 3 yrs-	Brandy Smith
Verna Brown	- 1 yr -	Lacey Faughandler

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 6, 1995. 6:30 p.m.  
BB/BS Christmas Dinner.  
Otterbein United Methodist Church, 108 East Franklin Street. Make your reservations now!

Wednesday, December 13, 1995. Board of Director's Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, January 24, 1996. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

## NEW MATCHES

Tim & Mary Shirley/Leroy Frazier - Tim & Mary are newcomers to the program and were matched to Leroy on November 1st. Mary is a homemaker and Tim a mason with Bragunier Masonry. Leroy is 8 years old and attends Williamsport Elementary School.

Meg Nestor/Deborah "Nikki" Avallone - Meg is our Casework Supervisor. She became matched to Nikki on November 1st. Nikki is a 13 year old who attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Board Member Craig Koons and his wife Lisa on the new addition to their family. Their son, Craig Robert, was born on September 28th. We would also like to congratulate Craig on his new position with the Grafton School in Berryville, VA.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Ashley Magee and her Wooly Bear, Alma, for winning first place in the cutest category at the Hagerstown Town & Country Almanac's Annual October Contest.

- Our prayers and thoughts are with Little Brother Jason Barnhart and his mother's close family friend.



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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank the Maryland Theatre for the complimentary tickets to attend "One Monster After Another". Everyone who attended had a great time!

- We would like to thank Big Sister Cindy Delauter for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

- We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Zack Draper for donating the pumpkins which were given to our Littles at this year's swim/pizza party.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The 1995 slate of officers for the Board of Directors was elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 1996 will be Gary Weaver, President; Douglas Fiery, 1st Vice President; Raymond Holton, 2nd Vice President; Jo Ann Plum, Secretary; and Jill Snead, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!

### BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the November 15th Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Dave Elliott and Big Sister Trina Johnson were presented with the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards by Meg Nestor.

These two individuals represent our volunteers, giving more than just their time, but a listening ear, fun filled days and someone that can be depended on through the good and the bad.

We would like to congratulate Dave and Trina on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Brandon and Tina.

### 'TIS THE SEASON

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra will once again be holding their Annual Holiday Show. This year's Holiday Show will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Currently we have thirty tickets available for distribution to anyone interested in attending this year. Please call the agency office at 739-4711 by Monday, December 4th to reserve your ticket to the show.

### BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County, MD presented Cyndi Beall with the Board Member of Year Award at the Annual Meeting.

Cyndi has served on the Board of Directors since January 1, 1994. She served as 1st Vice President from January 1, 1995 until December 31, 1995. She Co-chaired the 1995 Bowl For Kids' Sake and will do so again in 1996. She also Co-chaired the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent in 1994.

Cyndi is always there to lend a hand with events and fund raisers. She is a very dedicated Board Member who supports the BB/BS program. Thanks for everything Cyndi and congratulations!

### DO YOU KNOW OF A SPECIAL LITTLE/BIG BROTHER STORY?

Richard Greif, a Big Brother since 1991, is seeking stories of special Little/Big Brothers from around the country for a book he is writing on the impact of the Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring program. The book will show that in the midst of the most hopeless of circumstances, support, love and understanding from a positive role model can help young men follow their dreams. This book will bring to life the powerful stories of those who have benefited from the program.

Stories will focus on significant positive changes that have occurred in a Little Brother's life, regardless of whether he has long since graduated from the program or is still currently a Little Brother.

If you know of a special Little Brother story, please contact Richard Greif at (617) 625-0028 or P. O. Box 2464, Boston, MA 02208.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"Love that is hoarded moulds at last  
until we know some day  
the only thing we ever have  
is what we give away."

Louis Ginsberg



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA SANDERS, EDITOR

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Fred Barrett	10 yrs.	Jason Barnhart
Debbie Bastian	7 yrs.	Dawnita Smith
Jo Anne Schindel	4 yrs.	Mary Obitts
Brian Ferrari	3 yrs.	Jeffrey Swope
Jeff Jenkins	1 yr.	Casey Bivens
Kelli Lawrence	1 yr.	Angela Morales
Nicole Stephens	1 yr.	Carma Spencer
Maria Gilliam	1 yr.	Nichole Rivera
Cynthia Delauter	1 yr.	Tabatha Hutzell

## CALENDAR

Thursday, February 8, 1996. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.  
We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February, 28, 1996. 7:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting  
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, March 24, 1996. 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.  
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual  
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

## THANK YOU!!!!

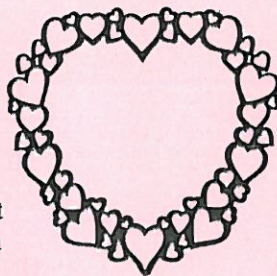
- We would like to thank Big Sister/Board of Directors' Member Trina Johnson for her help preparing for the Annual Christmas Dinner.

- We would like to thank Board of Directors' Members Edna Carbaugh, Karen Giffin, Jo Ann Plum, and Gary Weaver for participating in the United Way Phone-A-Thon at Citicorp. In addition to these Board Members, we wish to thank John Giffin for his help too.

## **BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**

Preparations for the 12th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway.

This event is designed to enlist bowlers from the area to one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 24,



1996 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and come out on March 24th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake.

## **NEW MATCHES**

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Scott Highbarger/Justin Thompson - Scott has been in our program since 1993. On December 5th, he was matched to Justin. Scott is employed with the Department of Social Services. Justin is a 2nd grader at Lincolnshire Elementary School. He is 7 years old.

Michael Gellar/Brandon Bowers - Mike has been involved in our program for 4 1/2 years. He was matched to Brandon on December 27th. Mike is a Client Support Specialist at Scorpion Systems, Inc. Brandon is 7 and is in the 2nd grade at Winter Street School.

Kate King/Valarie Henderson - Kate is a newcomer to our program. On December 27th she was matched to Valarie. Kate is a Physician's Assistant in Myersville. Valarie is 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Truth for Youth School.

Mark and Angela Singer/Ricky Duiguid - Mark and Angie are also newcomers and were matched to Ricky on January 3rd. Angie is a Substitute Teacher and Mark works for at the Office of the State's Attorney. Ricky is 8 years old. He is a 2nd grader at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

Mary Bellm/Heather Benner - Mary is also new to our program. She was matched to Heather on January 4th. Mary is a pilot for the Air National Guard. Heather is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Bester Elementary.



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### **POTPOURRI**

- We would like to apologize to Christina Koons who was inadvertently named as Lisa in last month's newsletter.

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Christian Bikle on having a very good report card for the first marking period. Keep up the good work Christian!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Karla Wentz on her marriage to Bill Heinrick on October 14th.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Cindy Delauter on her purchase of a new home.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Nicole Schwab on her new job with F & M Bank in Cascade, MD.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Mary Obitts on the new addition to her family. Hope Marie was born on December 25th.

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Milton Stamper and his wife, Karen on the purchase of their new home. We also wish to congratulate them on the addition to their family. Kara Beth was born July 3rd.

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Travis Keliher and Little Sister Brandy Smith for making the Honor Roll the first marking period. Great job!

- We would like to congratulate Board of Directors' President Gary Weaver for receiving the Cadillac Award for the second time at Hamilton Nissan. Way to go!

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Leroy Frazier who received the Bobcat Badge, Webelos Badge, Artist Activity Pin, Communicator Activity Pin, Fitness Activity Pin, Handyman Activity Pin and Sport Pin for Baseball. Your hard work and dedication is demonstrated by the amount of awards you've received in such a short period of time. Keep up the good work!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Claire Mumma as she was honored by the American Business Women's Association as the Little Heiskell Charter Chapter's Woman of the Year on January 24th.

### **MARKING PERIOD ENDING**

The second marking period for the 1995-1996 school year will end February 2nd.

Your Little will be bringing home his/her report cards soon. It is important that you, as a Big, show an interest in your Littles education. Ask to see their report card.

Education is the key to success in the future.

### **UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FINALE**

The annual meeting of the United Way was held January 24, 1996. A final total of \$1,540,228.97 was announced.

Our thanks goes to all those involved in our program who contributed their time, efforts and financial help that made this year's total possible.

### **1996 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!**

Everyone participating in the 1996 BFKS is eligible to win some wonderful prizes. The following is the prize structure for this year's event:

Raise at least \$50.00 and win a BFKS T-shirt.

Also, earn a gift certificate from either Sears or Kmart when you raise the following:

\*\$10.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$101 to \$200.

\*\$20.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$201 to \$300.

\*\$30.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$301 to \$400.

\*\$40.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$401 to \$500.

\*\$60.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$500.

\*\$100.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$1,000.

The GRAND PRIZE will be a trip to Colonial Williamsburg.

FIRST PRIZE will be a "Night on the Town"

**\*\*SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY\*\***

**YOUTH INCENTIVE:** All youth bowlers, age 21 and under, raising \$100.00 or more are eligible for a drawing for a portable CD player.

