

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2001

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Kelli Lawrence 6 yrs
Mark & Angie Singer 5 yrs
Rochelle Hildreth 5 yrs
Carol Ann Rossman 4 yrs
Kelly Zimmerman 4 yrs
Jane Sundstrom 2 yrs
Karen Dennis 1 yr

LB/LS

Angela Morales
Ricky Burnett
Ashley Keeney
Brittany Holman
Tiffany Childers
Autumn Mundy
Cheyenne Harris

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 21, 2001 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
We hope to see you there! (See enclosed flier)

Wednesday, February 28, 2001. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, April 1, 2001. 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

E-MAIL

This is just a reminder to everybody that the agency now has an e-mail address:

bigbrothersbigsisters@wc-link.org

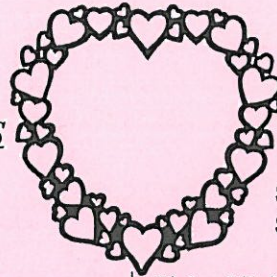
We know that some of you are extremely busy. If you can't seem to find time to call Crystal back about your match please feel free to email her and let her know how things are going and what you have been up to.

It is important to maintain regular contact with your Caseworker regarding your match.

The Bottom Line

Do good with what you have or
else what you have will do
you no good.

Unknown



POTPOURRI

- We would like to apologize to LS Jessica Smith who was inadvertently named as Jessica Springer in the last newsletter.

- Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Michelle Kent and her husband Jared Riester, who were married on November 30, 2000.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Sister Angie Heitkemper for her continued recovery from surgery.

- Congratulations to BS Rochelle Hildreth on obtaining her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from Penn State the Capital Campus.

- We would like to congratulate LS Ashley Keeney on making the Distinguished Honor Roll and LB Donnie Saum for bringing up his grades. Keep up the good work!

- Congratulations to former LB Nathan Mowery on his new position as Assistant Clubhouse Manager with the Toronto Blue Jays at AAA level in Syracuse, NY.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 17th 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 1, 2001 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 1st for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '01 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.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!!!

The final campaign luncheon of the United Way was held January 11, 2001. A final total of \$1,700,000 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 2001 allocation is \$56,317.00.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank the Incarcerated Veterans Organization of Roxbury for their generous donation.
- 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 Otterbein United Methodist Church and the Sterling Bell Class for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner.
- We would like to thank Board Member Trina Johnson for giving the invocation and the Christmas message at our Annual Christmas Dinner.
- We would like to thank Board Member Holly Proctor for donating Christmas presents and food to a family 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 Mary Shirley and the Mt. Calvary Church of God Kids Church Department for donating clothes, toys and gifts to a family in our program for Christmas.
- We would like to thank Mike Rowe for donating a Christmas dinner to a family in our program.
- We also would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Snyder for their donation made to the Avery Snyder Memorial Fund with The Community Foundation.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little Team:
Stephanie Hale-Brown/Ki'Yanna Bynum - Stephanie is a newcomer to the program and she was matched to Ki'Yanna on February 1, 2001. Stephanie is a Job Center Case Manager at the Washington County Department of Social Service. Ki'Yanna is 6 years old and attends 1st grade at Bester Elementary.

SYMPHONY TICKETS

There are still Maryland Symphony Orchestra Tickets available for the Angel Series shows dated Sunday, February 18, 2001 and March 18, 2001 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.

2001 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 2001 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 **GRAND PRIZE** will be three-day, two-night "Ocean City Getaway".

The **FIRST PRIZE** is a "Sports Package" which includes tickets to Whitetail Ski Resort, Starland, Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex, Hagerstown Speedway, Black Rock Golf Course, the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens and the Baltimore Blasts.

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before April 4th will be eligible for a special drawing for dinner for two at Shula's Steakhouse in Baltimore and two tickets to a stage play at the Morris A. Mechanic Theatre.

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

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

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."

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MARCH/APRIL, 2001

NEWSLETTER

WANDA MCGURL, TEMPORARY EDITOR

MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BB/BS</u>		<u>LB/LS</u>
Darese Arch	7 yrs	Kacee Smith
Dave Elliott	7 yrs	Brandon Hoppe
Chuck Highbarger	6 yrs	Donald Saum
Maryglenn Bare	4 yrs	Allison Keeney
Barbie Harshman	2 yrs	Kimberly Kendrick
Rick Harshman	2 yrs	Jeremiah Harris
Joe Dill	2 yrs	Michael Gordon
Carol Behan	1 yr	Tiffany Butcher



CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 25, 2001. 7:00 P.M. BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, April 29, 2001. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Car Rally. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, June 27, 2001, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park - Pavilion One. Mark your calendar now!

Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26th. Annual BBBS Camping Trip. Camp West Mar. Mark your calendar now!

NEW MATCHES

Stacey Nikirk/Tasha Turner - Stacey is a newcomer to our program. On March 2nd, she was matched to Tasha. Stacey is a Marketing Manager for XOutdoors.com. Tasha is 7 years old and attends Eastern Street Elementary School.

Ed Distad/Michael Landaker - Ed has been a Big Brother since 1985. On April 9th, he was matched to his 5th Little Brother, Michael. Ed is a Math teacher at the Washington County Technical High School. Michael is 11 years old and is a 6th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Rich Daughtridge/Curtis Evans - Rich is new to our program and was matched to Curtis on April 10th. Rich is a professional soccer player with the Baltimore Blasts. Curtis is 6 years old and attends 1st grade at Eastern Elementary.

POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to Office Manager, Stacey Garvin, on the birth of her daughter, Alexis Morgan Keefer on March 29th.

- Congratulations goes out to Little Sister Misty Seaton for making the honor roll and especially for bringing her math grade to an A.

Keep up the good work!

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Little Brother Justin Nesiba's mom, Edwina, for a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Justin Nesiba for greatly improving his English grade. Way to go Justin!

- We would like to congratulate Big Sister Crystal Allison and her husband, Fred, on the birth of their daughter, Alexys Karene on April 2nd.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member Gary Weaver on the death of his Mother, Dorothy Hiatt.

THIRD MARKING PERIOD ENDED

The third marking period for the 2000-2001 school year ended on March 23rd, 2001.

As a Big Brother, Big Sister, or Big Couple, you need to show your interest in your Little's education. If you haven't already, ask to see their report card. Praise them for a job well done and offer your help in any subject which they may be having difficulty with.

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

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 28, 2001. 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 call the agency office at 301-739-4711 and let us know you can help.

Hope to see you there. After the clean-up, we'll be going to Richard's Diner for breakfast, compliments of the agency.

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THANK YOU!!!!!!

- We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, George Rowe, Ernst Market, Lite 95.9 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 Performances.
- We wish to thank the Community Services Commission of the First Christian Church for their generous donation to the agency's Activity Account.
- Thanks to David Lyles Developers for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 17th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was very successful!

Approximately \$40,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$27,725.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Claire Mumma and Gary Weaver, Co-Chairs for this year's event. Also, thanks to Committee members, Board members, and all who helped prior to and during the event.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, or suggestions for next year's, contact 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!

FISHING DERBY

The annual Izaak Walton League Washington County Chapter Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 5th. 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 April 30th if you plan to attend. We need to inform the Chapter of the number attending.

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.
Monday	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	3:00 - 4:00 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	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00 - 4:30 & 6:00 - 9:00
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:

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

Anonymous

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MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Claire Mumma	10 yrs	Chinninia Clopper
Gary Rossman	7 yrs	Daniel Jones
Kathleen Maier	6 yrs	Ashley Hutzell
Skip Frey	4 yrs	Ricky Springer
Jack & Shelly Gest	4 yrs	Michael Mack
Denise Jackson	3 yrs	Chatia Harrison

LB/LS



POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to BS Angie Heitkemper on the purchase of her new home.
- We would like to congratulate Board Member Kelli Lawrence on receiving the SOAR Helping Hands Award for all her volunteer

efforts in the community.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to BS Mary Shirley on a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

- Congratulations to LS Tiffany Childers for receiving the Principals Citizenship Award from Lincolnshire Elementary. Way to go Tiff!

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 27, 2001, Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic).

Wednesday, June 27, 2001, Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park. See Attached Flier For Details.

Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26th. Annual BBBS Camping Trip. Camp West Mar. Mark your calendar now!

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big and Little team:

JUNE MELLOTT/KEIANA HARDMAN - JUNE IS A NEWCOMER TO THE PROGRAM. SHE WAS MATCHED TO KEIANA ON MAY 7TH. JUNE IS CURRENTLY A HOME INTERIOR SALES CONSULTANT. KEIANA IS 6 YEARS OLD. SHE ATTENDS SALEM AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IS COMPLETING THE 1ST GRADE.

