

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1998

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

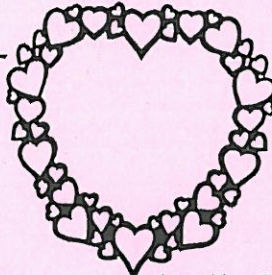
JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Kelli Lawrence 3 yrs.
Maria Gilliam 3 yrs.
Mark & Angie Singer 2 yrs.
Mary Sobzock 2 yrs.
Rochelle Hildreth 2 yrs.
Carol Ann Swope 1 yr.
Kelly Younker 1 yr.
John McKay 1 yr.

LB/LS

Angela Morales
Nichole Rivera
Ricky Duiguid-Burnett
Heather Benner
Ashley Keeney
Brittany Holman
Tiffany Childers
Randy Ashbrook



CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 18, 1998. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February 25, 1998. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, March 29, 1998. 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!!!!

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 14th 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 29, 1998 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 29th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '98 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711. We'll pass your name and phone number on to Trina Johnson, chair of this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake.

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Dave Elliott and his wife Karen on the new addition to their family. Martin "Marty" Logan was born on December 25, 1997.

- Congratulations go out to Little Sister Jennifer Seal who not only made the Honor Roll last semester but has also made the Freshman Basketball Team at North Hagerstown High School.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Tolanya Gibson for being recognized by the STAR Program at North High for her academic achievement. Good Job Tolanya!

- We would like to wish Little Brother Jack Winters all the best as he enters the U.S. Navy. Good luck Jack!

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!!!

The final campaign luncheon of the United Way was held January 15, 1998. A final total of \$1,611,323 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.

MARKING PERIOD ENDING

The second marking period for the 1997-1998 school year ended on Friday, January 16th.

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.

SYMPHONY TICKETS

There are still Maryland Symphony Orchestra Tickets available for the Angel Series shows dated Sundays, 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 Meg at 739-4711 to obtain tickets.

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NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Frederick Smith/Lucas Lowe - Fred is a newcomer to our program. On December 22, he was matched to Lucas. Fred is an Office Manager for Blue Seal Feeds. Lucas is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Smithsburg Elementary School.

Michael Styles/Tyree Burnett - Michael is also a newcomer to our program. On January 26, he was matched to Tyree. Michael is a Sergeant in the United States Army. Tyree is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

1997 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 1998 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 an Inner Harbor Getaway. FIRST PRIZE will be a Pamper Yourself Package.

SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY

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.

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

You can deduct reasonable unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses you pay to allow underprivileged youths to attend athletic events, movies, or dinners. The youths must be selected by a charitable organization whose goal is to reduce juvenile delinquency. Your own similar expenses in accompanying the youths are not deductible.

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

For additional information on volunteer tax deductions, contact the Internal Revenue Service and ask about, "Charitable Contributions."

LET THE RAIN KISS

Let the rain kiss those at school that complain about the teachers

Let the rain kiss those who are in need of care and live on the street

Let the rain kiss those who are veterans that have no recognition for what they have done for this nation

Let the rain kiss those in need because they need more than me

Let the rain kiss the hard working men and women for they are the ones who bend over backwards for their families

Let the rain kiss the elderly for they need more support

Let the rain kiss the immature people in the world who made bad mistakes and have nowhere to go

Let the rain kiss the president for he is having lots of problems himself and nobody understands

Let the rain kiss those with diseases and let the doctors find a cure

Let the rain kiss me for I am confused about the problems of the world

BBBS of Greater Pittsburgh's Newsletter

THE BOTTOM LINE

"For whoever knows how to return a kindness he has received must be a friend above all price."

Sophocles

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MARCH/APRIL, 1998

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Lisa Koontz
Darese Arch
Dave Elliott
Chuck Highbarger
Maryglenn Bare

6 yrs Roberta Kesselring
4 yrs Kacee Smith
4 yrs Brandon Hoppe
3 yrs Donald Saum
1 yr Allison Keeney

LB/LS



SUPER SPECIALS

The week of April 20th-26th has been designated as "Big Brothers Big Sisters Appreciation Week." We would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to our 53 "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 say "THANK YOU" to those 19 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* *Stacey* *Chip*

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19, 1998. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998. 7:00 P.M. BBBS
Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Wednesday, July 1, 1998, 6:30 p.m. - Agency Picnic
Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. Mark your
calendar now!

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Little Sisters Julie Seal and Brittany Holman for bringing their grades up.

- We express our sincere sympathy to Meg Nestor, our Casework Supervisor/Big Sister, and her family on the death of her Grandfather.

- Our prayers and hopes go out to Bob Bare as he recovers from knee surgery.

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Board Member Ken Graber and his wife for the loss of his father-in-law.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Steffy Lewis and Little Brother Justin Thompson for making the Honor Roll. Keep up the good work!!!

SHRINE CIRCUS

Tickets are available for the Ali Chan Shrine Circus. The circus will be held on Saturday, April 18, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The performances will be held at the Hagerstown Junior College Athletic, Recreation & Community Center.

Tickets are free for Bigs and Littles. If you are interested in tickets please call the agency office at 301-739-4711.

FISHING DERBY

Saturday, April 25 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 are with Big Brothers Big Sisters and GOOD LUCK!!!

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YMCA POOL HOURS

With summer 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

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

LARGE POOL

Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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.

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

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 25, 1998. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping with the clean-up are asked to come out and help. Hope to see you there. Breakfast will be provided after the clean-up.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 14th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was very successful! Approximately \$30,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$20,000.

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 Lisa Fennel, 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.

We would also like to thank Mary Kay Albowicz of NBC-25 for the time, dedication and thoughtfulness she demonstrated as Honorary Spokesperson for our Bowl For Kids' Sake. She went out of her way to help us and we truly appreciate all she did for us!

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

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

Marking Period Ending

The third marking period for the 1997-1998 school year ended on Friday, March 27, 1998.

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.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"The good that is in you is the good that you do for others."

Roger Babson

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MAY/JUNE, 1998

NEWSLETTER

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MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Greg Nearchos
Claire Mumma
Gary Rossman
Cynthia Myers
Kathleen Maier
Terry Stotelmyer
Kristie Gossard
John Frey
Robert Stahl
Jack & Shelly Gest
Amanda West

9 yrs Michael Horst
7 yrs Chinninia Clopper
4 yrs Daniel Jones
4 yrs Robin Bishop
3 yrs Ashley Hutzell
3 yrs Kristopher Fitzwater
2 yrs Carri Humphrey
1 yr Ricky Springer
1 yr Richard Martz, Jr.
1 yr Michael Mack
1 yr Alishia Harvey

LB/LS



POTPOURRI

- Big Brother Doug Harnish is proud of his Little Brother Zachary Morningstar for receiving such good grades for the third marking period. Zachary also made the STAR Program at Smithsburg Middle. Congratulations Zach!

- Congratulations to Ashley Keeney for receiving straight A's in the third marking period. Way to go Ashley!

- Big Couple Mark & Angie Singer are very proud of their Little Brother Ricky Burnett for bringing up his grades in the third marking period. Good job Ricky!

- Congratulations to Little Brother Kris Fitzwater for his recent accomplishments, one of which is receiving his CPR certificate. Good job, Kris!

- We'd like to congratulate Big Brother Mike Gellar on the release of his first CD called Perdido. So for all you Jazz lovers, you don't want to miss out. Way to go Mike!

- We are proud to announce that Little Sister Tiffany Childers advanced a level in her Math class. Good job Tiff!

- Congratulations to Little Sister Steffy Lewis for making the Honor Roll. Way to go Steffy!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sisters Trina Johnson and Kristie Palmer on the purchase of their first new homes.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brothers Scott & Chuck Highbarger and their families for the recent loss of their brother-in-law.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 24, 1998. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Wednesday, July 1, 1998, 6:30 p.m. - Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. See attached flier for details.

Monday, July 20 - Saturday, July 25, 1998. Bingo Tent - Kmart. Volunteers needed nightly. Call the agency office to volunteer!

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 Stacey 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.

Pro Am Motorcycle Race

On Friday, June 12th 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 June 1st if you would like to obtain some FREE tickets and attend the event.

CAVING EXPEDITION

If you like to get muddy and dirty then this is the event that you just won't want to miss. On Friday, June 26, 1998 there will be a caving expedition for Bigs and Littles ages 12 and over. The time is still questionable, and more instructions will follow later. This is on a first come first serve basis, and there is only room enough for 6 matches to attend. So if you are interested in attending please call the agency office at 301-739-4711.

CIRCUS

Tickets are available for the Kelly Miller Circus to be held on June 5, 1998 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 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 Ghan Shrine Temple for their contribution of tickets to the Circus held at H.J.C.

- We wish to extend our thanks to the Hagerstown Suns for the donation of tickets to attend the April 26th and May 10th baseball games.

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

- We would like to thank Tiffany Childers, Raymond Holton, Trina Johnson, Bob McKee and Jennifer Moyer for participating in the April 25th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

CAR RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 19th Car Rally. The results are in!! Second place went to Big Sister Angie Singer and her Little Brother Ricky Burnett. First place was awarded to Big Sister Maryglenn Bare and her Little Sister Allison Keeney. This year's champions were Big Sister Claire Mumma and Little Sister Chinninia Clopper. Congratulations to all our winners!!

We would also like to take this time to thank all the Big Brothers and Big Sisters who donated items for the picnic which followed the Car Rally.

A special thank you goes out to Board Member Raymond Holton and Elaine Rose 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!

Big & Little Activity Suggestions

Help you Little Brother or Little Sister appreciate the value of community service by participating with them in activities that promote volunteerism. Some ideas include:

1. Visit your local animal shelter and ask to take the dogs outside for play and exercise.
2. Donate clothes & food to area shelters together.
3. Have a discussion with your Little about what volunteerism means to you and why it's important.
4. Work together on a community service project (for example volunteer to work on a Habitat for Humanity building project).
5. Consider speaking in public to other people or organizations about your experiences with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Ideas received from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Panhandle

The Bottom Line

"We give to others not out of a sense of obligation, but out of a sense of sincere appreciation for what our community has given us."

Frank Hubbard

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JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Pamela Grove	9 yrs	Jessica Robertson
Trina Johnson	9 yrs	Tina Horst
Craig Newcomer	6 yrs	Joseph Keltner
Charles Rowe	5 yrs	Travis Clopper
Nicole Leimbach	4 yrs	Jennifer Seal
Marth Blake	3 yrs	Steffy Lewis
Ed Distad	3 yrs	Dustin Hines
Beth Kirkpatrick	2 yrs	Linda Carpenter
Crystal Allison	1 yr	Brittany Reed

POTPOURRI

- Our congratulations goes out to BB Jack Gest and the Womens Track Team at Smithsburg High School for taking the title of State Champs. Good Job!