In addition, door prizes and 50/50 raffles will be given away throughout the day. But remember, you have to bowl to win!!!

### **THE BOTTOM LINE**

"Recognition is the greatest motivator."

Gerard C. Ekedal



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MARCH/APRIL, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA SANDERS, EDITOR

## MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Lisa Koontz	4 yrs	Roberta Kesselring
Naomi Doucette	2 yrs	Star Hose
Darese Castang	2 yrs	Kacee Smith
Dave Elliott	2 yrs	Brandon Hoppe
Charles Highbarger	1 yr	Donald Saum

### LB/LS

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24, 1996. 7:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting  
Agency Office - 16 W. Franklin Street.

Saturday, April 20, 1996. 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.  
Shrine Circus to be held at H.J.C. Call the  
Agency Office for tickets now!

Wednesday, June 19, 1996. Family Picnic/  
Swim. 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mark this date on  
your calendar!

Saturday, August 31, 1996. BB/BS Yard Sale.  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Kmart parking area.  
More details to come. Mark your calendar now!

## NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Rochelle Hildreth/Ashley Keeney - Rochelle is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Ashley on February 2nd. Rochelle is a Nanny for several area children. Ashley is 11 and is in the 5th grade at Clear Spring Elementary School.

Theodore Rosenberry/Justin Harbaugh - Ted is also a newcomer to our program. On the 9th of February he was matched to Justin Harbaugh. Ted is a Foreman for Ellsworth Electric. Justin is a 6th grader at Clear Spring Middle School. He is 12 years old.

Carmen Cruz/Christy Swope - Carmen is new in the program. On April 4th Carmen met Christy Swope, a 10 year old 5th grade student at Western Heights.

## THIRD MARKING PERIOD ENDS

April 12th designates the end of the third marking period.  
Only one more to go!! Take some time to show your Little



the importance of education for their future and encourage them to continue with hard work and dedication during these final months of school.

## POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to former Board Member and past President Cynthia Perini and her husband Peter on the birth of their son, Noah James Perini, on February 17th!

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Larry Shriner on making the honor roll during the second marking period. We also wish to congratulate Little Brother Jason Shriner for bringing all of his grades up. Keep up the good work!

- Congratulations go out to Little Sister Jessica Robertson who made the distinguished honor roll for the second marking period in a row this year. Good luck on making it three in a row!

- We wish to congratulate Little Sister Dawnita Smith on the new addition to her family, Tierra Nikol, born January 29th!

- Little Sister Jennifer Seal is to be congratulated for making the honor roll during the second marking period. Good job Jennifer!

- We were pleased to hear that Little Sister Julie Seal made a speedy recovery from her foot injury. We're glad you're feeling better.

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenn Presgraves as he recovers from his recent heart attack. We hope to be seeing you back on the local news very soon.

- We would like to recognize Kacee Smith for being on the honor roll during the second marking period. Keep up the good work!

- We wish to congratulate Little Brother Mike Horst and Little Sister Tina Horst for achieving honor roll status in the second marking period. Way to go!

- We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Helen Horst, Tina Horst, Mike Horst and Jake Horst on the addition of twin boys to their family tree.

- Our prayers and hopes of a quick recovery go out to Little Sister Christy Swope as she nurses her broken arm. We hope you're better soon!

## FISHING DERBY

Saturday, April 27th there will be a Fishing Derby held to benefit handicapped and disadvantaged children. The Derby will be hosted again this year by The Washington County Chapter, Izaak Walton League and the Department of Natural Resources. Children ages 3 to 15 may participate (no license needed). Lunch will be provided and prizes will be given during the Derby.

Call Paul Wolber at 733-4092 for information. Let him know you're with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and GOOD LUCK!!

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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Sue Bevine of WHAG TV for all the time, dedication and thoughtfulness she demonstrated while serving as Honorary Spokesperson for our Bowl For Kids' Sake. She went out of her way to help us this year and we really appreciate it!!

- We wish to express our thanks to Jim Klein, Director of Youth Programs at the YMCA, for taking care of the soccer league fee for Little Brother Justin Thompson. Your help was greatly appreciated!

- Our thanks go out to Becky Stanly of the Antietam Advertisers for volunteering to do the story recently published on our program.

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who help us throughout the year in a variety of ways. Marie Nowakowski, Ken Graber, Jerry Rafter, Vince Fertitta, WYII, and WQCM to name a few. The success of our program is due in part to these people and many others. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!

### BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 12th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was very successful!

Approximately \$39,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised almost \$26,000. Great job!

We are now in the process of collecting the monies and thanking all those who helped make it such a success!

A special thank you goes to Cyndi Beall and Kristie Palmer, co-chairs for this year's event. Thanks also to the committee members Lynann Adams, Edna Carbaugh, Jenny Draper, Trina Johnson, Jo Ann Plum, Holly Proctor, Wanda Sanders and Gary Weaver for all their time and hard work.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, feel free to contact Wanda at the agency at 739-4711.

Again, a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake a lot of fun and a great success!

### SUPER SPECIALS

The week of April 21st - 27th has been designated as "Big Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Week". We would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to our 54 "Super Specials".

Each of these men and women have given their time, love and commitment to their own "special" Little Brother or Little Sister. Our volunteers have given the best gift ever -- themselves.

Not every man or woman can be a Big Brother or Big Sister. A volunteer must have patience, understanding and acceptance to be that "special" friend to a young child.

We also want to take say "THANK YOU" to those 23 who volunteer on our Board of Directors.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County are fortunate to have 77 men and women involved in our program.

THANKS again from all of us.

*Bob*

*Meg*

*Wanda*

*Chip*

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"You can't do much about the length of your life, but you can do a lot about its depth and width."

Unknown



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MAY/JUNE, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Greg Nearchos	7 yrs	Michael Horst
Claire Mumma	5 yrs	Chinninia Clopper
Gary Rossman	2 yrs	Daniel Jones
Cynthia Trumpower	2 yrs	Robin Bishop
Kathleen Maier	1 yr	Ashley Hutzell
Terry Stotemyer	1 yr	Kristopher Fitzwater

## CALENDAR

Saturday, June 1, 1996. National Trails Days. See the attached flier for more information.

Wednesday, June 19, 1996. 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Family Picnic/Swim at Halfway Park. Joe Corbi's pizza kit sale kick off.

Wednesday, June 26, 1996. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Monday, July 22 - Saturday, July 27, 1996. Bingo Tent - Kmart. Volunteers needed nightly. Call Wanda at the agency office if you wish to volunteer.

## CIRCUS

Tickets are available for the Kelly Miller Circus to be held on May 31, 1996 at the Hagerstown Speedway. Anyone interested in tickets please call the agency office at 739-4711.

A limited number of tickets are available and will be given away on a first come first serve basis.

## WE'RE JUST LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

There are still several Little Brothers waiting for someone who can spend a little extra time with them. Someone to talk to, offer a listening ear and who just wants to have fun and enjoy their company. If you are that someone or know of someone who would be dedicated, stable and is fun loving, call the agency at 739-4711!!

Everyone enjoys having a friend, especially the children who are on our waiting list. You could be that friend, become a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple.



## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Office Manager Wanda Sanders on her May 11th marriage to Terry McGurl. May your marriage be all the two of you ever wanted.

- Congratulations to Big Sister Karla Heinrich and her husband Bill on the February 23rd birth of their son, William Lucas "Luke" Heinrich. May he bring much joy to your life!

- We wish to congratulate Little Sister Steffy Lewis' mother, Diane, on receiving her Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work in Baltimore, MD.

- Congratulations go out to the following Little Brothers and Little Sisters on their excellent third marking period report cards: Kris Fitzwater, Leroy Frazier, Tina Horst, Allison Keeney and Ashley Keeney. Keep up the great work!!

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

With May comes a number of special events for our Littles, such as 8th-grade and high school graduations, music recitals and sports competitions. It is especially important for Bigs to be involved in these special times in the lives of their matches. Nothing helps to build a child's sense of accomplishment and self-esteem like the recognition from the adults he or she looks up to.

Most of us can remember at least one occasion in our lives when the presence of someone special gave us that added encouragement to do our best, to try our hardest in the face of uncertainty and seemingly overwhelming odds. Seeing that one familiar face in a sea of strange faces can really make a difference, especially to a child.

Make a special effort. Talk with the child or his parent, or even his school, to find out when these important events are scheduled. This is just another way of letting our Littles know we really care.

K.M. - BB/BS of Wichita, KS



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### *THANK YOU!!!!*

- We would like to thank the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for donating tickets to its performance of "Heroes".

- Our thanks go out to the members of the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple for their contribution of tickets to the Circus held at H.J.C.

- We wish to thank the Community Services Commission of the First Christian Church for their generous donation to the agency's Activity Account.

### CAR RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the May 4th Car Rally. The results are in!! Second place went to Big Brother Scott Highbarger and his Little Brother Justin Thompson. First place was awarded to Bob Nestor and Little Brother Calven Parks. This year's champions were Big Sister Trina Johnson and her Little Sister Tina Horst. Congratulations to all our winners!!