CAR RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 29th Car Rally. The results are in!! Third place went to Dave Baker and Little Brother Matthew Allen. Second place went to Bob McKee and Little Brother Byron Gaylord. First place was awarded to Big Sister Verna Brown and her Little Sister Lacey Faughander. This year's champions were Big Brother Fred Smith and his Little Brother Lucas Lowe. 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.

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. If you would like to come in and look at these items, donated by the Disney Store, please call the agency to schedule a time. Supplies are limited and it will be on a first come first serve basis.

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 (as of July 1st it will increase to 21 cents) 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.

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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 Marly Blake, Karen Dennis, Cheyenne Harris, Raymond Holton, Trina Johnson, Kelli Lawrence and Bob McKee for participating in the April 28th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

- Thanks to James Speicher for the donation of the Hagerstown Suns tickets.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The office recently received a donation of two sets of encyclopedias. If anyone is interested in obtaining a set please call the office at 301-739-4711 by June 22nd. There will be a drawing to determine who will receive the two sets.

SPREAD THE WORD

If every Volunteer had just one friend who became a Big Brother or Big Sister, there would be enough volunteer Bigs for every Little Brother and Little Sister on the waiting list. Think about it. BIG BROTHERS/ BIG SISTERS, YOU ARE OUR BEST RECRUITERS!!! Please, talk to your friends and help us find volunteers for the boys and girls who wait on our list.

CASEWORKER NOTICE

It is a must that Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor, talk with you on a regular basis. Sometimes when she calls you, you are too busy or unable to talk.

*If you tell her 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!

The Bottom Line

"The failure to be perfect does not mean you are not a success...it is giving your best that helps you to understand the joy of receiving."

BY: Fran Tarkenton

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 11-16 - Fairplay Fire Company Carnival.

Fairplay Fire Co. Carnival Grounds, 5 - 11 p.m.

June 16th - Renaissance Festival.

Jonathan Hager House, 10 am - 4 pm.

June 16th - Family Arts Festival.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts,
10:30 am - 2 pm. - Art activities and Folk Tales
Puppet Show.

June 24-25 - Artillery Weekend. Antietam National
Battlefield.

June 29th - Longmeadow Annual Fireworks Display.

Longmeadow Shopping Center, entertainment
7-9:00 p.m. and fireworks 9:30 p.m. (rain date:
July 2, 2001).

July 2-8 - Preserving the Past. Valley Mall, area
businesses will be displaying over 100 years of
history.

July 4 - Maryland Free Fishing Day. Fish in
Maryland's freshwater without a fishing license.

July 7th - Maryland Symphony Orchestra's 16th
Annual Salute to Independence. Antietam National
Battlefield, 7:30 pm.

July 21-22 - Smithsburg Pride Days.

Smithsburg, Sat 10 am - midnight, Sun 10 am - 5
pm.

August 4&5 - Jonathan Hager Frontier Craft Days.
Hager House, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

August 4 - 10 - Washington County Ag Expo.

Washington County Agricultural Education Center,
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

August 11-12 - Leitersburg Peach Festival.

Leitersburg Ruritan Community Park, Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon - 5 p.m.

August 18 - Augustoberfest. Downtown
Hagerstown, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

August 19 - Big Brothers Big Sisters Basket Bingo.
Williamsport Fire Hall. Door open at 12:15 p.m.,
lunch is at 1 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m.

August 25-26 - C & O Canal Days. Byron Memorial
Park, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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BB/BS

Martha Blake
Crystal Allison
Angela Heitkemper
William Stachoviak

6 yrs
4 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs

LB/LS

Steffy Lewis
Brittany Reed
Ruth Cassidy
Phillip Butcher

POTPOURRI

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to BB Skip Frey and his family on the death of his Daughter, Doris Amy Frey.
- Belated congratulations to BB Greg Nearchos on his marriage to Melissa on March 30th.
- Congratulations to LS Misty Seaton for making the honor roll last marking period and for being voted by her teacher as the most improved student in her class. Way to go Misty!
- We express our sincere sympathy to Board Member Kelli Lawrence on the death of her Grandfather, Morris Perkowsky.
- Congratulations to BS Stephanie Hale-Brown on her recent promotion to Assistant Supervisor in the Family Investment Division at the Department of Social Services.
- We would like to congratulate BB Greg Nearchos on achieving his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Shepherd College.
- We would like to congratulate Office Manager Stacey Garvin on the purchase of her new home.
- Our sympathy goes out to Board Member Lisa Fennel on the recent death of her Grandmother, Edna Querry.
- We would like to congratulate former Caseworker, Meg Nestor and her husband on the purchase of their new home at 502 Morning Calm Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. We would also like to wish her a speedy recovery from a broken ankle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26, 2001.
Camping Trip at Camp West Mar. See enclosed flier.