- Congratulations and best wishes to BS Leasa Rice and her husband on the purchase of their first home.

- Another congratulations on the purchase of a first home to Big Sister Pamela Grove. Best wishes Pam.

- We are pleased to report that LB Rich Martz received a Perfect Attendance award for the last marking period. He also took first place in a Geography Bee. Way to go Rich!

- Again we want to congratulate LS Tolanya Gibson on all her hard work that placed her on the Distinguished Honor Roll and she was inducted into the Honor Club at North Hagerstown High School. Good Job Tolanya!

- We want to send out a Big Good Luck message to LS Steffy Lewis as she enters her calf, Tomorrow, and her fashions into the Ag Expo. Best wishes Steffy!

- Big Brother Chuck Highbarger would like to congratulate his Little Brother Donald Saum for making All-Stars at Halfway Little League. Good Job Donald!

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Ashley Hutzell and her Dolphin's Drill and Dance Team on taking first place at Great Cacapon, WV and Ocean City, MD. Good Job Team!

- We are happy to report that Big Sister Bernadette Marris is feeling better after her recent surgery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 26, 1998. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Saturday, August 29 - Sunday, August 30, 1998.
Camping Trip at Camp West Mar. See enclosed flier.

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 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Children's 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

Bernadette Marris/JoAnna Reed - Bernadette is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to JoAnna on April 7th. Bernadette is a Sterilization Operator I at BioWhittaker. JoAnna is 9 years old and will be a 4th grader at Pangborn Elementary School.

Brian Marris/Russell Hutzell - Brian is also a newcomer to the program. Brian was matched to Russell on April 9th. Brian works at Eastalco as an Electrician. Russell will be in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks and is 11 years old.

Leasa Rice/Tasha Davis - Leasa is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Tasha on June 3rd. Leasa is a Service Merchandise Manager at JCPenney's. Tasha will attend 1st grade at Bester Elementary School and is 6 years old.

Denise Jackson/Chatia Harrison - Denise is another newcomer. She was introduced to Chatia on June 16th. Denise is a Sergeant in the United States Army. Chatia is 12 years old and will be entering the 8th grade at Northern Middle School this fall.

Barbara Foster/Merissa Holtzman - Another newcomer to the program is Barbara Foster. She was matched to Merissa on June 29th. Barbara works for the Washington County Health Dept. as a Parenting Instructor. Merissa is 12 years old. She will be an 8th grade student at Springfield Middle School this year.

Carol McCreath/Virginia Burke - Carol was matched to Virginia on July 21st. New to our program, Carol works at BioWhittaker as a Label Clerk II. Virginia will be going into 6th grade at Northern Middle School. Virginia is 11 years old.

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Congratulations Graduate



It is with great pleasure that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County congratulates Little Sister Jessica Robertson on her recent graduation from Williamsport High School in June. Jessica is the daughter of Tina Robertson.

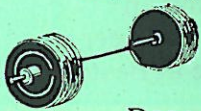
Jessica and her Big Sister Pamela Grove have been matched for 9 years and during that time they have established a wonderful friendship. Currently they have a lot to celebrate. Jessica graduated with an outstanding GPA and will begin her studies at Salisbury State University in the fall. Congratulations and Best Wishes Jessica!



WE WANT YOU TO KNOW!



Big Brothers Big Sisters will be selling Gianni's Pizza starting August 3rd to August 14th. All orders and money must be turned in by Friday, August 14, 1998. There will be prizes awarded to the Big/Little teams that sell the most. We urge you to participate in this fund raising event. In the near future we will be sending out more information and order forms to you. For all those who are unable to sell pizzas but are interested in buying a pizza or two or cheese bread... please call the agency office at 301-739-4711 to place your order.



IS YOUR CAR DIRTY?



Does your car need washed and you just don't have the time or energy to do it? Well then this is the perfect solution for you. Go to Gold's Gym parking lot at 18726 North Pointe Drive on Route 11 North on Saturday, August 8th. They will be holding a car wash between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm. For just \$5.00 they will wash your car and all the proceeds will come to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Don't forget to tell all your friends and neighbors.

Stories In The Park

If you enjoy a variety of stories, then come to Doub's Woods Park this summer for The Stories in the Park series. There are two dates left, Thursday, July 30th and Thursday August 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Ice & Sports Complex



For anyone who wants to cool off this summer here's your chance, Ice Skating at the Ice & Sports Complex. When you go as a Big/Little pair each will get \$1.00 off making your total price to get in per person \$4.50 (includes skate rental). Be sure to take your Big Brothers Big Sisters membership card.

July 11 - August 30, 1998 (summer hours)

Monday	2-3:50pm (pay \$1 more & stay for next session) 4-5:50pm
Tuesday	2-3:50pm
Wednesday	2-3:50pm (pay \$1 more & stay for next session) 4-5:50pm 7-8:50pm (Country Night)
Thursday	2-3:50pm
Friday	2-3:50pm (pay \$1 more & stay for next session) 4-5:50pm 7-8:50pm (Teen night!)
Saturday	2-3:50pm 7-8:50pm (All 80's Night!)
Sunday	2-3:50pm 7-8:50pm (Family Night)



* *SWIM TIME* *

With summer here, 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.

	SMALL POOL	LARGE POOL
Monday:	None	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	7:00-8:30 p.m.	8:30-10:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	None	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Thursday:	7:00-8:30 p.m.	8:30-10:00 p.m.
Friday:	6:00-8:00 p.m.	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday:	3:30-5:30 p.m.	3:30 -5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	12:00-3:00 p.m.	2:00-4:00 p.m.



THE BOTTOM LINE

"To devote a portion of one's leisure to doing something for someone else is one of the highest forms of recreation."

Gerald B. Fitzgerald

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Pamela Arnold	10 yrs	Laura West
Milton Stamper	8 yrs	Nathan Mowery
Kathleen Hall	5 yrs	Julie Seal
Jenny Coleman	5 yrs	Ashley Magee
Gary Naugle	4 yrs	Travis Keliher
Dana Hadigian	2 yrs	Tolanya Gibson
Doug Harnish	2 yrs	Zachary Morningstar
Naomi Doucette	1 yr	Kendra Lakefield
Joe Dill	1 yr	Jerry Shook

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 21, 1998, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Party. Wacohu Grange.
See attached flier.

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

Wednesday, November 18, 1998, 6:30 p.m. -
9:00 p.m. Annual Dinner Meeting. Nick's Airport
Inn. Mark your calendar now.

Thursday, December 3, 1998 & Friday,
December 4, 1998, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, December 9, 1998, 6:30 p.m. -
8:30 p.m. Annual Christmas Dinner. Otterbein
United Methodist Church. Make plans now to
attend.

ALSATIA MUMMER'S PARADE

Big Brothers Big Sisters is considering walking
in this year's Alsatia Mummer's Parade on Saturday,
October 31, 1998. If any Bigs, Littles or Board
Members are interested in being in the parade,
please call the agency office at 301-739-4711 no
later than Monday, October 12, 1998.

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Fred Smith and his wife JoAnne on the new addition to their family. Daniel Aaron was born on July 23, 1998.
- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Brother Charlie Rowe and family on the death of his wife, Edna. She will truly be missed!
- We would like to send a "hope you're feeling better" note out to Big Sister Kristie Palmer. Get Well, Kristie!
- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Zachary Morningstar for making the Honor Roll in the 4th Quarter. Way to go Zach!
- Little Brother Michael Mack deserves a congratulations for receiving the Good Citizenship Award in May at Bester Elementary. Good Job, Michael!
- We would like to say how proud we are of Big Sister Rochelle Hildreth and Little Sister Ashley Keeney for volunteering through Habitat for Humanity and spending a week this summer in WV helping to build a house. Great Job Rochelle & Ashley!
- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Russell Hutzell on winning the Homeroom Folder Competition on September 9, 1998. Russell - keep up the good work!
- Big Sister Carol McCreath, Big Brother Brian Marris, Little Brother Russell Hutzell, Little Sisters JoAnna Reed and Jenny Burke would like to congratulate Big Sister Bernadette Marris and her team for receiving Employees of the Month at Bio Whittaker this September. Great job Bernie!
- Big Sister Carol McCreath would like to congratulate Little Sister Jenny Burke on taking that first step into learning to swim while on their dinner cruise. Way to go Jenny!
- Congratulations goes out to Little Sister Steffy Lewis for doing so well at this years Ag Expo. Her calf Tomorrow took 1st, 2nd & 12th places. Steffy also took 1st places in the Pie and Woodwork competitions. Terrific Performance, Steffy!
- We want to congratulate Little Sisters Nichole Rivera, Chatia Harrison, Brittany Holman and the Hagerstown Bouncers for taking 3rd place at the Elks Parade on August 16, 1998. Good Job Team!

the bottom line -

**Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it
with others.**

A. Nielsen

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Big Brother Charlie Rowe and his whole family for hosting this year's annual camping trip. We would also like to express our thanks to Joe Dill for hosting the Fishing Rodeo and BB Chuck Highbarger and Ryan Ebersole for assisting all the children with their hooks and lines. Our thanks and appreciation also goes to Joey Dill for taking time to lifeguard and to Big Couple Tim & Mary Shirley for lending a helpful hand in every area of the camping trip. A special thanks goes to Kelli Lawrence and Home Federal for the donation of book bags filled with school supplies that went to LB Dustin Hines and LS Ashley Keeney for being Best Campers.

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

- We wish to thank Tiffany Childers, Lisa Fennel, Doug Fiery, Lori Hammond, and Bob McKee for participating in the September 26th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

- We would like to thank the American Legion for sending five of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar.

- To Board Member Tom Breidenstein for chairing the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make this a successful fund-raising event.

- We would like to thank all those who participated in the Pizza Kit Fund Raiser.

**SUPPORT THE
UNITED WAY**



The 1998 United Way campaign is now underway. This year's goal is \$1,700,000. The monies raised will be used to fund the 22 agencies which includes our own Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Support the United Way and help your neighbors. Be a fair share giver through payroll deduction. Then, share the wonderful feeling of giving with your family, friends, and coworkers. Every donation, whether large or small, plays an important part in the life of someone in our area. Please help the United Way of Washington County.



Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. Almost all costumes are for girls, sizes 4/5 - 10/12. If your Little needs a costume for this year's Halloween festivities, call the agency office to arrange a time to stop by. 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!



WHAT A WEEKEND!