We would also like to take this time to thank Subway for donating the delicious sandwiches for the picnic which ended the Car Rally, and Helen Horst for the case of sodas. The following Big Sisters also donated items for the picnic: Trina Johnson, Kathy Maier, Claire Mumma and Kristie Palmer. Board Members Cyndi Beall, Craig Koons and Jill Snead also contributed items to help make the picnic an enjoyable end to this activity. Our sincere thanks go out to all of you!!!

A special thank you goes out to Bob McKee and Meg Nestor for taking the time to plan and set up the Car Rally route.

### CARNIVAL TIME

*Big or Little, everyone enjoys a carnival. The food, the rides, the games and the live entertainment all add up to an evening you and your Little will always remember.*

*The following are just a few of the carnivals coming to our area this season:*

May 24 - June 1 - Shafer Park, Boonsboro, Md.  
June 10 - June 15 - Long Meadow Shopping Center.  
June 17 - June 22 - Fairplay Firehall Carnival Grounds.  
June 24 - June 29 - Smithsburg Carnival Grounds.

*Mark your calendar now and whatever you do, have a safe, great time!!*

### **LET'S GO FISHING**

**The 18th annual "Charles E. Price Memorial Fishing Rodeo for Children", sponsored by Hagerstown Elks Lodge #378, will be held on Saturday, June 8th at the Elks Picnic Park. The park is located on the Williamsport-Greencastle Pike, north of Huyetts Crossroads.**

**All boys and girls, ages 4 - 12, are invited to participate in the rodeo. Fishing hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The event is free and lunch/refreshments will be served. Anyone participating in the rodeo must bring their own equipment and bait. Fifty prizes will be awarded to the luckiest young anglers.**

**In the event of rain, the rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 15th.**

**If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to call George Hamilton at 824-5390 or the Elks Lodge at 739-0844.**

**Good luck to all who participate!**

### **THE BOTTOM LINE**

**"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections. Some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give."**

**Barbara Bush**



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JULY/AUGUST, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Pam Grove	7 yrs	Jessica Robertson
Trina Johnson	7 yrs	Tina Horst
Naomi Doucette	4 yrs	Lynale Frazier
Craig Newcomer	4 yrs	Joseph Keltner
Carol Veil	3 yrs	Michele Swope
Charles Rowe	3 yrs	Travis Clopper
Nicole Winger	2 yrs	Jennifer Seal
Martha Blake	1 yr	Steffy Lewis
Ed Distad	1 yr	Dustin Hines

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 21, 1996. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Saturday, August 24, 1996. Yard Sale/Chicken Bar-B-Que. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kmart parking area.

Saturday, September 14 - Sunday, September 15, 1996. Camping Trip. Camp West Mar.

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Board Member Lynann Adams on her new job with Washington County Health Department as a Health Aide at Pangborn Elementary School. Good luck Lynann!
- Congratulations to Big Sister Rochelle Hildreth and her Little Sister Ashley Keeney for winning the two tickets to Hershey Park. Together they sold over 100 pizza kits. Great job!
- Congratulations to Big Sister Darese Castang on her marriage to Duane Arch on July 9th.
- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Scott Highbarger on his July 21st marriage to Cindy.
- Little Brother Frank Shupp finished his Army training at Ft. Benning, GA on June 6th. Out of 200 applicants for a position as an Instructor at Ft. Larson, CO, Frank was one of 70 chosen. Great job!
- Congratulations to Little Sister Ashley Keeney for receiving the Principal Citizenship Award and Presidential Academic Award. Ashley also brought home straight A's for the final marking period. Keep up the good work!
- We wish to congratulate Little Sister Allison Keeney on making the Honor Roll for the final marking period. Good Luck in the coming year!

- We would like to congratulate Little Brothers Russell Hutzell, Sonny Thomas and Bernard Trost on making the All Stars. Good job!

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Tina Horst on making the Honor Roll during the third marking period. Good job!

- Congratulations to Little Brothers Kris Fitzwater and Leroy Frazier for bringing their grades up during the past school year. Keep up the good work!

## MARYLAND VOLUNTEER DAY

Governor Parris N. Glendening and Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend invite you to enjoy Volunteer Day 1996 at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium - A Carnival of Caring and Community Service.

Passes are available at the agency office. The pass entitles you and your family to FREE admission to the Fair on Sunday, August 25, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending the Fair, call the agency office at 739-4711 to obtain your pass.

## CIRCUS TICKETS

Free tickets are available for the Bentley Brothers Circus, to be held at the Hagerstown Speedway and sponsored by the Hagerstown International Association of Firefighters Local 1605.

The circus will be held on Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th. There will be 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows on both days.

Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the agency office at 739-4711 if you are interested in going to the circus.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

If you are a High School student and have community service hours to complete, call the agency office at 739-4711 to register your name to be contacted when hours are available. We utilize students as helpers at the agency activities, various fund raisers and for our Adopt-A-Highway Program.

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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank Board Members Tom Breidenstein and Jack Hall for co-chairing this year's Bingo tent. We also wish to thank all those who came out and volunteered their time to work the Bingo tent. It was a great success!

- We would like to thank the American Legion Post No. 42 for sending six of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar. All who went had a wonderful time!

- We would like to thank Ms. Washington for taking some of our Littles to Kennywood Park on this year's bus trip.

- We would like to thank Raymond Holton, Bob McKee and Holly Proctor for participating in the June 29th Adopt-A-Highway clean up.

- We wish to thank the staff of JDA Productions for the complimentary tickets to Billy Joe Royal and to Roy Clark. Those who attended enjoyed themselves!

- We want to thank all the Bigs, Littles, and Board Members who participated in the Joe Corbi Pizza Sale fund raiser. We also wish to express our thanks to Board Member Jo Ann Plum for chairing the fund raiser. It proved to be a very successful fund raiser.

## NEW MATCHES

Anne Pribble/Chatia Harrison - Anne was matched to Chatia on May 29th. Anne is a newcomer to our program. She is employed as a Substitute Teacher with the Greencastle School District. Chatia will be attending 6th grade at Western Heights Middle. She is 10 years old.

Carol Swope/Niema Lawrence - Carol was matched to Niema on June 4th. Carol is also new to our program. She works for Attorneys Wantz & Cecil. Niema is 13 years old and will be in the 9th grade at North Hagerstown High School.

Stephanie Michael/Brittany Heacock - Stephanie was matched to Brittany on June 24th. Stephanie is another newcomer to our program. She is a teacher at Winter Street Elementary. Brittany is an 8 year old who will be in the 4th grade at Winter Street this year.

Kristie Boward/Carri Humphrey - Kris was matched to Carri on June 24th. Kris is also another newcomer to our program. She is a Special Education Teacher at Emma K. Doub Elementary School. Carri is an 11 year old who will attend the 7th grade at Boonsboro Middle.

Joseph Dill/Robert Thompson - Joe was matched to Robert on July 17th. Joe was involved as a Big Brother and Board Member from 1972 - 1982 and has now returned to our program. Joe is employed as a Technician with A T & T. Robert is 9 years old. He will be attending 4th grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School.

Elizabeth Kirkpatrick/Linda Carpenter - Beth was matched to Linda on July 19th. A newcomer to our program, Beth is a PR Supervisor at the Washington County Hospital. Linda is 8 years old and will be entering the 4th grade at Emma K. Doub.

## FAREWELL TO MEG

It is with shock and sadness that we learned of the recent transfer of Bob Nestor to Wayne, PA. which will mean that Meg will be leaving us as Casework Supervisor.

Meg has been with us since August, 1991. She has gone through some exciting changes with us, from the merger of Big Brothers and Big Sisters to the move from North Potomac Street to our present location.

Not only has Meg been an extraordinary Casework Supervisor and friend to all of us, she has also been involved and very helpful with fund raising efforts, group activities and the general daily operations of our program.

I am sure you will agree that Meg will be missed by all and almost impossible to replace.

Meg, we wish you the best of luck in Wayne, PA and at whatever endeavors you take in the future.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

"Giving is the investment in living that pays the dividends we need: health and happiness."

Douglas M. Lawson



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Pat Poffenberger 11 yrs  
Jill Poffenberger 10 yrs  
Pamela Arnold 8 yrs  
Milton Stamper 6 yrs  
Kathleen Vogt 3 yrs  
Virginia Draper 3 yrs  
Gary Naugle 2 yrs

### LB/LS

Carol Burkner  
Annie Shumaker  
Laura West  
Nathan Mowery  
Julie Seal  
Ashley Magee  
Travis Keliher



Carla Prosser/Leslie WhiteMated - Carla was matched to Leslie on October 16th. New to our program, Carla is an Elementary School Counselor. Leslie is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary.