Wednesday, August 22, 2001. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Agency office.

Monday, August 27, 2001. Summer Vacation Ends -
Back To School.

Monday, September 3, 2001. Labor Day. Agency
office is closed.

BASKET BINGO

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 19th at the Williamsport Fire Hall. Doors will open at 12:15 p.m., lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.

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. If you pay for your ticket in advance you will be eligible for the 2001 Horizon of Hope basket drawing.

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

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Teams:

Peggy McEwen/Kayla Teays - Peggy is a newcomer to the program and was matched to Kayla on June 18, 2001. Peggy is the Controller at the Fountain Head Country Club. Kayla is 10 years old and will be in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks.

Trisha Morgan/Latasha Moats - Trisha is also a newcomer to the program. Trisha was matched to Latasha on July 18th. Trisha is currently a full-time student at Hagerstown Community College. Latasha will be a 2nd grader at Winter Street Elementary School. Latasha is 8 years old.

Ta-Tanisha Banks/Jessica Brown - Ta-Tanisha is another newcomer to the program. She was matched to Jessica on July 30, 2001. Ta-Tanisha is the Program Director at the Hagerstown Treatment Center. Jessica is 13 years old and will be attending 8th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

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Thank You

- We would like to thank Mary Shirley and her family for all their help with this year's Picnic/Swim Party.

- We want to thank Board Member Tom Breidenstein for donating chicken dinners to a family in our program.

- 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 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 serve basis.

2001 AVERY SNYDER MEMORIAL CAMPSHIP AWARD

Due to the tragic death of six year old Avery Snyder, a campership award was established in Avery's memory. Each year a campership will be awarded to a Little Brother and Little Sister in our program at the agency's Picnic/Swim Party.

The 2001 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to LB Joshua Taylor Wilson and LS Latasha Moats by Mary, Jamie and Allie Snyder.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. This year the children attended Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks.

CIRCUS TICKETS

The agency could possibly be receiving free tickets 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 5th and Thursday, September 6th with performances at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

If you would be interested in obtaining tickets please call the agency office at 739-4711 to have your name put on a list if tickets become available.

Support The United Way

The 2001 United Way campaign kickoff will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2001.

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. "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

"Children must have at least one person who believes in them. It could be a counselor, a teacher, a preacher, a friend. It could be you. You never know when a little love and support will plant a small seed of hope."

By: Marian Wright Edelman

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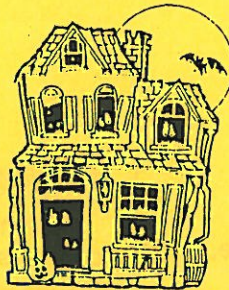
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Jenny Coleman 8 yrs
Doug Harnish 5 yrs
Naomi Doucette 4 yrs
Stephen Frame 1 yr

LB/LS

Ashley Magee
Zach Morningstar
Kendra Lakefield
Justin Nesiba



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 24, 2001. Board of Directors' Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Sunday, October 28, 2001, 2:00 p.m. Agency Halloween Bowling Party. Turner's Dual Lanes. See attached flier.

Wednesday, November 14, 2001, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton Four Points Restaurant. Mark your calendar now.

Thursday, November 29, 2001 & Friday, November 30, 2001, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, December 5, 2001, 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:
Natasha Hott/Brittney Moats - Natasha is a newcomer to the program. On September 7th, she was matched with Brittney. Natasha works at The Locked Door. Brittney attends Kindergarten at Marshall Street School and is 6 years old.

Matthew Oberholzer/Tyree Burnett - Matt is also a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Tyree on October 5th. Matt is a Personal Fitness Trainer at South Pointe Fitness Club. Tyree is 12 years old and is in the 7th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

A Ten-Year-Old protested vigorously when his mother asked him to take his younger sister with him when he went fishing. "The last time I took her with me," he said, "I didn't catch a single fish." "Well," his mother said, "I'll talk to her. I promise you, this time she won't make any noise." "It wasn't the noise, Mom," the boy said. "She ate all the bait."