Camp West Mar was the place to be on August 29th & 30th for more than 50 Bigs, Littles and friends who came out for the annual camping trip. Beautiful weather, plenty of home cook'n, activities and lots of prizes made for a terrific weekend, but most importantly was the quality time spent with one another, enhancing present friendships and establishing new ones.

The activities began with a Fishing Rodeo. LB Justin Thompson caught the Biggest Bass, while LS Steffy Lewis caught the largest fish. LB Jerry Shook caught the most fish of the day. LS JoAnna Reed and LB Eli Hollingshead received the award for Best Sportsmanship. In the end every child won a prize and no one was left empty handed.

The Fishing Rodeo wasn't the only activity going on there was also the Horseshoe Tournament headed up by Mike Rowe. BS Mary Shirley and LS Holly Yost were the champions of this event with BB Brian Marris and LB Russell Hutzell coming in 1st place. There was also the Badminton Tournament. Everybody that joined in had lots of laughs hitting that birdie.

After eating, everybody worked off dinner by searching for clues in the Scavenger Hunt. The winning team consisted of BB Brian Marris and LBs Russell Hutzell, Eli Hollingshead and Ricky Springer.

At the end of the evening everybody sat by the camp fire eating smores and doing skits wearing themselves down for a restful evening.

The morning came bright and early with breakfast and a very inspirational Sunday service by BS Mary Shirley. Every one then packed up and headed home to get ready for the first day of school taking with them memories for a lifetime.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1998

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Verna Brown	4 yrs	Lacey Faughander
Meg Nestor	3 yrs	Deborah Avallone
Scott Highbarger	3 yrs	Justin Thompson
Michael Geller	3 yrs	Brandon Bowers
Angela Nibert	2 yrs	Trisha Faith
Tim & Tania Leather	1 yr	Mason Burnett
Fred Smith	1 yr	Lucas Lowe

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998, & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1998, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. DISNEY SHOPPING DAYS. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1998, 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER. OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1998, 7:00 P.M. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, DOUG FIERY'S HOME.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL SKATE PARTY. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30th.

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23rd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4th.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the Board of Directors were elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 1999 will be Raymond Holton, President; Trina Johnson, 1st Vice President; Kelli Lawrence, 2nd Vice President; Jenny Coleman, Secretary; and Ken Graber, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!



POTPOURRI

- Big Brother Chuck Highbarger would like to congratulate Little Brother Donald Saum on bringing his grades up and getting an A in Social Studies for the 1st Marking Period. Keep up the good work Donnie!
- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Michael Styles on his promotion from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. Keep up the good work Michael!
- Congratulations goes out to Little Sister Tolanya Gibson on making Distinguished Honor Roll at North High. She achieved her personal goal of no grades below a 95% and to top it all off she received a 100% in Chemistry! Way to go Tolanya!
- We would like to acknowledge that Little Sister Ashley Keeney was nominated by the County Commissioners for Youth of the Month! We are proud of you Ashley!
- We are happy to report that Big Sister Carol McCreath is feeling better these days. You've been in our thoughts and prayers.
- We'd like to congratulate Big Sister Dana Hadigian for receiving the Young Careerist Award thru the Business and Professional Women's Organization. Good Job Dana!
- We'd like to congratulate Little Brother Donald Saum on graduating from the Junior Police Academy held thru the Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League. Good Job Donnie!
- We are happy to report that Little Sister Chatia Harrison had a good 1st Marking Period. Keep up the good work Tia!
- We are very proud to announce that Little Brother Russell Hutzell has done an excellent job in bringing his grades up. Keep Studying Russell!

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 1998 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Chuck Highbarger and Big Sister Marty Blake 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 Chuck and Marty on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Donnie and Steffy.

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank the Students and Chaplin, James The, from Highland View Academy for helping us with this year's Halloween Party.
- We would like to thank William McKinley for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.
- We would like to thank Jeff Barnes for sharing his "fishing hole" with our Bigs & Littles.

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 both the 1997 & 1998 Bowl For Kids' Sake events. She was the recipient of the 1997 Board Member of the Year. Trina has been very involved in the fund raising efforts of the agency. She assisted with the Gianni's Pizza Sale and worked the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent. For the past two years she has provided strong leadership for the Bowl For Kids' Sake 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 and helps with the agency's group activities.

Her caring of children is demonstrated not only by her many 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!!

*** * *SYMPHONY TICKETS* * ***

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 6 tickets for each of their Angel Series shows dated Sundays January 17, February 21, and March 21, 1999, 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.

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Halloween Costumes and Pumpkin Carving Contests which were held at the agency's Halloween Party on October 21st. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Ashley Hutzell, Most Original Carved winner was Steffy Lewis. Ricky Springer's pumpkin won for the Scariest Painted and Alishia Harvey took first place for the Most Original Painted pumpkin. The Dead Prom Queen, Carrie Humphrey, took first prize for the Scariest Costume. Beth Kirkpatrick & Linda Carpenter had the most original costume as Batman and Robin, and Carol McCreath & Jenny Burke won funniest costume for being Toothpaste and Floss. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

NEW MATCHES

Mary Shirley/Holly Yost - Mary was involved, with her husband, as a Big Couple from 1995 to 1998 and has now returned to our program as a Big Sister. Mary is a child care provider and a homemaker. Holly is 13 and is in 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

'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 13th 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.

THE BOTTOM LINE

There is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blames Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Anonymous

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Kelli Lawrence	4 yrs.	Angela Morales
Maria Gilliam	4 yrs.	Nichole Rivera
Mark & Angie Singer	3 yrs.	Ricky Duignid-Burnett
Mary Sobzock	3 yrs.	Heather Benner
Rochelle Hildreth	3 yrs.	Ashley Keeney
Carol Ann Swope	2 yrs.	Brittany Holman
Kelly Younker	2 yrs.	Tiffany Childers
John McKay	2 yrs.	Randy Ashbrook
Fred Smith	1 yr.	Lucas Lowe
Michael Styles	1 yr.	Tyree Burnett

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 10, 1999. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February 24, 1999. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, March 21, 1999. 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

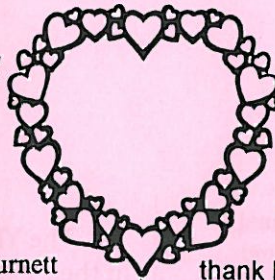
UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!!!

THE FINAL CAMPAIGN LUNCHEON OF THE UNITED WAY WAS HELD JANUARY 19, 1999. A FINAL TOTAL OF \$1,615,000 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.

LEND A HELPING HAND

The Wilson Ruritan helps our agency every year with their donations to the camping trip, so this year it's our turn to give back by lending a helping hand. They need helpers to serve breakfast on Saturday, February 13th from 6:30 - 11:30 a.m. You can work one shift (6:30 - 8:30 a.m. or 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.) or both shifts if you'd like. As a thank you from the Ruritan, breakfast is on the house. Please call the agency office if you can be of assistance. It would be greatly appreciated.



POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Steffy Lewis for being chosen as one of the top runners in the 50 mile club at Boonsboro Middle School.

- Big Sister Claire Mumma would like to thank her Little Sister Chininnia Clopper for helping her around the house, during the Christmas holiday, while her arm was healing.
- Congratulations goes out to Board Member Raymond Holton on the birth of his first grandson, Joshua Charles, on December 4, 1998.
- We would like to wish Big Brother Fred Smith a big Get Well as his back heals from a sledding accident. Fred, we hope that you are feeling better real soon!
- Charlie Rowe would like to thank Caseworker, Meg Nestor and Board Member, Cyndi Beall for helping out at his church.
- We express our sincere sympathy to Little Sister Roberta Kesselring and family on the death of her brother, Anthony. He will truly be missed!

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 15th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway.

The Bowl For Kids' Sake event is designed to enlist bowlers from all over the area into one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 1999 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered.

Those participating will be eligible to win some nice prizes.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and come out on March 21st for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '99 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711. We'll pass your name and phone number on to Gary Weaver, chair of this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

An all you can eat spaghetti dinner will be held at the Wilson Ruritan on Friday, March 19, 1999 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00 in advance and \$4.50 at the door. (Tickets will be available at the agency office.) All proceeds will go towards the Bowl For Kids' Sake event. So come out and enjoy a meal along with music and dancing sponsored by WYII.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We wish to thank Larry Kershner from First National Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Annual Holiday Show. 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!

- 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 the Students and Chaplin, James The, from Highland View Academy for helping us with this year's Christmas Dinner.

- We would like to thank Board Member Tom Breidenstein for donating a Thanksgiving Dinner to a family in the program.

- We want to thank Cary Henson, from Maryland Ribbon, for the tickets to Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the YMCA.

- We would like to thank Vince & Cheryl Fertitta and Concordia Lutheran Church for their continued support by making Christmas a special time for some of our families.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little Team:

Cary & Stacie Jackson/Christopher Moore - Cary and Stacie are newcomers to the program and were matched to Christopher on January 18, 1999. Cary is the district sales manager for Sysco Food Sales. Stacie is an Assistant Principal for Valley Elementary School. Christopher is 9 years old and is in the 3rd grade at Funkstown Elementary School.

SYMPHONY TICKETS

There are still Maryland Symphony Orchestra Tickets available for the Angel Series show dated Sunday, March 21, 1999 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 the agency office 739-4711 to obtain tickets.

THE BOTTOM LINE

**"Do All The Good You Can,
To All The People You Can,
In All The Ways You Can,
As Long As You Can."**

By: John Wesley

YMCA POOL HOURS

The YMCA invites all Bigs and Littles 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

Sunday	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

LARGE POOL

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

1999 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 1999 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 or raise \$75.00 and win a sweatshirt.

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 BFKS Committee is still working on the **GRAND & FIRST PRIZES** so look for them on the back of your sponsor sheets and brochures.

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before March 23rd will be eligible for a special drawing.

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

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MARCH/APRIL, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Lisa Koontz
Darese Arch
Dave Elliott
Chuck Highbarger
Maryglenn Bare
Bernadette Marris
Brian Marris

LB/LS

7 yrs Roberta Kesselring
5 yrs Kacee Smith
5 yrs Brandon Hoppe
4 yrs Donald Saum
2 yrs Allison Keeney
1 yr JoAnna Reed
1 yr Russell Hutzell



POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Nicole Leimbach on the new addition to her family. Christina was born on January 29, 1999.
- Little Brother Donald Saum and his mother, Pamela Saum, would like to thank Big Brother Chuck Highbarger for helping them move. He was a great help!

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Sister Merissa Holtzman on her road to a quick recovery.
- Big Sister Barb Foster and P.A.C.T./Washington County Health Dept. would like to acknowledge that Little Sister Merissa Holtzman has been a real asset volunteering her services on a regular basis to their Preschool Life Skills Program. Great Job Merissa!