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Little Brothers Mike and Jacob Horst on winning the Maugansville Senior League Championship for 1996 and also for receiving second place for the first half of the Maugansville Senior League season. Way to go Mike and Jacob!
- We would also like to congratulate Little Brother Jacob Horst for making the All Stars at Maugansville Senior League. Great job!
- Congratulations to Big Sister Cindy Trumpower on her October 12th marriage to J. R. Myers.
- We wish to extend our congratulations to Board Member Cyndi Beall on her new job position with the Naval Research Laboratory.
- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Mary Bellm on her September 2nd marriage to Jeff Sobzock.
- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brother/Board Member Doug Fiery as he recovers from surgery. Get Well Soon!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 23, 1996. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Friday, November 1, 1996, 6:00 p.m.  
Halloween Get-together. Playland. Make your reservations now.

Wednesday, November 20, 1996, 6:00 p.m.  
Annual Dinner. Sheraton/Four Points Hotel.  
Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996, 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Christmas Dinner. Otterbein United Methodist Church. Make plans now to attend.

## NEW MATCHES

Dana Hadigian/Tolanya Gibson - Dana was matched to Tolanya on September 25th. Dana is a newcomer to our program. She is employed as an attorney for Wachs, Boone and Schubel, P.A. in Hagerstown. Tolanya attends 8th grade at Northern Middle School. She is 13 years old.

David Hadigian/Robert Eddington - David is also new to the program. He was matched to Robert on September 26th. David is employed with U. S. Silica Company as a Manager. Robert is 12 years old and is in the 7th grade at Springfield Middle School.

Doug Harnish/Zachary Morningstar - Doug is also a newcomer in our program. He was matched to Zachary on October 14th. Doug works as an insurance agent with Cumberland Valley Insurance. Zachary is a 10 year old who attends 5th grade at Old Forge.

## FALL ACTIVITIES FOR BIGS/LITTLES

Here are some ideas for fun activities to share and enjoy during this fall season:

Take a trip to a pumpkin patch, then carve or decorate the pumpkins you get. Make a scarecrow. Bake a pumpkin pie, cookies or decorate cupcakes. Decorate for the season. Play a game of football. Go to a museum. Rake a huge pile of leaves - then jump in them! Go on a picnic. Attend local school football games. Take a nature hike and see the signs of fall. Go bike riding. Design and make Halloween costumes. Roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Window shop for Christmas gift ideas.

Always remember, it isn't what you do, but the time you spend together that counts!



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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank the American Legion for sending five of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar. All who went had a wonderful time!

- We would like to thank Ms. Washington for taking some of our Littles to Kennywood Park on this year's bus trip.

- We would like to thank Tiffany Childers, J. J. Harbaugh, Trina Johnson, Bob McKee, Sterling Moyer, Kristie Palmer and Brandy Smith for participating in the September 28th Adopt-A-Highway day.

- We wish to express our thanks to all those who helped prior to and the day of our Yard Sale/Chicken Bar-B-Que. We also wish to thank all those who donated baked goods and sodas for the concession tent.

- We would like to thank all those who helped make this year's camping trip such a great time for all who attended.

- Our thanks go out to JDA Productions for their donations of tickets to several concerts held in the area.

- We wish to thank all those who donated tickets for our Littles to attend the circus.

### GRADING THE GRADES TOGETHER

With this year's first marking period nearing an end, here are some things to think about when your Little brings home their report card.

Sit down and look over the report card together. Find at least one good thing and praise your Little for achieving it. In the case of poor grades, be calm and let your Little explain any problems they may be having. Volunteer to help the child, set a goal to raise at least one poor grade during the next marking period. For good students, perhaps the Honor Roll could be a goal you could help them work toward.

Education is the key to success in the future. Be a part of your Little's future!

### \*\*TIME TO SWIM\*\*

With winter right around the corner, we would like to take this chance to remind all Big and Little Brother/Sister teams of the swim opportunities at the YMCA. The YMCA invites you to participate in their Family Swim periods. The only requirement is that both the Big and Little show their membership cards when they check in at the main desk.

Family Swim Schedule is as follows:

#### SMALL POOL

Tuesday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### LARGE POOL

Monday	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We would like to thank the YMCA for this opportunity and encourage our Bigs to take their Littles for a dip in the pool.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

Give none of yourself to others and eventually  
very little will be worth having.

Albany-El Cerrito, CA



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1996

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



## POTPOURRI

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Douglas Fiery	8 yrs	Jack Winters
Kristie Palmer	4 yrs	Brandy Smith
Christie Pritchard	4 yrs	Jasmine Fitzwater
Verna Brown	2 yrs	Lacey Faughander
Tim & Mary Shirley	1 yr	Leroy Frazier
Meg Nestor	1 yr	Deborah Avallone
Scott Highbarger	1 yr	Justin Thompson
Michael Geller	1 yr	Brandon Bowers

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 4, 1996. 6:30 p.m.  
BB/BS Christmas Dinner.  
Otterbein United Methodist Church, 108 East  
Franklin Street. Make your reservations now!

Wednesday, December 18, 1996. Board of  
Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Board of  
Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

## OFFICE CLOSINGS

The agency office will be closed for the  
Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday,  
November 27th until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December  
2nd.

The agency office will also be closed for the  
Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Friday,  
December 20th until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January  
2nd.

The answering machine will be on during that  
time and all calls are monitored daily. In case of an  
emergency, contact Bob McKee at 739-2896. Do not  
hesitate to give him a call if you have concerns or  
need assistance.

## NEW MATCHES

Angela Nibert/Trisha Faith - Angela is a newcomer to the  
program and was matched to Trisha on November 11th.  
Angela is a police officer with the Frederick City Police  
Department. Trisha is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade  
at Williamsport Elementary School.

- We wish to congratulate Little Brother Mike  
Horst and Little Sister Brandy Smith on their  
receiving the "Best Behavior" Awards at this  
year's camping trip.

- Congratulations to Missi Rowe and Travis  
Clopper for winning the Games/Relay Tournament at our  
annual camping trip.

- We would also like to congratulate the following  
winners of the Horseshoe Tournament held at our  
camping trip: Champions - Big Brother Greg Nearchos  
and his Little Brother Mike Horst. First Place - Paul Wolfe  
and Little Brother Jake Horst. Congratulations to the  
winners and thanks to all who participated!

- Our prayers and thoughts are with Board Member  
Cyndi Beall as she recently lost her Aunt to cancer.

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Chuck  
Highbarger on his new position as a Human Services  
Worker with the Young Father's Program at the  
Department of Social Services.

- We are happy to report that Big Brother/Board  
Member Doug Fiery is feeling much better after his recent  
surgery.

- We are pleased to report that Big Sister/Board  
Member Jenny Draper is back on her feet again after her  
recent illness.!

- Congratulations to the following winners of our  
Pumpkin Contest which was held at the agency's Playland  
activity on November 1st. In the category of Scariest  
Carved the winner was Chatia Harrison, Most Original  
Carved winner was Michael Mack. Brandon Hoppe's  
pumpkin won as the Scariest Painted and Chinninia  
Clopper took first place for the Most Original Painted  
pumpkin. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

## SUPPORT THE UNITED WAY

The United Way has set a goal of \$1,850,000.00 for  
their 1996 campaign. The monies raised will be  
distributed among 24 member agencies who provide  
services in our community.

Support the United Way and help your neighbors.  
Be a fair share giver through payroll deduction.  
Encourage your family, coworkers and friends to  
experience the feeling you can only receive from  
lending a helping hand. No matter how large or small,  
every donation plays an important part in the life of  
someone in our community. Please help the United  
Way help the citizens of Washington County.



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### HOLIDAY ACTIVITY IDEAS

During the months of November and December there are several special events being held in Washington County that would be fun for Big and Little teams to attend.

November 23 - 24: Kris Kringle Craft Fair, Ramada Inn, Dual Highway, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 24: Venice Christmas Arts & Craft Fair, Venice Ballroom, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 25: Tree Lighting/Hollyfest, 6:00 p.m. lighting of the tree on the public square/7:00 p.m. Hollyfest at the Maryland Theatre.

November 29: Santa arrives at 10:00 a.m. at the Long Meadow Shopping Center.

December 1: Craft show, City Farmers Market, Church Street, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December 6: Rose Hill Cemetery Candelight Walk, Begins at 6:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery on South Potomac Street and walk to Hagerstown City Park. City Park Holiday Lighting will occur at 7:30 p.m.

December 7: 8th Annual Memorial Illumination, Antietam Battlefield, tour begins at 6:00 p.m. (Rain date December 14th).

For further information about these and other events, call the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 791-3246.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

With the first marking period of the 1996 - 97 school year behind us, we have had several reports from Bigs, Littles, and family members letting us know how our Little Brothers and Little Sisters are doing in school.

We are happy to report that Brandon Bowers, Tolanya Gibson, Justin Thompson and Ashley Keeney all improved their grades received for the first marking period.

We know there are other Littles who are also achieving in school and we would like to report on them too. Call Meg or Wanda at the agency office and let us know about your special Little.

Education is the key to their future success!

## THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank the Maryland Theatre for the complimentary tickets to attend the recent performances by the Maryland Symphony Orchestra. Everyone who attended had a great time!

- We would like to thank Lisa Fennel and the Hagerstown Jaycees for hosting several of our Little Brothers and Little Sisters at their Halloween Party at Turner's Dual Lanes. The Littles had a wonderful time!

### 'TIS THE SEASON

*The Maryland Symphony Orchestra will once again be holding their Annual Holiday Show. This year's show will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m.*

*We have thirty tickets available for distribution to those interested in attending this year's show. Tickets will be distributed on a first come - first serve basis so call the agency at 739-4711 now to reserve your tickets.*

### CHANGES? MOVING?

Be sure to call the office if you move or change your phone number. We need to know where you are and how to contact you. PLEASE notify us if there are any changes!!

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"A child's heart and eyes awaken to the hope of discovery and the sureness of friendship."

Dennis W. Baker



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WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Jo Anne Schindel	5 yrs.	Mary Obitts
Kelli Lawrence	2 yrs.	Angela Morales
Maria Gilliam	2 yrs.	Nichole Rivera
Mark & Angie Singer	1 yr.	Ricky Duiguid-Burnett
Mary Sobzock	1 yr.	Heather Benner
Rochelle Hildreth	1 yr.	Ashley Keeney
Ted Rosenberry	1 yr.	Justin Harbaugh

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 19, 1997. 6:30 - 9:00 pm.  
BB/BS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.  
We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February, 26, 1997. 7:00 P.M.  
BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting  
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, March 2, 1997. 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.  
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual  
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

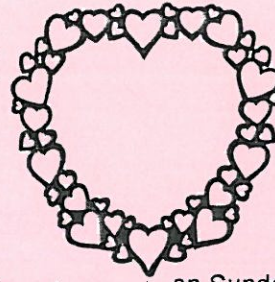
- We would like to thank Big Sister/Board of Directors' Member Trina Johnson for her help preparing for the Annual Christmas Dinner.

- We would like to thank Otterbein United Methodist Church and the Sterling Bell Class for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner again this year.

- We would like to thank Terry Marshall for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Serving the agency as officers for the Board of Directors in 1997 will be Douglas Fiery, President; Raymond Holton, 1st Vice President; Trina Johnson, 2nd Vice President; Jenny Draper, Secretary; and Jill Snead, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!



## **BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**

Preparations for the 13th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway.

This event is designed to enlist bowlers from the area into one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

on Sunday, March 2, 1997 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and come out on March 2nd for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake.

## **POTPOURRI**

- We would like to congratulate Big Couple Mark & Angie Singer on their new home.

- Our sympathies go out to Little Brother Ricky Duiguid-Burnett and his family. Ricky's Grandmother, Catherine Burnett, passed away in November.

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Doug Fiery and his wife Julie on the new addition to their family. Andrew Taylor Fiery was born December 19th.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Stephanie Michael on her December 1st marriage to Shane Angles.

- Double congratulations go out to Big Sister Verna Brown on being honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Little Heiskell Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association and being elected as secretary of the Halfway Fire Company. Verna is the first female administrative officer in the company's history.

- Congratulations to Little Sister Ashley Keeney for receiving Student of the Month in December. Keep up the good work!

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Steffy Lewis, her brother Brian and Mother Diane on the purchase of their new home.

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Robert Thompson on his Science project. Good job!

## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FINALE

The final campaign luncheon of the United Way was held January 22, 1997. A final total of \$1,600,000 was raised. This is the largest amount ever raised by the United Way of Washington County.

Our thanks goes to all those involved in our program who contributed their time, efforts and financial help that made this year's total possible.



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### NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Nicole Schwab/Ruth Cassidy - Nicole has been in our program since 1994. On December 7th, she was matched to Ruth. Nicole is employed with F & M Bank in the Operations Center. Ruth is a 5th grader at Western Heights Middle School. She is 10 years old.

Carol Ann Swope/Brittany Holman - Carol Ann has been involved in our program since 1995. She was matched to Brittany on January 16th. Carol Ann is a Secretary with Wantz & Cecil, Attorneys-At-Law. Brittany is 9 and is in the 4th grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Kelly Younker/Tiffany Childers - Kelly is a newcomer to our program. On January 27th she was matched to Tiffany. Kelly is a Funeral Director at Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home. Tiffany is 6 years old and in the 1st grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors at our Annual Dinner Meeting. Those elected for three-year terms were Fred Barrett, Verna Brown, Lisa Fennel and Sherry Keeney. Cyndi Beall was elected to a two-year term. Jack Hall, Sterling Moyer and Gary Weaver were each elected to a one-year term.

### BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 1996 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Doug Fiery and Big Sister Kristie Palmer were presented with the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards by Meg Nestor.

These two individuals represent our volunteers, giving more than just their time, but a listening ear, days filled with joy and laughter and someone that can be depended on through the good times and the bad.

We would like to congratulate Doug and Kristie on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Jack and Brandy.

### BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County, MD presented Jo Ann Plum with the Board Member of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting.

Jo Ann served on the Board of Directors from August, 1993 until December, 1996. She served as Secretary for two years. In the past, she co-chaired the Pizza Sale, Home Improvement Auction and Gigantic Yard Sale. She has been very active working on Bowl For Kids' Sake for many years.

Jo Ann has always been there to help in any way needed. She served as chair of the Finance and Fund Development Committee. She has been a very dedicated Board Member who supported the program and the children we serve. Thanks for everything JoAnn and congratulations!!

### 1997 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 1997 BFKS is eligible to win some wonderful prizes. The following is the prize structure for this year's event:

Raise at least \$50.00 and win a BFKS T-shirt.

Also, earn a gift certificate from either Kmart or Sears when you raise the following:

\*\$10.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$101 to \$200.

\*\$20.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$201 to \$300.

\*\$30.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$301 to \$400.

\*\$40.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$401 to \$500.

\*\$60.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$500.

\*\$100.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$1,000.

The GRAND PRIZE will be 3 days, 2 nights hotel accommodations in Ocean City, gift certificates toward your dinners, gift certificate for Miniature Golf and a \$10.00 certificate at Fisher's Popcorn.

FIRST PRIZE will be a "A Day at the Inner Harbor"

\*\*SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY\*\*

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MARCH/APRIL, 1997

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Lisa Koontz	5 yrs	Roberta Kesselring
Darese Arch	3 yrs	Kacee Smith
Dave Elliott	3 yrs	Brandon Hoppe
Chuck Highbarger	2 yrs	Donald Saum

## CALENDAR

Saturday, April 19, 1997. 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Shrine Circus will be held at H.J.C. Adult tickets only are available on a first come - first serve basis. Call the agency for tickets. Children will receive tickets in school.

Sunday, April 20, 1997. 12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Car Rally. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, April 23, 1997. 7:00 P.M. BB/BS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Saturday, May 3, 1997. We will be selling our Trendline donations at the South High Yard Sale.

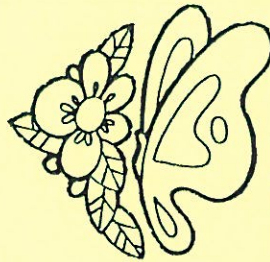
Wednesday, June 4, 1997 - Basket Bingo! Call the agency office for information and tickets.

Saturday, June 13, 1997 - Sunday, June 14, 1997. Camping Trip. Mark this weekend on your calendar!

Wednesday, August 13, 1997, 6:30 p.m. - Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway Park/Martin Snook. Mark your calendar now!

## JOE CORBI PIZZA SALE

Once again we will be taking orders for Joe Corbi pizza kits. All orders and money must be turned in by June 30th. Pizzas will be delivered to the agency office on July 14th. Monies raised will go toward volunteer recruitment efforts. This year, the Big/Little team selling the highest amount of kits will receive two tickets to Adventure World along with \$25.00 spending cash! We urge you to participate in this fund raiser. For more information and order forms, call Wanda at the agency office (739-4711).



## NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

John McKay/Randy Ashbrook - John is a newcomer to our program. He was matched to Randy on February 19th. John is the Shop Instructor at the Maryland Correctional Institute.

Randy is 13 and is in the 8th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Maryglenn Bare/Allison Keeney - Maryglenn is also a newcomer to our program. On the 17th of March she was matched to Allison Keeney. Maryglenn is a self employed wallpaper hanger. Allison is a 3rd grader at Clear Spring Elementary School. She is 8 years old.

Rosie Singer/Olivia Ramsburg - Rosie is new in the program. Rosie is the owner of Innerspace Interiors. On March 19th Rosie met Olivia Ramsburg, a 6 year old 1st grade student at Eastern Elementary.

Mary Jacques/Rachel Ford - Mary is another newcomer to the program. She was introduced to Rachel on March 31st. Mary is an instructor at Hagerstown Business College. Rachel is 14 and is a 7th grader at Smithsburg Middle School.

## POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to Little Brother Steven Smith for being named Citizen of the Month during the month of February at Bester Elementary School!