POTPOURRI

- Congratulations to Little Brother Mason Burnett for receiving a trophy for catching the largest fish, a 12 inch bass, and another trophy for being the best hitter for softball while attending Camp West Mar.

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Sister Ta-Tanisha Banks for a continued recovery from her automobile accident.

- We would like to congratulate Little Sister Crystal Robinson and her Mother on the new addition to their family. Joseph William was born on September 29, 2001.

WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A WAY.
THE UNITED WAY.



Your United Way is different from all other organizations. That's because it not only responds to the unmet needs of the community, but it also gets involved in health and human care situations before problems arise.

So when the people in your community need it, it's there - to help prevent a nightmare before it happens. Or to help turn a nightmare back into a dream.

Your United Way gift does more things for more people who really need help than any other single gift you can give. And thanks to you, it works for all of us.

SURVEY

During the next couple of months, Casework Supervisor, Crystal Davis, will be contacting Bigs and Littles to get their input on group activities. We are looking for your suggestions to help us coordinate and plan these events. So start thinking now about what you would like to do and what days and times are most convenient for you.

REPORT CARD TIME!



Little Ellen wasn't getting good marks in school. One day she surprised her teacher.

Ellen tapped her on the shoulder and said,

"I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades *somebody* is going to get a spanking!"

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We would like to thank Big Brother Charlie Rowe, Big Sister Mary Shirley and the rest of the family for hosting this year's annual camping trip and preparing all of the meals.

- We would also like to express our thanks to Big Brother Joe Dill for chairing the Fishing Rodeo.

- We want to thank Steve Palmer and Gary Hovermale of the Washington County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs for taking their time to come to the camping trip and do a clay pigeon shoot and an air rifle shoot with the Littles.

- We wish to thank the Albowicz family for all the goodies they brought for an after dinner activity 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 wish to thank L & L Hydraulics and Pauline Grove for donating tickets to the circus.

- We would like to thank Joann Fillingham and the Hagerstown Convention and Business Bureau for the donation of Suns tickets.

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

- We also would like to thank Dick and Dale Phoebus for making a donation to the Avery Snyder Memorial Fund with the Community Foundation.

GIFT TAGS FROM THE BON TON

Just a reminder to parents in the program that have received a gift tag for their son/daughter. They need to be turned in immediately. Please mail them or call Crystal Davis with the information no later than Thursday, October 11, 2001.

Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. The sizes range from 3 months to 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 the weekend of August 24th - 26th for more than 70 Bigs, Littles and friends who came out for annual camping trip.

The activities began with an early Saturday morning fishing rodeo chaired by Big Brother Joe Dill. Trophies were given to Timmy Shirley for the largest fish, and Kody Kacley for the most fish caught.

After a great lunch, the Washington County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs came up and did a clay pigeon shoot and an air rifle shoot for all who attended. Everyone had a great time, including Executive Director, Bob McKee, who shot all of his clay pigeons on the first try. Way to go Bob! The horseshoe tournament was next. Coming in first place was BB Greg Nearchos and Zach Gleim. BB Skip Frey and LB Ricky Springer took second place.

When evening came and supper was finished, the Albowicz family came and played games with everyone winning plenty of prizes.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, Mary Shirley had a very inspirational Sunday service.

Ending the camping trip, LB Michael Landaker and LB Terry Line 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.



PANCAKE DAY

The agency has free tickets for the 50th Annual Pancake Day held by the Hagerstown Lions Club on Saturday, October 20, 2001 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Club on Robinwood Drive. This meal consists of All You Can Eat Pancakes, one serving of Hoffmans country sausage and coffee, juice and milk.

Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the agency office at 301-739-4711 if you are interested.

the bottom line -

"I want to thank and pay tribute to all of our volunteers - those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay."

Robert Orben



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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2001

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



BB/BS

Angela Nibert
Fred Smith
Mary Shirley
Mary Rogers

5 yrs

4 yrs

3 yrs

1 yr

LB/LS

Trisha Faith

Lucas Lowe

Holly Yost

Jessica Smith

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2001. & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. DISNEY SHOPPING DAYS. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001, 6:15 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER. OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 26th.

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21st until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 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 2002 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

-Congratulations to Little Sister Steffy Lewis' mom, Diane, for her new position as Social Work Supervisor for addictions at the Maryland Correctional Institute.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Justin Nesiba on his undefeated season with the Junior League Dolphins.