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Jenny Burke and Little Brother Lucas Lowe for bringing their grades up in the 2nd marking period and Little Sister Tiffany Childers for making the honor roll.

- We are happy to report that Big Sister Bernadette Marris is feeling better these days after her recent surgery.

- Congratulations to Big Couple Jack and Shelly Gest for the arrival of their new baby girl, Nicole Rhoe Gest on March 4, 1999.

- Big Couple Jack and Shelly Gest would like to congratulate Little Brother Michael Mack on receiving 1st place for the Wildest Paint and 2nd in his den at the Pinewood Derby. His Pack #36 was 5th out of 70 and went onto the Regional Meet. Way to go Michael!

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Board Member Palmer Dawson for a full and complete recovery from his current illness.

- Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Kelly Younker and her husband Jeff Zimmerman on their March 20th marriage.

- Little Sister Jenny Burke and her family would like to send a get well wish to Big Sister Carol McCreath! We hope you're back on your feet real soon!

- We'd like to congratulate Big Sister Beth Kirkpatrick on her new job position with the Williamsport Retirement Village. Good Luck Beth!

FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. 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). You are asked to be there between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. and to bring your own fishing gear, bait will be provided. Lunch will be provided and prizes will be given during the Derby.

Call the agency at 301-739-4711 no later than Tuesday, April 27, 1999 if you will be attending.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 28, 1999. 7:00 P.M. BBBS
Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, May 2, 1999. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See enclosed flier.



Wednesday, June 30, 1999, 6:30 p.m. - Agency
Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. Mark
your calendar now!

Pro Am Motorcycle Race

On Friday, June 11th 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 June 1st if you would like to obtain some FREE tickets and attend the event.

Farewell To Chip

It is with sad regret to inform you that Chip Swisher, our part-time caseworker will be leaving us. He has taken a position as Vice-Principal at Williamsport High School and no longer has extra time available to him.

Chip has been with the agency since 1995 and has always been very cheerful and helpful in any way that he could. He will be greatly missed and we wish the best for him in his future.

Jobs Available

Looking for a job this summer? Western Maryland Consortium is looking for student workers. To apply go to the Unemployment Office located at 14 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740, on any of the following Saturday's: May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If this sounds like something that you are interested in please call the agency at 301-739-4711 for eligibility criteria and more information.

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, George Rowe, Ernst Market, WYII and all who came out to eat at our Bowl For Kids' Sake Spaghetti Dinner.
- Our thanks goes out to Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual Skate Party.
- We wish to thank the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for the complimentary tickets to their Angel Series Shows.
- We would like to thank Timmy Shirley for taking the time to make up and donate Easter baskets to a family in the program.

NEW MATCHES

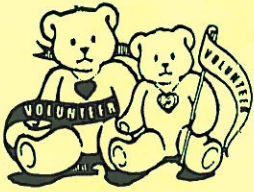
Jane Sundstrom/Autumn Mundy - Jane is a newcomer to the program. On February 25th she was matched to Autumn. Jane is an Office Administrator at Bankers Life & Casualty Company. Autumn is a 2nd grader at Emma K. Doub Elementary School and is 7 years old.

Barbara Harshman/Kimberly Kendrick - Barbie is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Kimberly on March 1st. Barbie is an Administrative Specialist with the U.S. Department of Energy. Kimberly attends 5th grade at Western Heights Middle School and is 9 years old.

Richard Harshman/Jeremiah Harris - Another newcomer to the program is Rick Harshman. He was matched to Jerry on March 2nd. Rick works for the BGS&G Consultants as a Consultant Manager. Jerry is 11 years old. He is in the 6th grade at Smithsburg Middle School.

MOVING!!

Washington County Food Resources is moving effective April 5, 1999, to 220 McRand Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740. They also legally changed their name to Food Resources, Inc. If you have any questions please feel free to call them at 301-733-4002.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, May 1, 1999. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping with the clean-up are asked to come out and help. Hope to see you there. The agency covers breakfast for everyone after the clean-up.



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 15th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was very successful!

Approximately \$40,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$30,000.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Lisa Fennel and Gary Weaver, 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.


We would also like to thank Garnett Stevens of NBC-25 for the time, dedication and thoughtfulness he demonstrated as Honorary Spokesperson for our Bowl For Kids' Sake. He went out of his way to help us and we truly appreciate all that he did!

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

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

PLAY BALL

Playland is offering our Big and Little matches the opportunity to go and hit some balls at their batting cage, which has been sponsored by The Todd's Education Foundation. All you have to do is show your membership cards at the desk to receive a token to hit those balls.



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MAY/JUNE, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

LB/LS

Greg Nearchos	10 yrs	Michael Horst
Claire Mumma	8 yrs	Chinninia Clopper
Gary Rossman	5 yrs	Daniel Jones
Cynthia Myers	5 yrs	Robin Bishop
Kathleen Maier	4 yrs	Ashley Hutzell
Terry Stotelmyer	4 yrs	Kristopher Fitzwater
Kris Gossard	3 yrs	Carri Humphrey
Skip Frey	2 yrs	Ricky Springer
Robert Stahl	2 yrs	Richard Martz, Jr.
Jack & Shelly Gest	2 yrs	Michael Mack
Amanda West	2 yrs	Alishia Harvey
Leasa Rice	1 yr	Tasha Davis
Denise Jackson	1 yr	Chatia Harrison
Barb Foster	1 yr	Merissa Holtzman

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 23, 1999. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Wednesday, June 30, 1999, 6:30 p.m. - Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. See attached flier for details.

Suns Tickets Available

Tickets are available for the Hagerstown Suns vs. the Asheville Tourists to be held on June 20, 1999, Father's Day, beginning at 2:05 p.m. These tickets were donated by the Young Fathers Program. We only have a limited number of tickets so it will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested please call the agency office at 301-739-4711.

Summer Beach Items

Summer is here and we have just the thing to help the kids cool off. Bathing suits and toys always make swimming more fun whether it is at the pool or the beach. So please contact the agency office if you have children ages 2-7 and have a need for some of these wonderful items donated by the Disney Store. Supplies are limited and it will be on a first come first serve basis.



POTPOURRI

- We want to congratulate Little Sister Nichole Rivera for making the Honor Roll during the 2nd Marking Period. Keep up the good work!!!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Lisa Koontz and her husband Andrew on the new addition to their family. Mark Andrew Koontz was born April 21, 1999.

- Big Sister Mary Shirley would like to congratulate Little Sister Holly Yost for dramatically improving her grades and for making the STAR Program at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Great Job Holly!

- We are pleased to report that Board Member Ken Graber is feeling much better after his recent back surgery.

- We would like to congratulate Sherry Keeney and Carolyn Hills, Mothers of Littles in our program, for obtaining their Associate of Arts Degree from Hagerstown Community College!

- Congratulations to Big Brother/Part-time Caseworker Chuck Highbarger and his wife Rebecca on the birth of their daughter, Makenzie Grace, on May 10th!

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brother Brian Marris for a complete recovery from his current illness!

- Congratulations to Little Brother Zach Morningstar and his Mother Keldra on the purchase of their first new home. We also want to congratulate Zach for working really hard to bring his grades up. Good Job Zach!

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Joe Dill/Michael Gordon - Joe has served in our program for a number of years and on April 15, 1999 he took Michael as his new assignment. Joe is employed as a Technician with A T & T. Michael is 13 years old. He attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

James Schlimgen/Terry Line - Jim is a newcomer to the program. On May 6th, he was matched to TJ. Jim is a Sheeter Operator at Phoenix Color Corporation. TJ attends Conococheague Elementary School. He is 6 years old and is in the 1st grade.

Stacey Garvin/Kayla Burnett - Stacey is our Office Manager and has been with the agency since December, 1997. She was matched to Kayla on June 21st. Kayla is an 11 year old who attends 5th grade at Eastern Elementary School.

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THANK YOU!!!!

- Our thanks go out to the members of the Western Maryland Troopers Association for their contribution of tickets to the Circus held at the Hagerstown Speedway.

- We wish to extend our thanks to all of those who donated tickets for our Bigs & Littles to attend 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.

- We would like to thank Tiffany Childers, Lindsey Harden, Trina Johnson, and Bob McKee for participating in the May 1st Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.



CAR RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the May 2nd Car Rally. The results are in!! Second place went to Big Sister Maryglenn Bare and her Little Sister Allison Keeney. First place was awarded to Big Sister Trina Johnson and her niece Jaime. This year's champions were Big Sister Mary Shirley, Little Sister Holly Yost and Mary's son Timmy Shirley. Congratulations to all our winners!!

We would also like to take this time to thank all the Big Brothers and Big Sisters who donated items for the picnic which followed the Car Rally. Thanks to Rod MacRae for "working" the grill.

A special thank you goes out to Board Member Raymond Holton and Elaine Rose for taking the time to plan and set up the Car Rally route.

HAVE A SWEET TOOTH?



Big Brothers Big Sisters will begin the kick off of the New York Style Cheesecake fund raiser on June 30th at the Picnic/Swim. All Board, Bigs, parents of Littles and agency supporters are being asked to participate.

All orders must be paid for up front and turned into the agency office no later than Friday, July 23rd.

THE MORE YOU SELL THE MORE YOU WIN!
Incentives will be given to participants who sell 10 kits or more. All monies received from this fund raiser will be used towards volunteer recruitment efforts.

The goal for this fund-raiser is \$3,000.00!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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

Mike Horst graduated from South Hagerstown High School. He was matched to Big Brother Greg Nearchos for 10 years.

Tina Horst graduated from South Hagerstown High School. She was matched to Big Sister Trina Johnson for 10 years.

Roberta Kesselring graduated from Washington County Technical High School. She was matched to Big Sister Lisa Koontz for 7 years.

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

Give A Little Back To The Community

If there are any Big/Little teams out there that would like to put a little bit of happiness in the lives of others, then this is the task for you. Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village in Boonsboro, MD, would love to have you contact them at 301-733-6284 (ask for Carol Miller). You can be matched to a resident that the two of you can visit with, play board games or just take them for a wheelchair ride. The commitment is once a week for one hour and you can set your own schedule.

Stories In The Park

If you enjoy a variety of stories, then come to Doub's Woods Park this summer for The Stories in the Park series. The dates are June 24th, July 15th and August 12th all beginning at 11:00 a.m. This is free to the public and is held rain or shine. This series is sponsored by the Washington County Arts Council.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding."