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister Kris Boward and her family on the death of her Grandmother.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister/Board Secretary Jenny Draper on her March 8th wedding to Dave Coleman.

- Our prayers and hopes of a speedy recovery go out to Little Sister Brandy Smith as she nurses her broken arm.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Kelli Lawrence on her purchasing a new home.

## FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 3rd there will be a Fishing Derby held to benefit handicapped and disadvantaged children. The Derby will once again be hosted by The Washington County Chapter, Izaak Walton League and the Department of Natural Resources. Children ages 3 to 15 may participate (no license needed). Lunch will be provided and prizes will be given during the Derby.

Call Paul Wolber at 733-4092 for information. Let him know you're with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and GOOD LUCK!!



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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Sue Bevine of WHAG TV for the time, dedication and thoughtfulness she demonstrated as Honorary Spokesperson for our Bowl For Kids' Sake. Once again, she went out of her way to help us and we truly appreciate all she did!!

- We wish to thank all the members of the Boonsboro Middle School 6th Grade White Team who chose our program as their service project.

- Our thanks go to International Artists for the donation of tickets to attend the Diamond Rio/Pam Tillis concert at the Maryland Theatre.

## BIG SISTERS

Big Sisters are a treasure that's rare to find  
Special people who give freely of their love and their time

They bring joy and happiness into their Little's lives  
By a friendly call, or a shared walk outside  
They show their Littles that they really care  
About the things that they like, the common interest they share

They open up a new world that their Littles never seen

It's obvious by their smiles each time the doorbell rings

On the other sides their Big Sister so eager to give  
A part of her life, her love, to be this Little's life long friend

They're both very anxious to strengthen this bond  
That surpasses grade school, first boyfriends, and the senior prom

For the Big and the Little it's a match made in heaven  
To the mother looking on it's a gift she's been given  
To know that this Big Sister shares the mother's love  
Once a stranger, now family, this angel sent from above

Dedicated to Big Sisters Rochelle Hildreth and Maryglenn Bare who are matched to Little Sisters Ashley and Allison Keeney.

Sherry Keeney      March 21, 1997

## BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 13th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was very successful!

Approximately \$32,000 was raised.  
Bowlers who participated raised \$22,000.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Trina Johnson and Kristie Palmer, co-chairs for this year's event. Also, thanks to the Committee members, Board members, and all who helped prior to and during the event.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, contact Wanda at the agency at 739-4711.

Again, a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this year's event alot of fun and a great success!

## PRO AM MOTORCYCLE RACE

On Sunday, June 8th the annual Pro Am Motorcycle Race will be held in Cumberland, MD. Participants in the race are ages 4 and up. Warm ups start at 11:00 a.m. with the race commencing at noon. Tickets are available to our agency through A.B.A.T.E. Please call the office before May 16th if you would like to obtain some FREE tickets and attend the event.

## ATTENTION LITTLES

We would like to know what our Little Brothers and Little Sisters would like to see in our newsletter. Any topics, issues, and suggestions are welcome. Littles can call the agency at 739-4711 or mail ideas to 16 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

"Our greatest joy and satisfaction comes from the act of giving."

Leo Buscaglia



# BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MAY/JUNE, 1997

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### BB/BS

Greg Nearchos  
Claire Mumma  
Gary Rossman  
Cynthia Myers  
Kathleen Maier  
Terry Stotelmyer  
Anne Pribble  
Stephanie Angles  
Kristie Boward

8 yrs

6 yrs

3 yrs

3 yrs

2 yrs

2 yrs

1 yr

1 yr

1 yr

### LB/LS

Michael Horst  
Chinninia Clopper  
Daniel Jones  
Robin Bishop  
Ashley Hutzell  
Kristopher Fitzwater  
Chatia Harrison  
Brittany Heacock  
Carri Humphreys



## FOR SALE

We currently have a variety of bookcases, storage units/towers, desks, bathroom cabinets, etc. for sale at the agency office. Anyone who is interested in purchasing any of these items, call Wanda at 739-4711 or stop by the office at 16 West Franklin Street on Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## FISHING RODEO

The 19th annual "Charles E. Price Memorial Fishing Rodeo for Children", sponsored by Hagerstown Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #378, will be held Saturday, June 7th at the Elk's Picnic Park. The park is located on Williamsport-Greencastle Pike, 1.6 miles north of Huyetts Crossroads.

Boys and girls, ages 4 - 12 are invited to participate in the rodeo. Fishing hours are from 9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. The event is free and will include refreshments and lunch. Anyone participating must bring their own equipment and bait. Prizes will be awarded to the luckiest young anglers.

In the event of rain, the event will be held Saturday, June 14th.

If you need further information, contact George Hamilton at 301-824-5390 or the Elks Lodge at 301-739-0844. Good luck at the rodeo!

## 6th ANNUAL KIDS ALIVE FEST

The Children's Village of Washington County will be holding their Kids Alive Fest on Friday, June 6, 1997 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Activities for the day include 911 simulator workshop, K-9 demonstrations, finger printing, bike safety demonstrations, boat/water safety tips, "Power of Fire House" tours, and many more. There will also be a FREE drawing for a bike. Area police officers will be seated in a dunking booth, so come take a chance at soaking them. Admission to the Children's Village is FREE. For more information, call 301-733-4443. This would be a wonderful bonding experience for Bigs and Littles while having a lot of fun!

## CALENDAR

Saturday, June 14, 1997 - Sunday, June 15, 1997.  
Annual Camping Trip. See attached flier for details.

Wednesday, June 25, 1997. Board of Directors'  
Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Monday, July 21 - Saturday, July 26, 1997. Bingo  
Tent - Kmart. Volunteers needed nightly. Call  
Wanda at the agency office to volunteer!

## POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to Big Brother Jack Gest on receiving his Masters from Shippensburg University in the field of Education.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Carri Humphreys and Little Brother Chris Purnell for making the Honor Roll during the third marking period. Keep up the good work!

- Congratulations go out to Little Sister Tolanya Gibson for the hard work at Northern Middle which made her straight A's.

- Big Couple Mark and Angie Singer say, "Way to go for the gold on MSPAP's Ricky!"

## CIRCUS

Tickets are available for the Kelly Miller Circus to be held on May 30, 1997 at the Hagerstown Speedway. There will be two shows, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in tickets please call the agency office at 739-4711 to reserve yours. We will only have a limited number of adult and child tickets so call now!

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*THANK YOU!!!!*

- Our thanks go out to the members of the Ali Chan Shrine Temple for their contribution of tickets to the Circus held at H.J.C.

- We wish to extend our thanks to AFL-CIO-CFL Local 307 for the donation of tickets to attend Opening Week of the Hagerstown Suns.

- We wish to thank the Community Services Commission of the First Christian Church for their generous donation to the agency's Activity Account.

**CAR RALLY**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 20th Car Rally. The results are in!! Second place went to Big Sister Dana Hadigian and her Little Sister Tolanya Gibson. First place was awarded to Big Sister Nicole Schwab and her Little Sister Ruth Cassidy. This year's champions were Executive Director Bob McKee and Little Brother Jeremy Mason. Congratulations to all our winners!!

We would also like to take this time to thank Subway for donating the delicious sandwiches for the picnic which ended the Car Rally. The following Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Board Members also donated items for the picnic: Maryglenn Bare, Marty Blake, Kris Boward, Dana Hadigian, Doug Harnish, Rochelle Hildreth, Trina Johnson, Beth Kirkpatrick, Kelli Lawrence, Kathy Maier, Bob McKee, Claire Mumma and Meg Nestor. Our sincere thanks go out to all of you!!!

A special thank you goes out to Meg Nestor and Kristie Palmer for taking the time to plan and set up the Car Rally route.

**SUMMER COMMUNICATION**

In the midst of the hussle and bussle of preparing for and going on summer vacation, don't forget the Little you are leaving behind.

For less than 50 cents you can brighten your Littles day no matter how far you go on vacation. How? A postcard! (25 cents for a postcard and 20 cents for the stamp). Your Little always loves to hear

from you when your home so imagine how much hearing from you when you're away would mean.

The postcard will not only show your Little that your friendship is strong, continuous, and that your thoughts are with them, it will also keep them in touch with you no matter how far from home you are.

**PLEASE** keep in touch with your Little over the busy summer months!

**BASKET BINGO**

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on June 4th at the Hagerstown Junior College A.R.C.C. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. This event is for anyone who wants to help a good cause and have some fun at the same time!

Tickets are on sale now for \$15.00. We will be playing 20 games for 20 baskets. There will also be 2 stand up games, a "Good Night" game, Tip jars, and 50/50s available for those who attend. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

Ticket sales are limited, so call Wanda at 301-739-4711 to reserve your tickets now!!

**NEEDED: VOLUNTEER BIGS**

Have you asked a friend to be a volunteer Big? The need continues to be great. Recruit a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple!