- We would like to congratulate Little Brother Jerry Harris on shooting his first deer while hunting with his Big Brother, Rick Harshman.

- We would like to congratulate Big Brother Joe Dill on his early retirement from A T & T.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 2001 Annual Dinner Meeting, Big Brother Rick Harshman and Big Sister Maryglenn Bare were presented with the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards by Crystal Davis.

Rick has been matched with Jerry for almost three years. Rick has always given his Little Brother strong support with his school work and continues to provide the help necessary so that Jerry will succeed in his educational efforts. They are able to joke around and laugh as they spend time together hunting, attending family functions or just hanging out.

Maryglenn has been matched with Allison for almost five years. They share a special bond of friendship, a love for animals and the ability to laugh and have fun regardless of the circumstances surrounding them. Their relationship has been so close that it seems as though they have known each other forever.

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 Rick and Maryglenn on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Jerry and Allison.

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THANK YOU!!!!

- We wish to thank Tom Breidenstein, Bob McKee and Claire Mumma for participating in the October 27th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

- We would like to thank Big Brother Chuck Highbarger and Little Brother Donnie Saum for taking time out of their schedules to come and speak to potential volunteers at our October 16th Information Session.

- We wish to thank Crystal Davis, Trina Johnson, Bob McKee and Holly Proctor for their time spent distributing recruitment fliers on October 20th.

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

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

Raymond joined the Board in 1989. He is currently co-chairing the Program Committee and has served as Board President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President.

He has always been very involved in fund raising efforts of the agency. He assists in helping with Bowl For Kids' Sake and he has taken an active part with the agency's Bingo tent by doing all of the wiring prior to and after the fund raising event. As a Board Member he attends all group activities and pitches in wherever help is needed. As chair of the Car Rally activity, he spends hours finding the rally route, developing the rally questions and driving the route the day of to double check all the questions.

He is consistently been involved in our Adopt-A-Highway Program. He has always been a Board Member who was always there to give help and assistance whenever asked.

Thanks for everything Raymond and congratulations!!

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Pumpkin Carving Contest which was held at the agency's Halloween Bowling Party on October 28th. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Michael Landaker, Most Original Carved winner was Brittney Delaney. T. J. Line's pumpkin won for the Best Carved and Michael Mack and Curtis Evans took first place for the Cutest pumpkin. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

NEW MATCHES

Ginger Waldron/Crystal Robinson: Ginger is a newcomer to the program and she was matched to Crystal on October 9th. Ginger is currently attending Hagerstown Community College. Crystal is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

David St. Clair/Byron Gaylord: David is also new to the program. He met his Little Brother Byron on November 6th. David is an Auditor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company. Byron attends Northern Middle School and is in 6th grade.

Amy Halbach/Brittney Delaney: Amy is another newcomer to the program. She was matched to Brittney on November 12, 2001. Amy is an Occupational Therapist at the Washington County Hospital. Brittney is 11 years old and is in the 5th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

The Bottom Line:

"There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."

By: Kenneth Blanchard

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR



JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Mark & Angie Singer 6 yrs
Rochelle Hildreth 6 yrs
Carol Ann Rossmann 5 yrs
Karen Dennis 2 yrs
Stephanie Hale-Brown 1 yr
Tiffany Elliott 1 yr

LB/LS

Ricky Burnett
Ashley Keeney
Brittany Holman
Cheyenne Harris
Ki'Yanna Bynum
Siara Gaylord

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 20, 2002 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
We hope to see you there! (See enclosed flier)

Wednesday, February 27, 2002. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office - 16 W. Franklin Street

Sunday, March 17, 2002. 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual
Highway. Get your team together now!!!

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 18th 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 17, 2002 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 17th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '02 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711.

POTPOURRI

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Executive Director, Bob McKee and his family as they continue to recover from their recent automobile accident.

- We are happy to report that Little Brother Justin Nesiba's, Aunt Martha, is feeling much better after her recent surgery.

- Congratulations to Little Brother Michael Landaker on receiving the STAR award at E. Russell Hicks Middle School!

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Board Member Kelli Lawrence for a full and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

- A get well wish goes out to Elaine Rose, a strong supporter of our program, as she continues to recover from her surgery.