Kahlil Gibran

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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JULY/AUGUST, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Trina Johnson	10 yrs	Tina Horst
Charles Rowe	6 yrs	Travis Clopper
Marth Blake	4 yrs	Steffy Lewis
Ed Distad	4 yrs	Dustin Hines
Crystal Allison	2 yrs	Brittany Reed
Carol McCreath	1 yr	Virginia Burke

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate BB Charlie Rowe on the birth of his granddaughter, Angel Marie, on June 25th.
- Big Couple Cary & Stacie Jackson want to congratulate LB Chris Moore for improving his grades and making the Honor Roll for the last marking period. Great Job Chris!

- Congratulations to Russell Hutzell for getting the highest grade in Science out of the 6th grade male students at E. Russell Hicks. Way to go Russell!

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Brother John McKay on the death of his father.

- Congratulations go to BS Kelli Lawrence on her recent promotion at Home Federal Savings Bank.

- Congratulations to BB Mark Singer on being recognized by Governor Glendening with the 1999 Governor's Victim Assistance Award. Way to go Mark!

- We would like to congratulate BB Greg Nearchos on obtaining his Associate of Arts Degree for Business Administration from Hagerstown Community College.

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Caseworker Meg Nestor and her husband Bob on a full recovery of her father-in-law.

- Congratulations and best wishes to BB Gary Rossman and BS Carol Ann Swope on their May 22nd marriage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 25, 1999. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Saturday, August 28 - Sunday, August 29, 1999. Camping Trip at Camp West Mar. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, October 20, 1999. Wacohu Grange Halloween Party. 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

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 Friday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 25th at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 26th at 4:30 p.m.

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

John "Todd" Gardner/Steven Smith - Todd is a newcomer to our program. He was matched to Steven on June 28, 1999. Todd is a Service Writer for Hagerstown Honda. Steven is 12 years old and will be a 7th grader at E. Russell Hicks.

Bill Stachoviak/Phillip Butcher - Bill is also a newcomer to the program. Bill was matched to Phillip on July 29th. Bill works for the Washington County Planning Department as a Park and Environmental Planner. Phillip will be in the 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary and is 8 years old.

BASKET BINGO

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 8th at the Williamsport Fire Hall. Doors will open at 12:00 p.m., lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 2:00 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 \$20.00. We will be playing 20 games for 20 baskets. Each Longaberger basket will have something special inside. There also will be 4 special games, Tip jars, Raffles and 50/50s available for those who attend. Door prizes will be given throughout the event.

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

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Thank You

- We would like to thank the American Legion Post 42 & Post 202 for sending eleven of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a 2 week camp experience.

- We want to thank Stacey Garvin, Office Manager, for chairing the Jr. League Football Bingo Tent. And thanks to everybody who came out and volunteered their time to help with the fund raiser.

- We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, Jack Berkson, Jim Childers, Chris Purnell, Fred Barrett, Doug Fiery, Kelli Lawrence, Kayla Burnett and Tiffany Childers for all their help with this year's Picnic/Swim Party. We also want to thank Kacee Smith for signing the blessing.

- We want to thank all the Bigs, Littles and Board Members who participated in the Cheesecake Fund raiser. We also wish to express our thanks to Board Member Kelli Lawrence for chairing the fund raiser.

- We want to thank Board Member Tom Breidenstein for chairing the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make this a successful fund-raising event.

- Our thanks go to David Myers from DMG Studios who donated Hagerstown Suns tickets to the Bigs/Littles in the program.

- We wish to thank Big Brother Charlie Rowe for putting together the Chicken Barbeque/Car Wash. Thanks also go to WYll for hosting the event and all the volunteers who came out and helped.

MANITO TOWER ACTIVITY

This activity is for anyone who likes heights and likes adventure. Our agency and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County will be climbing the Alpine Tower on Saturday, September 18th. It is limited to only 10 people from our agency and the children have to be 12 years of age or older. Please call the agency if you are interested and want to sign up or for more information. We need people to make this event successful. Please sign up today!

THE BOTTOM LINE

"THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN TOUCHED. THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE HEART."

BY: HELEN KELLER

SCHOOL TIME SUPPLIES

School time is approaching quickly and we have school supplies available for the children. Items available would be book bags, pencils/pens, notepads and a variety of other odds and ends that can be used in school. If you interested in coming into the office to look at these items please call 301-739-4711 to make an appointment. Supplies are limited and will be on a first come first come basis. We will not begin to take appointments until the week of August 23rd - August 27th.

Boys' and Girls' Club Golf Tournament

The Boys' and Girls' Club of Washington County will be holding a golf tournament on Thursday, August 12th at Vingling's Golf Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a Driving Range Contest, a Pitching Contest and a variety of activities for the kids to enjoy.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in please call the Boys' & Girls' Club at 301-733-5422.

28TH ANNUAL HUNTING & FISHING EXPOSITION

The Washington County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will host their tribute to Hunting & Fishing Day at the Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The dates and times are Saturday, September 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This exposition will be the premier outdoor hunting and fishing show for Washington County & the Tristate area. The agency will have a recruitment display at this event.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Pamela Arnold	11 yrs	Laura West
Milton Stamper	9 yrs	Nathan Mowery
Jenny Coleman	6 yrs	Ashley Magee
Gary Naugle	5 yrs	Travis Keliher
Doug Harnish	3 yrs	Zachary Morningstar
Naomi Doucette	2 yrs	Kendra Lakefield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 20, 1999, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Party. Wacohu Grange.
See attached flier.

Wednesday, October 27, 1999. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, November 17, 1999, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Nick's Airport Inn. Mark your
calendar now.

Thursday, December 2, 1999 & Friday, December 3,
1999, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, December 8, 1999, 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner. First Christian Church. Make
plans now to attend.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Teams:
Angela Heitkemper/Ruth Cassidy - Angie is a
newcomer to the program. On August 4th she was
matched to Ruth. Angie is an Occupational Therapist for
the Total Rehabilitation Center at Robinwood. Ruth
attends 8th grade at Western Heights Middle School and
is 13 years old.

Gregory Chider/Randall Leonard - Greg is also a
newcomer to the program. He was matched to Junior on
September 15th. Greg is employed with T. A. Baer.
Junior is 10 years old. He is in 5th grade at Clear Spring
Elementary School.

Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for
children. Almost all costumes are for girls, sizes 4/5 -
10/12. If your Little needs a costume for this year's
Halloween festivities, call the agency office to arrange a
time to stop by. 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!

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Couple
Cary and Stacie Jackson on the purchase of
their first home. Best wishes Cary & Stacie!
- Congratulations goes to Little Sister Steffy

Lewis for all her hard work at the Ag Expo. She
received 1st place for her pillow in the Crafts category, 1st
place for her cupcakes in the Baking category and 3rd
place for showing her cow, Tomorrow. Way to go Steffy!
- Congratulations to Little Brother Terry Line's Mother,
Diana, for her recent promotion at First Data. All your
hard work has paid off. Great job Diana!

- Congratulations on the Baptisms of Big Sister Mary
Shirley, her son Timmy and Big Brother/Caseworker
Chuck Highbarger's daughter Mackenzie. Best wishes to
all of you!

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brother Joe
Dill's son, Joey, on a quick recovery from appendicitis.
Get well soon Joey!

- Congratulations to Little Sister Allison Keeney for
making the Clear Spring Middle School chorus. Way to
go Allison!

MANITO TOWER CLIMB

*This was an exciting new adventure that
helped us all learn a little bit about ourselves.
This activity took place on Saturday, Septem-
ber 18th at Manito Tower in Marion, PA.
Thanks to Big Brother Doug Harnish for
planning the event and to the Manito staff Pam
Clemmer and Bob Whitmore for conducting the
activity. It was a worthwhile experience for
all who attended. We learned that teamwork,
communication and trust were needed to
accomplish our goals. The goal was not to see
who could get to the top of the tower, but to
learn more about ourselves and what we are
capable of doing. Myself, I'm scared to death
of heights, so climbing to the top was not an
option, but I did attempt to climb some of it and
no one pressured me, but instead they
encouraged and supported me.*

*This activity was not only a learning
experience, but it was fun too! Everybody had
a great time and enjoyed themselves.
Hopefully, next year this activity will grow so
more of you can benefit like we did.*

Stacey Garvin



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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Big Brother Charlie Rowe and Big Sister Mary Shirley and their whole family for hosting this year's annual camping trip.

- We would also like to express our thanks to Big Brothers Joe Dill and Chuck Highbarger for hosting the Fishing Rodeo and Big Brother Greg Chider and Ryan Ebersole for assisting all the children with their fishing.

- A special thanks goes to Alan Shane for taking time out of his schedule to conduct Sunday worship at the camping trip.

- We wish to thank the Albowicz family for all the goodies they brought for an after dinner game at the camping trip.

- We thank the many individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed to the success of the camping trip. Each have been individually thanked.

- We would also like to thank Budget Rent-A-Car for donating Hagerstown Suns tickets for the August 29th baseball game.

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

- Thank you to the Antietam Exchange Club for their generous contribution to our program.

- We would like to thank Highland View Academy for taking some of our waiting list Littles bowling on September 26th.

- We wish to thank Terry Thompson for donating Halloween costumes and some other items to the agency.



SUPPORT THE UNITED WAY

The 1999 United Way campaign began on September 1st. The goal this year is \$1,700,000. The monies raised will be used to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters and the other 21 agencies affiliated with the United Way.

Your support of the United Way helps our neighbors. Payroll deduction is a painless way to be a fair share giver. You'll share the wonderful feeling of giving with your family, friends, and coworkers. Every donation, whether large or small, plays an important part in the life of someone in our area. Please GIVE to the United Way of Washington County.

the bottom line -

"Giving is a privilege that
fills the heart with joy."

Henry A. Rosso



WHAT A WEEKEND!

More than 60 Bigs, Littles and friends enjoyed the annual camping trip held at Camp West Mar on the weekend of August 28th - 29th.

The weekend jumped off to a fast start early Saturday morning with a fishing rodeo. Trophies were given to LB Nathan Mowery for the largest fish, LB Chris Moore for the most fish caught and LS Misty Seaton for best sportsmanship. All the kids were winners with each child receiving a prize.

After a great lunch the tournaments began. The Horseshoe Tournament was first with Mike Rowe and Justin Castle taking first place and BB Joe Dill and LB Michael Gordon taking second. The Badminton Tournament followed. BS Mary Shirley and LS Holly Yost took first place for hitting the birdie and BB Brian Marris and LB Russell Hutzell placed second. Congratulations to all who participated, everybody did a great job.

You might have found those who did not participate in the tournaments being very brave and swimming in very cold water or others who were enjoying the beautiful day fishing and relaxing.