**PLEASE!!!!**

**THE BOTTOM LINE**

***Doubters do not achieve;  
Skeptics do not contribute;  
Cynics do not create.***

***Calvin Coolidge***



# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JULY/AUGUST, 1997

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Pam Grove	8 yrs	Jessica Robertson
Trina Johnson	8 yrs	Tina Horst
Craig Newcomer	5 yrs	Joseph Keltner
Charles Rowe	4 yrs	Travis Clopper
Nicole Winger	3 yrs	Jennifer Seal
Martha Blake	2 yrs	Steffy Lewis
Ed Distad	2 yrs	Dustin Hines
Joe Dill	1 yr	Robert Thompson
Beth Kirkpatrick	1 yr	Linda Carpenter

## POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to Big Brother John McKay and his Little Brother Randy Ashbrook for winning the two tickets to Adventure World. As a Big/Little team, they sold the highest amount of pizza kits. Great job!

- We want to congratulate Little Brother Justin Thompson on making the Honor Roll during the final marking period. Keep up the good work!

- Congratulations to Big Sister Kathy Vogt on her June 7th marriage to Board Member Jack Hall. May you be blessed with many wonderful years together!

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Jack Winters for placing first in the Drill Team Competition at the Maryland Military Youth Camp. Also, congratulations on your July 12th graduation. Keep up the great work!

- Congratulations to Big Brother Doug Harnish and his wife Danette on the new addition to their family, Lilly Victoria.

- Big Sister Darese Arch wishes to express her pride in Little Sister Kacee Smith for the hard work she demonstrated in the past school year. Keep up the hard work!

- Congratulations to Big Sister Carla Prosser on her July 5th marriage to Jim Faulkner. May the two of you enjoy many years of happiness! We will miss you!

- We would like to wish the following quick recoveries from their recent injuries: Dick Myers from his broken leg, Kristie Palmer's father from his most recent surgery, and JoAnn Plum from her broken ribs. We hope all are feeling better!

- Congratulations to Dana and David Hadigian on the purchase of their first new home!

- Big Sister Meg Nestor would like to congratulate her Little Sister Nikki Avallone on acceptance into the Cosmetology Program for the 1997 - 1998 school year.

- Congratulations to Big Brother Jack Gest on his new job position as Guidance Counselor at Smithsburg High School. Good Luck Jack!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 13, 1997. Annual Picnic/Swim. Halfway Park. See attached flier.

Wednesday, August 27, 1997. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

## CIRCUS TICKETS

Free tickets are available for the Bentley Brothers Circus, to be held at the Hagerstown Speedway and sponsored by the Hagerstown International Association of Firefighters Local 1605.

The circus will be held on Thursday, September 11th and Friday, September 12th. There will be 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows on both days.

Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the agency office at 739-4711 if you are interested in going to the circus.

## NEW MATCHES

Jack & Shelly Gest/Michael Mack - Jack and Shelly recently entered our program as a Big Couple. They were matched to Michael Mack on May 21st. Jack is employed with the Board of Education as a Guidance Counselor at Smithsburg High School. Shelly is a third grade teacher at Salem Avenue Elementary. Michael is 7 years old and will enter 2nd grade at Bester this year.

John "Skip" Frey/Ricky Springer - Skip is a newcomer to the program. On June 9th he was matched to Ricky. Skip is a truck driver for Kimmel & Kimmel. Ricky will be a 2nd grader at Williamsport Elementary and is 7 years old.

Amanda West/Alishia Harvey - Mandy is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Alishia on June 16th. Mandy is Vice President of West Manufacturing Co. Alishia will attend 2nd grade at Winter Street Elementary School and is 6 years old.

Garth Coe/Jeremy Mason - Garth is another newcomer. He was introduced to Jeremy on June 25th. Garth is a Master Firefighter with the Montgomery County Fire Department. Jeremy is 12 years old and will be entering the 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks this fall.

Robert Stahl/Richard Martz, Jr. - Another newcomer to the program is Bob Stahl. He was matched to Richard on June 26th. Bob works for the City of Hagerstown as an Environmental Specialist. Richard is 13 years old. He will be a 7th grade student at Western Heights Middle School this year.



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## **THANK YOU!!!!**

- We would like to thank Tiffany Childers, Lindsey Harden, Bob McKee and Kristie Palmer for participating in the April 26th Adopt-A-Highway clean up.

- We want to thank all the Bigs, Littles, and Board Members who participated in the Joe Corbi Pizza Sale fund raiser. It proved to be a successful fund raiser.

- A special thank you goes to Mark Weber, Director of Youth Golf Program at Beaver Creek Country Club for allowing Little Brother Justin Thompson to participate in the Youth Golf Program.

- We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Western Maryland Troopers Association for their donation of tickets to the Kelly Miller Circus.

- Our thanks to the Hagerstown Lioness Club for their donation of tickets to attend CitiCorp Night with the Hagerstown Suns.

- We would like to thank the Hagerstown Jaycees for taking some of our waiting list Littles to see the Hagerstown Suns on June 24th.

- We would like to thank Mohamed Musse for donating his winnings from the YMCI 5K race to our program.

- Our thanks go out to Madelyn Marsden, who called Bingo for us at our June 4th Basket Bingo. It was most kind of you to donate your time for our fund raiser.

- We would also like to thank our Bigs, Board Members, H. J. C., and friends for all the help given to make our Basket Bingo such a success.

### CREATIVE LITTLES NEEDED

The Washington County Picket introduces the "Kid's Page". The first Saturday of each month, the Picket will print a Kid's Page.

They are requesting, from our Littles (16 and under), articles of interest, stories, poems, photos, drawings, jokes, etc.

If you are interested in submitting any of the above for publication in the Picket, please mail your entry to the Big Brothers Big Sisters, 16 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

## **PEACE FEST**

Plans are currently underway for the Peace Fest. It will be held on Saturday, August 30th at Hagerstown's City Park. Festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. Organizers of the event are looking for Little Brothers and Little Sisters to talk about how their Big Brother or Big Sister has changed their life and to give their views on peace in our community and the world. If you are interested in participating in the Peace Fest, call Joyce Herbst at 301-766-4063.

## CASEWORKER NOTICE

It is a MUST that Meg Nestor, Casework Supervisor and Chip Swisher, Caseworker, talk with you on a regular basis. Sometimes when they call you, you are too busy or unable to talk.

If you tell them you will call back, PLEASE do so! It can be very frustrating to wait for return calls that never happen.

PLEASE return calls to the agency staff! When Meg and Chip are able to do their jobs, it helps everyone!

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

**" Let us not wait a moment. Let each of us work to build organizations where everyone can make a contribution . . . where everybody counts . . . organizations which will continue to change the world.**

**Elizabeth Dole**



# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1997

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, EDITOR

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Jill Poffenberger	11 yrs	Annie Shumaker
Pamela Arnold	9 yrs	Laura West
Milton Stamper	7 yrs	Nathan Mowery
Kathleen Hall	4 yrs	Julie Seal
Jenny Coleman	4 yrs	Ashley Magee
Gary Naugle	3 yrs	Travis Keliher
Dana Hadigian	1 yr	Tolanya Gibson
Doug Harnish	1 yr	Zachary Morningstar



Joseph Dill/Jerry Shook - Joe has taken Little Brother Jerry Shook as an additional Little Brother. They were matched on September 11, 1997. Joe works as a technician for AT&T. Jerry is an 11 year old who attends 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

## POTPOURRI

- Congratulations goes out to Little Brother Nathan Mowery who was awarded Bat Boy of the Year of the South Atlantic League. Nathan is bat boy for the Hagerstown Suns team. Good job Nathan!
- We would like to congratulate former Board of Director's Treasurer Michael James and his wife Kim on the April 23rd arrival of a new daughter, Laura.
- Congratulations to Board Member Craig Koons and his wife Christine on the November 11, 1996 addition to the family, Aaron Walter Koons.
- We wish to extend our congratulations to Big Brother Ed Distad on his retirement from the Montgomery County Board of Education after 32 years and on his new part time position with the Washington County Board of Education at the Career Studies Center.
- Congratulations to Big Sister/Board Member Jenny Coleman and her husband David on the birth of their son, Patrick David, on August 7!
- Congratulations to Little Brother Philip Rodriguez and Little Sister Allison Keeney for winning the school supplies at the agency picnic/swim.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother Garth Coe and his wife Linda on their marriage on October 4.
- Congratulations to Little Brother Jack Winters on his new job with Phoenix Color. Good luck Jack!
- Congratulations to Little Brother Donald Saum and his Donald L. Gehr Baseball team for winning the Halfway Little League Championship. Good job Donald!
- Congratulations to Big Sister Mary Sobzock on her new job as pilot for United Airlines. Good luck Mary!
- Congratulations to former Little Brother Justin Morales for making the All Stars this year. Good job Justin!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 22, 1997. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, October 29, 1997, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Agency Halloween Party. Wacohu Grange. See attached flier.

Wednesday, November 12, 1997, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton/Four Points Hotel. Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, December 10, 1997, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Dinner. Otterbein United Methodist Church. Make plans now to attend.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Annual Skate Party. Starland Rink. Mark your calendar now.