NEW MATCHES

Gregory Nearchos/Anthony Lee - Greg has been a Big Brother since 1989. On December 6th, he was matched to Anthony. Greg works for the Frederick County Government as the Coordinator of Employment. Anthony is 11 years old and is a 6th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Garth Coe/Terry "TJ" Line - Garth has been involved in our program since 1997. He was matched to TJ on January 9, 2002. Garth is a Master Firefighter at the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue. TJ is in the 3rd grade at Conococheague Elementary School. TJ is 9 years old.

Donald and Angela Cross/Joshua Taylor-Wilson - Donnie and Angie are newcomers to the program and were matched to Josh on January 21st. Donnie is a Forklift Operator at Save-A-Lot Food Warehouse and Angie is a Program Analyst for the IRS. Josh is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

The Bottom Line

**"Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do."**

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank the Incarcerated Veterans Organization of Roxbury for their generous donation.
- 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 Otterbein United Methodist Church and the Sterling Bell Class for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner.
- We would like to thank Board Member Trina Johnson for giving the invocation and the Christmas message at our Annual Christmas Dinner.
- We wish to thank the children of Trinity Lutheran Church of Smithsburg for their generous donation to the Agency's Activity Account.
- 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 Mary Shirley and the Mt. Calvary Church of God Kids Church Department for donating a Christmas dinner to a family in our program for Christmas.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FINACE!!!

The final campaign luncheon of the United Way was held on December 13, 2001. A final total of \$1,614,225 was raised.

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!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

An all you can eat spaghetti dinner will be held at the Wilson Ruritan on Friday, February 22, 2002 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00. 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 95.9 Lite.

2002 BFKS PRIZES EVERYONE CAN WIN!!!

Everyone participating in the 2002 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, Sears, Target or WalMart 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 \$501 to \$700.
- *\$70.00 Gift Certificate when you raise \$701 to \$999.
- *\$100.00 Gift Certificate when you raise over \$1,000.

The **GRAND PRIZE** will be a \$250.00 gift certificate to the store of your choice.

The **FIRST PRIZE** is two tickets to the Washington County Playhouse for dinner and a play and one night at Wingrove Manor Bed & Breakfast.

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before March 20th will be eligible for a \$50.00 gift certificate to the restaurant or store of your choice.

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

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."

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MARCH/APRIL, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Chuck Highbarger	7 yrs
Maryglenn Bare	5 yrs
Barbie Harshman	3 yrs
Rick Harshman	3 yrs
Carol Behan	2 yrs
Ed Distad	1 yr.
Rich Daughtridge	1 yr.

LB/LS

Donald Saum
Allison Keeney
Kimberly Kendrick
Jeremiah Harris
Tiffany Butcher
Michael Landaker
Curtis Evans

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24, 2002. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, May 5, 2002. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, June 26, 2002, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park –
Pavilion One. Mark Your Calendar Now!

Friday, August 16th – Sunday, August 18th.
Annual BBBS Camping Trip. Camp West Mar.
Mark Your Calendar Now!

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

ANNA CROSS/BRITTNEY MOATS - Anna is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Brittney on February 8th. Anna is a shipping clerk for Save-A-Lot Food Warehouse. Brittney is 7 years old and attends Marshall Street School.

MARY ELLEN WALTEMIRE/BRITNEY HOSE - Mary Ellen is new to our program and was matched to Britney on March 5th. Mary Ellen is an Extension Educator for the University of MD Cooperative Extension. Britney is 13 years old and attends 8th grade at Northern Middle School.

KATHLEEN FAULKNER/TASHA TURNER - Kathleen is also a newcomer to the program. Kathleen was matched to Tasha on March 11th. Kathleen is employed at First Nationwide Mortgage. Tasha is a 3rd grader at Bester Elementary School. She is 8 years old.

POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Harris family as their grandmother, Theresa Waldron, continues to recover from her recent surgery.

Congratulations to LS Brittany Holman for making the honor roll. Keep up the good work!

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THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, and his whole family, Ernst Market, WLTF 97.5 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 would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Dutton for their generous donation to the agency.

We wish to thank Mary Shirley and the Mt. Calvary Church of God for inviting our Bigs and Littles to their Youth Roundup Day.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 27, 2002. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

After the clean-up, the State Highway Administration's Hagerstown Maintenance Complex will be hosting a luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping are asked to call the agency office, 301-739-4711, by Friday, April 19th, so that we may R.S.V.P.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 18th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was successful!

Approximately \$36,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$24,000.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Claire Mumma, Chair for this year's event. Also, thanks to Committee members, Board members, and all who helped prior to and during the event.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, or suggestions for next year's contact the agency office at 301-739-4711. Next year's event will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2003.