When evening came around and supper was finished Mrs. Albowicz came and made sure that nobody left empty handed. The kids all received lots of presents. Their goodies gave them lots of energy for the skits, smores, and camp fire songs that were soon to follow.

After the lights went out and the sugar wore off most passed out in their cabins, while some braved the outdoors in their tents.

Morning came soon enough with a huge breakfast and a Sunday worship service led by Alan Shane. Afterwards, a Nature Scavenger Hunt took place. The winning team consisted of BB's Joe Dill, Skip Frey and Fred Smith and LB's Michael Gordon, Russell Hutzell, Lucas Lowe and Ricky Springer.

Ending the camping trip, LB Lucas Lowe and LS Holly Yost received First Best Campers and LB Ricky Springer and LS Misty Seaton received Second Best Campers. But every kid that attended the camping trip showed a great deal of sportsmanship and teamwork and everyone was given a surprise package before they left camp.

When it was time to leave, everybody packed up and went there separate ways. Some were relaxed, some stuffed from eating too much, some sad that the time went by quickly and some glad that they had so much fun. New friends and memories were made, and the experience they shared will not be forgotten.

Personally, I can't wait until next year!



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1999

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Verna Brown	5 yrs	Lacey Faughander
Meg Nestor	4 yrs	Deborah Avallone
Scott Highbarger	4 yrs	Justin Thompson
Michael Geller	4 yrs	Brandon Bowers
Angela Nibert	3 yrs	Trisha Faith
Fred Smith	2 yrs	Lucas Lowe
Mary Shirley	1 yr	Holly Yost

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1999. & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1999, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. DISNEY SHOPPING DAYS. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1999, 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1999, 7:00 P.M. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2000. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL SKATE PARTY. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 29th.

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23rd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3rd.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the Board of Directors were elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 2000 will be Raymond Holton, President; Trina Johnson, 1st Vice President; Kelli Lawrence, 2nd Vice President; Jenny Coleman, Secretary; and Ken Graber, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Cary and Stacie Jackson on the birth of their son Cameron Alan, on October 30, 1999.

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister/Board Member Verna Brown on her new home.

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister Maria Gilliam and her family on the death of her father.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister/Board Member Kris Gossard and her husband J. D. Pearl who were married on October 16, 1999. Best wishes!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister/Board Member Jenny Coleman and her husband Dave on the purchase of their new home.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Brittany Heacock and her family on the new addition to their family. Bridget Nicole was born on September 9, 1999.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 1999 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Milton Stamper and Big Sister Claire Mumma 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 Milton and Claire on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Nathan and Chinninia.

*** * *SYMPHONY TICKETS* * ***

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 6 tickets for each of their Angel Series shows held on the following Sundays: January 16, February 20, and March 19, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in going to see the Orchestra, please call Stacey at 301-739-4711 to obtain tickets.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Tell me, I'll forget.

Show me, I may remember.

But involve me, and I'll understand."

Chinese Proverb

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank the students and Chaplin James The from Highland View Academy for helping us with this year's Halloween Party.

- We would like to thank the Honorable John H. McDowell for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

- We would like to thank Jeff Barnes for sharing his "fishing hole" with our Bigs & Littles.

- We would like to thank Jack Berkson for donating the Hagerstown Lions Club Annual Pancake Day Tickets to the agency.

- We wish to thank Fred Barrett; Tom, Amanda and Sydney Breidenstein; Tiffany Childers; Doug Fiery and Bob McKee for participating in the October 30th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

Tom has been actively involved as a member of the Board of Directors since April, 1994. In his years on the Board he has chaired the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent and been an active participant on the Planning and Evaluation Committee.

He has always been very involved in fund raising efforts of the agency. With his busy schedule at work and raising a family, he still always finds time to help the agency when called upon. Even though his busy schedule has never allowed time for him to become a Big Brother, he has demonstrated many acts of kindness to the Littles in our program. One of which was donating a Thanksgiving dinner to a Little's family.

His dedication throughout the years has always been above and beyond the call of duty. With his high spirited positive outlook on life, he has always been an inspiration to those privileged to know him.

Thanks for everything Tom and congratulations!!

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contests which were held at the agency's Halloween Party on October 20th. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Ricky Springer, Most Original Carved winner was Mandy West, Alishia Harvey and April Anderson. Chris Bell's pumpkin won for the Best Carved and Lucas Lowe took first place for the Cutest pumpkin. The Skeleton with the Bloody Mask, Joey Heacock, took first prize for the Scariest Costume. Maryglenn Bare & Allison Keeney had the most original costume as Raggedy Ann & Andy, and Taylor Leonard won funniest costume for being the Three Headed Man. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

'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 12th 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 Stacey at 301-739-4711 now to reserve your tickets.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We would like to welcome Crystal Davis to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Crystal is the agency's new Casework Supervisor. She will begin on November 29th.

Crystal was born and raised in Hagerstown, graduating from South Hagerstown High School in 1991. She received her Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Shippensburg University in May, 1995.

She comes to the agency well qualified. For the past year she has been a Therapy Associate at Washington County Mental Health Center. Prior to that she was part of the Therapeutic Support Staff at The Meadows Psychiatric Center in Chambersburg and a Mental Health Associate at Turning Point in Hagerstown.

Please welcome Crystal, but please be patient as she learns the program and gets to know each one of you.

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2000

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

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BB/BS

Kelli Lawrence 5 yrs.
Maria Gilliam 5 yrs.
Mark & Angie Singer 4 yrs.
Rochelle Hildreth 4 yrs.
Carol Ann Rossman 3 yrs.
Kelly Zimmerman 3 yrs.
John McKay 3 yrs.
Cary & Stacie Jackson 1 yr.

LB/LS

Angela Morales
Nichole Rivera
Ricky Burnett
Ashley Keeney
Brittany Holman
Tiffany Childers
Randy Ashbrook
Christopher Moore

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 16, 2000. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
We hope to see you there! (See enclosed flier)

Wednesday, February 23, 2000. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, April 2, 2000. 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!!!

The final campaign luncheon of the United Way was held January 18, 2000. A final total of \$1,665,000 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.

The agency's staff met the United Way's Gold Plaque standard for giving! Our 2000 allocation is \$60,600.00.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 16th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway.

The Bowl For Kids' Sake event is designed to enlist bowlers from all over the area into one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2000 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered.

Those participating will be eligible to win some nice prizes.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and come out on April 2nd for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '00 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711. We'll pass your name and phone number on to Gary Weaver, chair of this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Farewell To Meg

As most of you already know, Meg Nestor left the agency on October 31, 1999. She is now employed with Cable & Wireless in Sterling, VA, a job a lot closer to her home.

Meg began working with the agency on August 5, 1991. She was very dedicated to the agency and went above and beyond the call of duty. She always made it a point to attend and help out at every group activity. She made herself available day and night to assist in any problems that came up. Along the way, she made some great friends and with her warm heart, she will not be forgotten.

We know that everyone will miss her dearly. If any of you would like to contact Meg, please call the agency office for her home address.

All of Meg's matches have been transferred to the new Caseworker, Crystal Davis, which most of you have talked to already. Please extend Crystal the same courtesy that you gave to Meg.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We wish to thank Larry Kershner and Allfirst Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Show. Everyone who attended had a great time!

- We would like to thank the First Christian Church and Rev. Robert Regenold for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner this year.

- We would like to thank Board Member Tom Breidenstein for donating a Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas presents to families in our program.

- We would like to thank Vince & Cheryl Fertitta and the Concordia Lutheran Church for their continued support by making Christmas a special time for some of our families.

- We would like to thank the Incarcerated Veterans of Roxbury for their generous donation.

- We would like to thank R & L Sheet Metal Products and M & M Accounting for their generous donations.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little Team:

Karen Dennis/Cheyenne Harris - Karen is a newcomer to the program and she was matched to Cheyenne on January 27, 2000. Karen is a piping designer at Bechtel. Cheyenne is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Cascade Elementary School

SYMPHONY TICKETS

There are still Maryland Symphony Orchestra Tickets available for the Angel Series shows dated Sunday, February 20, 2000 and March 19, 2000 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 the agency office 739-4711 to obtain tickets.

MARKING PERIOD ENDING

The second marking period for the 1999-2000 school year ended on January 24, 2000.

As a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple, you need to show your interest in your Little's 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 difficulty with.

Remember, education will be a vital key to their success in the future.

2000 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 2000 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 or hat or raise \$75.00 and win a sweatshirt.

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 BFKS Committee is still working on the **GRAND & FIRST PRIZES** so look for them on the back of your sponsor sheets and brochures.

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before April 4th will be eligible for a special drawing.

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

NOTE: If you can donate a door prize for Bowl For Kids' Sake, give the office a call.

Tax Deductions For Volunteers

You can deduct reasonable unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses you pay to allow underprivileged youths to attend athletic events, movies or dinners. The youths must be selected by a charitable organization whose goal is to reduce juvenile delinquency. Your own similar expenses in accompanying the youths are not deductible.

Volunteers may also deduct automobile expenses at a standard rate of 14 cents per mile or on an actual expense basis for the cost of gasoline.

For additional information on volunteer tax deductions, contact the Internal Revenue Service and ask about, "Charitable Contributions."

THE BOTTOM LINE

"It's easy to make a buck.

It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

Tom Brokaw

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL, 2000

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR



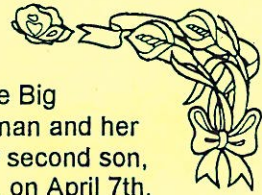
MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Darese Arch	6 yrs	Kacee Smith
Dave Elliott	6 yrs	Brandon Hoppe
Chuck Highbarger	5 yrs	Donald Saum
Maryglenn Bare	3 yrs	Allison Keeney
Bernadette Marris	2 yrs	JoAnna Reed
Brian Marris	2 yrs	Russell Hutzell
Barbie Harshman	1 yr	Kimberly Kendrick
Rick Harshman	1 yr	Jeremiah Harris
Joe Dill	1 yr	Michael Gordon



POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister/Board Member Jenny Coleman and her husband Dave on the birth of their second son, Joseph William Emmett Coleman, on April 7th.
- Congratulations goes out to Little Brother Donald Saum on his new position as a bat boy for the Hagerstown Suns. Way to go Donnie!
- Congratulations to Big Brother Mark Singer on being honored for five years of service at the State's Attorney Office.
- Big Sister Stacey Garvin would like to congratulate her Little Sister Kayla Burnett on bringing all of her grades up in the third marking period. Keep up the good work!
- We would like to send a "hope you're feeling better" note out to Big Sister Bernadette Marris. Get Well, Bernadette!



CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 26, 2000. 7:00 P.M. BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, April 30, 2000. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Car Rally. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, June 28, 2000, 6:00 p.m. - Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. Mark your calendar now!

OFFICE CLOSING

The Big Brothers Big Sisters office will be closed Friday, April 21, 2000 for the Easter holiday. The answering machine will be on if you need to contact the office. Messages will be checked and emergency calls returned.

Pro Am Motorcycle Race

On Friday, June 9th 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 4:00 p.m. with the race commencing at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available to our agency through A.B.A.T.E. If you would have an interest in obtaining tickets, please call the office before Friday, May 26th.

NEW MATCHES

Carol Behan/Tiffany Butcher - Carol has been in our program since 1993. On April 14th, she was matched to Tiffany. Carol is a homemaker. Tiffany is 8 years old and attends 2nd grade at Winter Street Elementary School.

FISHING DERBY

The annual Izaak Walton League Washington County Chapter Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 29th. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Chapter House on Independence Road. The event provides the children in the community with an opportunity to experience the pleasure and relaxation of the sport of fishing. It is restricted to children under 16 years of age. You are asked to be there by 9:30 a.m. and to bring your own fishing gear and insect repellent since mosquitoes and ticks are present at this time of year. Bait will be provided (no "live bait" is allowed). A light lunch will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

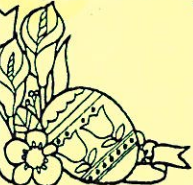
Call the agency at 301-739-4711 no later than Monday, April 24th if you plan to attend. We need to inform the Chapter of the number attending.

Jobs Available

Looking for a job this summer? The Western Maryland Consortium is looking for student workers. To apply go to the Unemployment Office located at 14 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740, on any of the following Saturdays: May 20th, June 3rd or June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Or starting on May 9th you can call the Western Maryland Consortium at 301-791-3164 and set up an appointment for Tuesday or Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Just let them know you are calling about summer employment. Please call Crystal at the agency office, 301-739-4711 if you are interested so that she may give you some more information and the eligibility criteria.



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THANK YOU!!!!



- We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, George Rowe, Ernst Market, WYII and all who came out to eat at Charlie's Bowl For Kids' Sake Spaghetti Dinner.

- Our thanks go out to Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual Skate Party.

- We wish to thank the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for the complimentary tickets to their Angel Series Shows.

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



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 16th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was successful!

Approximately \$30,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$20,000.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Verna Brown and Gary Weaver, 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 Stacey at the agency office at 301-739-4711.

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

ATTENTION

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS, LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENT AND GOOD NEWS OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHER OR LITTLE SISTER. WE'D LIKE TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR NEWSLETTER IN THE POTPOURRI COLUMN.

SO GIVE STACEY A CALL AND TELL US WHAT YOUR LITTLE IS DOING.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 29, 2000. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping with the clean-up are asked to come out and help. Hope to see you there. The agency covers breakfast for everyone after the clean-up.



YMCA POOL HOURS



The YMCA invites all Big and Littles 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

Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

LARGE POOL

Sunday	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Proper swimming attire is required...no cut offs or street clothes will be permitted in the pool.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

"It is not what we have but what we enjoy
that makes happiness."

Unknown

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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MAY/JUNE, 2000

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Claire Mumma
Gary Rossman
Kathleen Maier
Skip Frey
Jack & Shelly Gest
Amanda West
Denise Jackson
James Schlimgen
Stacey Garvin

LB/LS

9 yrs Chinninia Clopper
6 yrs Daniel Jones
5 yrs Ashley Hutzell
3 yrs Ricky Springer
3 yrs Michael Mack
3 yrs Alishia Harvey
2 yrs Chatia Harrison
1 yr Terry Line
1 yr Kayla Burnett



POTPOURRI

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister/Board Member Claire Mumma on the death of her mother.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member Gary Weaver for a complete recovery after his recent surgery!

- Congratulations to Little Brother Junior Leonard on auditioning and getting a part in the Wizard of Oz play! Great Job Junior!

- Our prayers and hopes go out to Little Sister Lacey Faughandler as she recovers from collar bone surgery.

- Big Sister Meg Nestor would like to congratulate her Little Sister Nikki Avallone on receiving her hair styling license. Way to go Nikki!

- Our prayers go out to Casework Supervisor Crystal Davis on the loss of her grandmother.

- We are pleased to report that Board Member Ken Graber is feeling much better after his recent illness.

- Our sympathies go out to Big Sister/Board Member Kelli Lawrence on the recent death of her grandmother.

- We would like to congratulate Casework Supervisor Crystal Davis and her husband on the purchase of their new home.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 28, 2000, Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic).

Wednesday, June 28, 2000, Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. See Attached Flier For Details.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little team:
JOHN STOTTEMYER/JACOB KLINE - JOHN HAS TAKEN A NEW LITTLE BROTHER. HE WAS MATCHED TO JACOB ON MAY 17TH. JOHN IS EMPLOYED AT SHONEY'S. JACOB IS 7 YEARS OLD AND IS IN THE 2ND GRADE AT PANGBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

FOP CARNIVAL BINGO TENT

This years FOP Carnival Bingo Tent will be held from Monday, June 19th to Saturday, June 24th. We are looking for volunteers to come out between the hours of 6 pm to 11 pm to help us. Even if you can only do a couple of hours, that help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering please call Stacey at the agency office, 301-739- 4711, so she can sign you up. Thank You!

Summer Beach Items

Summer is here and we have just the thing to help the kids cool off. Bathing suits and toys always make swimming more fun whether it is at the pool or the beach. So please contact the agency office if you have children ages 2-7 and have a need for some of these wonderful items donated by the Disney Store. Supplies are limited and it will be on a first come first serve basis.



CAR RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 30th Car Rally. The results are in!! Second place went to Bob McKee and Little Brother Justin Nesiba. First place was awarded to Big Brother Fred Smith and his Little Brother Lucas Lowe. This year's champions were Big Sister Stacey Garvin and her Little Sister Kayla Burnett. Congratulations to all of our winners!!

A special thank you goes out to Board Member Raymond Holton and Elaine Rose for taking the time to plan and set up the Car Rally route.



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THANK YOU!!!!

- Our thanks go out to the members of the Western Maryland Troopers Association for their contribution of tickets to the Circus held at the Hagerstown Speedway.

- We would like to thank Marty Blake, Tiffany Childers, Raymond Holton, Trina Johnson, Jenny Moyer and Bob McKee for participating in the April 29th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.



SUMMER COMMUNICATION

Summer brings family vacations for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters and summer camp for the Little Brothers and Little Sisters. Don't let the summer disrupt your communication and contact.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters - send your Little an occasional postcard this summer when you are away on vacation. The children really enjoy hearing from you, knowing that you are thinking of them.

Little Brothers/Little Sisters - send your Big a postcard this summer while you are away at camp or on vacation with your family. The volunteers really like to hear what you are doing and that you are having fun.

A postcard only requires a 20 cent stamp and will let each of you know that your friendship is strong and continuous. It is important that you remember each other not only when at home but when away as well.

Suns Tickets Available

Tickets are available for the Hagerstown Suns vs. the Capital City Bombers to be held on June 18, 2000, Father's Day, beginning at 2:05 p.m. We only have a limited number of tickets so it will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested please call the agency office at 301-739-4711.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"The secret of success is to find the need and fill it, to find a hurt and heal it, to find somebody with a problem and offer to help solve the problem."

Robert H. Schuller



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations and best wishes to our Littles upon their graduation from high school this year.

Little Brother Nathan Mowery graduated from Washington County Technical High School. He was matched to Big Brother Milton Stamper for 9 years.

Little Sister Nikki Avallone graduated from Walkersville High School. She was matched to Big Sister Meg Nestor for 4 years.

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

Special Events in Washington County

During the next couple of months, several events occur that would be fun for Big and Little teams to attend. For further information, call the Washington County Visitors Bureau at 301-791-3246.

June 10-11 - Railroad Heritage Days.
Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum, 10 am - 5 pm.

June 11 - Biking Through History.
Antietam National Battlefield, 9:30 am - 1 pm.

June 17th - Renaissance Festival
Jonathan Hager House, 10 am - 4 pm.

June 17th - Children's Art Festival.
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts,
11 am - 2 pm.

June 24-25 - Re-enactment of the Battle of
Funkstown.

Funkstown Community Park, 10 am - Dark.

June 24-25 - Artillery Weekend.

Antietam National Battlefield.

June 30th - Longmeadow Annual Fireworks Display.
Longmeadow Shopping Center, live music by
Spectrum 7-9:30 pm. Fireworks 9:30 pm (rain date:
July 3, 2000).

July 1st - Maryland Symphony Orchestra's 15th
Annual Salute to Independence.

Antietam National Battlefield, 7:30 pm.

July 15-16 - Smithsburg Pride Days.

Smithsburg, Sat 8 am - midnight, Sun 8 am - 5 pm.

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JULY/AUGUST, 2000

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR



JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Martha Blake
Crystal Allison
Angela Heitkemper
William Stachoviak

5 yrs
3 yrs
1 yr
1 yr

LB/LS

Steffy Lewis
Brittany Reed
Ruth Cassidy
Phillip Butcher

POTPOURRI

- We would like to congratulate Mark & Angie Singer on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Renee.

- Belated congratulations to former Little Sister Heather Nave on her graduation from high school. Heather's former Big Sister was Pamela Walsh.

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister Bernadette Marris and family on the death of her mother.

- Congratulations to Board member Alan Davis who recently completed a course of study and is now a Certified Professional with the International Personnel Managers Association.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 26, 2000. Board of Directors' Meeting.
7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Saturday, August 19 - Sunday, August 20, 2000. Camping Trip at Fort Frederick. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, August 13, 2000. Board of Directors' Meeting.
7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Wednesday, October 18, 2000. Wilson Ruritan Halloween Party. 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

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 Saturday, September 9th with performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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.

BASKET BINGO

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 13th at the Williamsport Fire Hall. Doors will open at 12:00 p.m., lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 2:00 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 \$20.00. We will be playing 20 games for 20 baskets. Each Longaberger basket will have something special inside. There also will be 4 special games, Tip jars, Raffles and 50/50s available for those who attend. Door prizes will be given throughout the event.

Tickets sales are limited, so call Stacey at 301-739-4711 to reserve your tickets now or to volunteer to help for a few hours!!

Support The United Way

The 2000 United Way campaign kickoff will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2000.

Your support of the United Way helps our neighbors. Payroll deduction is a painless way to be a fair share giver. You'll share the wonderful feeling of giving with your family, friends and coworkers. Every donation, whether large or small, plays an important part in the lift of someone in our area. "Give and anything is possible." By your gift, you have the power to change lives, to help families, kids, and those in need!