## NEW MATCHES

Crystal Allison/Brittany Reed - Crystal is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Brittany on July 18th. Crystal is a Registered Nurse at the Washington County Hospital. Brittany attends 3rd grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

Naomi Doucette/Kendra Lakefield - Naomi has been involved in our program for five years. She was matched to Kendra, her third Little Sister, on September 8th.

Naomi is employed with Citicorp as a printer operator. Kendra is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

## REMINDER

PLEASE remember to call in attendance plans when group activities are held. Our phone budget is limited and we pay \$.10 for each outgoing call. PLEASE phone in your attendance plans by the date requested in the activity flier. By calling the office, you will not only save the agency the expense, but free the staff to do other necessary tasks. Thanks for your cooperation!

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## THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Russ Marks and the Antietam Exchange Club for the five tickets to see the Baltimore Orioles take on the Cleveland Indians on September 16th. Our Bigs and Littles really enjoyed themselves!

- We would like to thank Cub Scouts Park #102 for their donation of \$3.00 to our program.

- Our thanks go to Big Sister Maryglenn Bare for purchasing and handing the border in the agency office. Thanks for bringing a lot of cheer to our office setting.

- We wish to thank all those who donated tickets for our Littles to attend the circus.

- We wish to thank Lynann Adams, Fred Barrett, Cyndi Beall, Chinninia Clopper, Bob McKee, Claire Mumma, and Holly Proctor for participating in the September 27th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

### FOR INTERESTED FISHERMEN

Jeff Barnes of Mercersburg, PA has kindly offered his pond/picnic pavilion to any matches interested for fishing. If you'd like more information, call Meg at the agency office.

### MANITO TOWER ACTIVITY

After several suggestions to have an activity for the older aged Littles, we finally were able to schedule one, but because of a lack of involvement it had to be cancelled. We are interested in finding out why this activity didn't generate enough interest to be held. Also, we would like to get some ideas from you for future activities. Please call the agency office if you would like to share your idea.

\*\*\*\*\*SUPPORT THE UNITED WAY\*\*\*\*\*

The United Way of Washington County funds 25 agencies in our community. Last year, over 100,000 persons received help from one or more of these agencies. The help provided is not just desirable, but is really essential.

The 1997 campaign is now underway. This year's goal is \$1,850,000. The monies raised will be used to fund the 25 agencies which includes our own Big Brothers Big Sisters.

We need to support the United Way!! Please give your fair share through payroll deduction at work. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to give to the United Way. Your gift helps 25 agencies working here in our community every day. This year's goal can be reached!

### Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. Most are costumes for girls. There are a variety of sizes. If your Little needs a costume for this year's Halloween festivities, bring him/her in on Monday evening, October 20th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. They will be able to look the costumes over, try them on and hopefully find one they like and that fits. The costumes are FREE!

### - NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT WORK -

The Nominating Committee is in the process of recruiting directors for the agency's Board of Directors. The terms are for two or three years. If you know of an individual that is willing to work hard and believes in the agency's mission of helping at-risk children, give the office a call so that the name can be passed on to the Nominating Committee for follow up. A full, strong Board of Directors is necessary to have a successful program.

the bottom line -

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

Maya Angelow



# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1997

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



### BB/BS

Kristie Palmer  
Verna Brown  
Tim & Mary Shirley  
Meg Nestor  
Scott Highbarger  
Michael Geller  
Angela Nibert

### LB/LS

5 yrs Brandy Smith  
3 yrs Lacey Faughander  
2 yrs Leroy Frazier  
2 yrs Deborah Avallone  
2 yrs Justin Thompson  
2 yrs Brandon Bowers  
1 yr Trisha Faith

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 28, 1998. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998. 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Annual Skate Party. Mark your calendar now!

## OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23rd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5th.

The answering machine will be on during that time and all calls are monitored daily. In case of an emergency, contact Bob McKee at 301-739-2896. Do not hesitate to give him a call if you have concerns or need assistance.

## NEW MATCHES

Tim & Tania Leather/Mason Burnett - Tim and Tania are newcomers to the program and were matched to Mason on December 5, 1997. Tim is a Correctional Sgt. for the Maryland Correctional Institute. Tania is a substitute teacher for the Board of Education. Mason is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

## POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Chuck Highbarger and his wife Rebecca on the purchase of their new home. Best wishes!

- We are happy to report that Big Brother/Board President Doug Fiery is feeling much better after his recent surgery.

- Our sympathy is extended to the Moyer family on the death of Sterling Moyer, a long time Big Brother and Board Member.

- We are very pleased to learn that Edna Rowe has completed her chemotherapy and her legs show no signs of cancer.

- Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Nicole Winger and her husband Rob Leimbach who were married on November 8, 1997. Best wishes!

- We would also like to congratulate Nicole Leimbach on her new job position as Senior Marketing Specialist with Green Spring Health Services. Good luck Nicole!

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Sister Brandy Smith on her road to a quick recovery.

- Big Brother John McKay would like to congratulate his Little Brother Randy Ashbrook on a good football season playing right tackle for the Freshman team at South High.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the Board of Directors were elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 1998 will be Douglas Fiery, President; Raymond Holton, 1st Vice President; Trina Johnson, 2nd Vice President; and Jenny Coleman, Secretary. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!

## BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 1997 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Couple Mark and Angie Singer and Big Sister Darese Arch were presented with the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards by Meg Nestor.

These individuals represent our volunteers, giving more than just their time, but a listening ear, days filled with joy and laughter and someone that can be depended on through the good times and the bad.

We would like to congratulate Angie, Mark and Darese on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Ricky and Kacee.

## \*\*\*SYMPHONY TICKETS\*\*\*

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 6 tickets for each of their Angel Series shows dated Sundays January 18, February 22, and March 22, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in going to the orchestra, please call 739-4711 to obtain tickets.



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## **THANK YOU!!!!**

- We would like to thank Big Sister/Board of Directors' Member Trina Johnson for her help preparing for the Annual Christmas Dinner.

- We would like to thank Otterbein United Methodist Church and the Sterling Bell Class for once again hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner.

- We would like to thank Michael Morrisette for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

- We wish to thank the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for the complimentary tickets to attend the recent performance at the Maryland Theatre. Everyone who attended had a great time!

- We would like to thank Chris Purnell, Dave Robinson, Joe Dill, Doug Harnish, and John, Shelly and Corey McKee for all their help with this year's Halloween Party.

- We want to thank Larry Kershner and First National Bank for their donation of Maryland Symphony Orchestra tickets to the Holiday Show at the Maryland Theatre on Sunday, December 14, 1997. Bigs and Littles who attended had a wonderful time!

## **BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED**

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD presented Trina Johnson with the Board Member of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting in November.

Trina has been an actively matched Big Sister since August 1989. She joined the Board of Directors in July, 1991. In her years on the Board she has Chaired the Nominating Committee, is currently Co-Chairing the Finance & Fund Development Committee, is presently 2nd Vice President and Co-Chaired the 1997 Bowl For Kids' Sake. Trina has been very involved in the fund raising efforts of the agency. She Chaired the South High/Hicks Trendlines sale, assisted with the Joe Corbi Pizza Sale, worked the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent and our Basket Bingo fund raiser. In addition to her efforts as a Big Sister and fund raising for the agency, she is a very active member of the Program Committee.

Her caring of children is demonstrated not only by her numerous hours of volunteer service with our program, but also in her employment as Executive Director of the Hagerstown Day Nursery. Thanks for everything Trina and congratulations!!

## **SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS**

With the first marking period of the 1997 - 98 school year behind us, we have had several reports from Bigs, Littles, and family members letting us know how our Little Brothers and Little Sisters are doing in school.

We are happy to report that Tolanya Gibson, Ashley Keeney, and Justin Thompson made the Distinguished Honor Roll, and Lacey Faughandler made Honor Roll for the first marking period. Big Sister Maryglenn Bare and Little Sister's Mother, Sherry Keeney, are very proud of Allison's performance in school this year. Congratulations to Ashley Keeney for making All County Chorus, and Allison Keeney for receiving a 12th place ribbon for running in the cross country marathon at Clear Spring Elementary. We know there are other Littles who are also achieving in school and we would like to report on them too. Call Meg at the agency office and let us know about your special Little.

Education is the key to their future success!

## **HALLOWEEN CONTESTS**

Congratulations to the following winners of our Halloween Costumes and Pumpkin Carving Contests which were held at the agency's Wacohu Grange activity on October 29th. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Renee Barbe, Most Original Carved winner was Steffy Lewis. Ricky Springer's pumpkin won for the Scariest Painted and Tiffany Childers took first place for the Most Original Painted pumpkin. As for the Scariest Costume Joseph Heacock took first prize. Matthew Bussard had the most original costume, and Michael Mack won for the funniest costume. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

"Not he who has much is rich, but  
he who gives much."

Erich Fromm