The Bottom Line

"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life."

Sister Mary Rose McGeady

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Thank You

- We would like to thank Charlie Rowe and his family and Trina Johnson for all their help with this year's Picnic/Swim Party.
- We want to thank Board Member Tom Breidenstein for chairing the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make this a successful fund raising event.
- We would like to thank Swimming Pool Specialties for the use of their truck to haul our Bingo equipment.
- We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 & Post 222 for sending seven of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a 2 week camp experience.

SCHOOL TIME SUPPLIES

School time is approaching quickly and we have school supplies available for the children. Items are book bags, pencils/ pens, notepads and a variety of other odds and ends that can be used in school. If you are interested in coming into the office to look at these items, please call 301-739-4711 to make an appointment. Supplies are limited and will be on a first come first come basis. We will not begin to take appointments until the week of August 14th - August 18th.

29TH ANNUAL HUNTING & FISHING EXPOSITION

The Washington County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will host their Hunting & Fishing Day at the Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The dates and times are Saturday, September 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and children 15 or younger that are with an adult are free. This exposition will be the premier outdoor hunting and fishing show for Washington County & the Tristate area.

CASEWORKER NOTICE

It is a must that Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor and Chuck Highbarger, 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 Crystal and Chuck are able to do their jobs, it helps everyone!

Adopt-A-Highway

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, July 29, 2000. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping with the clean-up are asked to come out and help. Hope to see you there. The agency covers breakfast for everyone after the clean-up.

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!

Recruitment Posters Available

Recruitment posters are available in the agency office. If you can help us put a few up, give the office a call at 301-739-4711.

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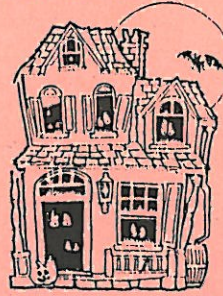
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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2000

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Jenny Coleman	7 yrs	Ashley Magee
Doug Harnish	4 yrs	Zach Morningstar
Naomi Doucette	3 yrs	Kendra Lakefield
Greg Chider	1 yr	Randall Leonard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 23, 2000, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Party. Wilson Ruritan.
See attached flier.

Wednesday, October 25, 2000. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Nick's Airport Inn. Mark your
calendar now.

Thursday, November 30, 2000 & Friday, December 1,
2000, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, December 6, 2000, 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner. Otterbein United Methodist
Church. Make plans now to attend.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Teams:

Holly Faulders/Tasha Turner - Holly is a newcomer to the program. On August 18th she was matched to Tasha. Holly attends Shepherd College full-time. Tasha attends 2nd grade at Eastern Elementary School and is 7 years old.

Stephen Frame/Justin Nesiba - Stephen is also a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Justin on September 20th. Stephen is a Teacher at the Washington County Technical High School. Justin is 13 years old and is in the 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks.

Michelle Kent/Misty Seaton - Another newcomer to the program is Michelle Kent. She met her Little Sister Misty on September 26th. Michelle is a Caseworker at the Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens. Misty is a 2nd grader at Winter Street Elementary School and is 7 years old.

POTPOURRI

- We express our sincere sympathy to Board Member/Big Sister Jenny Coleman on the death of her Father, Zack Draper.

- Congratulations to Big Sister Jane Sundstrom on the birth of her son, Kirk Tanner on August 16th.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Jacob Kline for being selected into Project Challenge - the advanced math class at Pangborn Elementary.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Little Sister Steffy Lewis' mom, Diane, for a quick recovery from her automobile accident.

- Congratulations go out to Little Sisters Brittany and JoAnna Reed's mom, Cindy, for graduating from James Rumsey Technical Institute and earning her degree in nursing.

- Congratulations to the following Little Brothers who are participating in Junior League Football: Jerry Harris (Jets), Michael Leonard (Chargers), Michael Mack (Chiefs), Justin Nesiba (Dolphins), Bryan Parlett (Vikings) and Austin Sabine-Prosser (Ravens). Have a great season!

FALL ACTIVITIES FOR BIGS AND 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 or attend a local school football game. Go to a museum. Go for a picnic. Rake a huge pile of leaves - then jump in them! Design and make Halloween Costumes. Go Trick-or-Treating. Take a nature hike and see the signs of fall. Go bike riding on the C & O Canal.

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 Big Brother Charlie Rowe, Big Sister Mary Shirley and Missy Rowe and the rest of the family for hosting year's annual camping trip and preparing all of the meals.

- We would also like to express our thanks to Big Brothers Joe Dill and Chuck Highbarger for chairing the Fishing Rodeo.

- We thank the many individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed to the success of the camping trip. Each are being individually thanked.

- We would like to thank the following businesses for donating Hagerstown Suns Tickets to the agency: Douglas Fiery Funeral Home and Long Meadow Exxon.

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

- Thank you to the Antietam Exchange Club for their generous contribution to our program.

- We wish to thank Allen Calvert for donating two Kings Dominion Tickets to the agency.

- We wish to thank Bethel United Methodist Church for their generous donation to the Agency's Activity Account.

- We also would like to thank Citicorp Community Involvement Team and the Staff of Douglas Fiery Funeral Home for making donations to the Avery Snyder Memorial Fund with The Community Foundation.

Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. Almost all costumes are for girls, sizes 4/5 - 10/12. If your

Little needs a costume for this year's Halloween festivities, call the agency office to arrange a time to stop by. 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!

the bottom line -

"The best we can do is to go through life trying to be happy and helping those we meet along the way."

Kate Smith

WHAT A WEEKEND!

Fort Frederick State Park was the place to be on the weekend of August 19th - 20th. Almost 40 Bigs and Littles showed up for this weekend activity.

The activities began with an early Saturday morning fishing rodeo chaired by Big Brothers Joe Dill and Chuck Highbarger. Trophies were given to LB Ricky Springer for the largest fish, and LB Lucas Lowe for the most fish caught. For some it wasn't about the fishing it was about relaxing, enjoying the beautiful weather and eating lots of donuts.

After a great lunch the horseshoe tournament began. Coming in first place was BB Greg Nearchos and Zach Gleim. BS Kathy Maier and LS Ashley Hutzell took second place. Congratulations to all who participated. Everybody did a great job tossing the horseshoes!

After breakfast on Sunday morning everybody decided to work off their breakfast with a leisurely walk in the Fort looking at the exhibits and seeing the demonstrations.

Ending the camping trip, LB Ricky Springer and LS Ashley Hutzell received trophies for being the Best Campers. Every child that attended the camping trip showed a great deal of sportsmanship and teamwork and everyone was given a surprise package of school supplies before they left camp.

BIGS, LITTLES AND SCHOOL

Now that the 2000-2001 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.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2000

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



BB/BS

Verna Brown 6 yrs
Michael Gellar 5 yrs
Angela Nibert 4 yrs
Fred Smith 3 yrs
Mary Shirley 2 yrs

LB/LS

Lacey Faughandler
Brandon Bowers
Trisha Faith
Lucas Lowe
Holly Yost

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2000. & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2000, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. DISNEY SHOPPING DAYS. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2000, 6:15 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER. OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2001. 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL SKATE PARTY. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

OFFICE CLOSING

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

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd 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 301-739-2896. Do not hesitate to give him a call if you have concerns or need assistance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the Board of Directors were elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 2001 will be Trina Johnson, President; Kelli Lawrence, 1st Vice President; Gary Weaver, 2nd Vice President; Jenny Coleman, Secretary; and Ken Graber, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!

POTPOURRI

- We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister/Board Member Claire Mumma on the death of her father.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member Ken Graber for a quick recovery from surgery.

- Our sympathies go out to Elaine Rose, a strong supporter of the program, on the recent death of her brother.

- We express our sincere sympathy to Little Brother Lucas Lowe and family on the death of his great grandmother.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 2000 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Fred Smith and Big Sister Jenny Coleman were presented with the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards by Crystal Davis.

Fred has been matched with Lucas for three years. Fred has made Lucas a part of his family. He has shared his time, his experiences and his life with him. Fred and Lucas have climbed towers, they've camped in the great outdoors and they hang out together.

Jenny has been matched with Ashley for over seven years. She was the friend who offered advice, gave a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen. Through the ups and downs, Jenny has always been there for Ashley and continues to do so.

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 Fred and Jenny on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Lucas and Ashley.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"The best helping hand is
found at the end of your own arm."
Unknown

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank Tiffany Childers; Raymond Holton; Bob McKee and Gary Weaver for participating in the October 28th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

Kelli has been an actively matched Big Sister since January, 1995 to Little Sister, Nikki. She joined the Board of Directors in May, 1997. She is currently chairing the Finance & Fund Development Committee and is presently the 2nd Vice President of the Board of Directors.

She has always been very involved in fund raising efforts of the agency. She has chaired the Basket Bingo for the past two years, she assists in helping with Bowl For Kids' Sake and always is there to help at any fund raiser.

Her busy schedule as Branch Manager at Home Federal does not allow her much time away from work but she always gives as much time and dedication that she has towards the agency.

Thanks for everything Kelli and congratulations!!

* * *SYMPHONY TICKETS* * *

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 6 tickets for each of their Angel Series shows held on the following Sundays: January 21, February 18, and March 18, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in going to see the Orchestra, please call the agency at 301-739-4711 to obtain tickets.

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contests which were held at the agency's Halloween Party on October 23rd. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Ricky Springer, Most Original Carved winner was Misty Seaton. Holly Yost's pumpkin won for the Best Carved and Ashley Hutzell took first place for the Cutest pumpkin. Basketball Head Philip Rodriguez, took first prize for the Scariest Costume. Kathy Maier had the most original costume as the Professor and Maryglenn Bare and Allison Keeney had the funniest costume for being Redskins Fans. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

NEW MATCHES

Donna Baumann/Amanda Taylor: Donna is a newcomer to the program and she was matched to Amanda on November 13th. Donna is a teacher at South Hagerstown High School. Amanda is 13 years old and is in the 8th grade at Springfield Middle School.

Mary Rogers/Jessica Springer: Mary is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Jessica on November 17th. Mary is an Elementary School Teacher at Winter Street. Jessica attends Bester Elementary School and is in 4th grade. Jessica is 9 years old.

E-mail Address

**The agency now has an e-mail address.
The address is:**

bigbrothersbigisters@wc-link.org

We would like all of you that have an e-mail address to send us a little note via e-mail so that we may add it to our files. This way it is easier for us to notify everybody in the event we get tickets to various activities or something else happens to come about.

We look forward to hearing from you.