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

SYMPHONY TICKETS

The Rotary Club of Hagerstown has donated tickets for the Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Family Concert, Featuring Magic Circle Mime Company in "The Mozart Experience" on Saturday, April 27, 2002 at 4:30 p.m.

A mischievous street musician finds herself thrust into the role of Mozart in this lively concert program. Magic Circle Mime unites the concert orchestra with visual theater. This is an outstanding Family Concert that will captivate Young and Old.

Please call the agency at 301-739-4711 if you are interested in concert tickets.

THE BOTTOM LINE

"There's nothing so rewarding as to make people realize they are worthwhile in this world."

Bob Anderson

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MAY/JUNE, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Skip Frey
Jack & Shelly Gest
June Mellott

5 yrs

5 yrs

1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Springer
Michael Mack
Keiana Hardman

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 26, 2002. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, June 26, 2002. 7:00 p.m.

BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic)

Sunday, August 4th, BBBS Basket Bingo.

Improved Order of Red Men, Williamsport.

Doors open at 12:15 p.m., Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m.,

Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, August 16th – Sunday, August 18th.

Annual BBBS Camping Trip. Camp West Mar.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

KELLY KOONTZ/JESSICA STUMP - Kelly is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Jessica on April 23rd. Kelly is a Permit Technician for the Washington County Commissioners. Jessica is in the 5th grade at Paramount Elementary. She is 11 years old.

JOHN "ANDY" STUCKEY/PHILIP RODRIQUEZ - Andy is also new to our program. He met his Little Brother Philip on May 13th. Andy is a Multimedia Designer at Enforme Interactive. Philip attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School and is 13 years old.

ALLISON APPENZELLAR/TASHEENA LANDAKER - Allison is another newcomer to the program and was matched to Tasheena on May 31st. Allison is a Secretary for Drs. Weiss & Becker. Tasheena is 11 years old and is in the 5th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

THANK YOU!!!

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

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 thank The Rotary Club for their donation of Maryland Symphony Orchestra tickets for "The Mozart Experience".

We would like to thank Lou Guerrero for the donation of Baltimore Orioles tickets.

Thanks to James Speicher for the donation of the Hagerstown Suns tickets.

We would like to thank Tiffany Childers, Donnie Cross, Raymond Holton, Bob McKee and Joshua Taylor-Wilson for participating in the April 27th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

Our thanks go out to the Exchange Club of Antietam for their donation of Oriole tickets.

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POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Sister Tasha Turner on her road to a quick recovery.
Congratulations to Big Brother Doug Harnish and his wife, Danette, on the new addition to their family, Neryse Jolee.
We are happy to report that Board President Trina Johnson is feeling better these days after her recent surgery.
Congratulations to Big Sister Amy Halbach on the purchase of her new home.
We are pleased to hear that Big Sister Maryglenn Bare is feeling better after her recent surgery.
We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister June Mellott and her family on the death of her son-in-law.

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. We also have some children's summer clothes available. If you would like to come in and look at these items, donated by the Disney Store, please call the agency to schedule a time.

The items are free, but limited. You must call 301-739-4711 and make a reservation, walk-ins will not be accepted. These items are for program participants only.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the May 5th Car Rally. The results are in!! Fourth place went to Crystal Davis and Tiffany Childers. Third place went to Big Brother Fred Smith and Little Brother Kenny Ross. Big Sister Marty Blake and Little Sister Steffy Lewis received second place and first place was awarded to Bob McKee and Little Brother Michael O'Neill. 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.

HOMEBUYER FAIR

Celebrate National Homeownership Month! Homebuyer Fair, Sunday June 9th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Park in the Police Athletic League Building. The Fair will feature free information on buying a home, even if you think you can't. (You may be closer than you think!) Seven nonprofit and government agencies will showcase their homeownership programs. There will be door prizes and open homes in the neighborhood.

Can't make it to the Fair? Call Hagerstown Home Store for a free "Guide to Homeownership Programs in Washington County!"

For more information: 301-797-0900 or www.hagerstownhomestore.org

SUNS TICKETS AVAILABLE

The office currently has Hagerstown Suns general admission tickets good for any 2002 game.

If you are interested in obtaining any of these tickets, please call the agency at 301-739-4711, they are on a first come first serve basis.

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JULY/AUGUST, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Martha Blake	7 yrs
Crystal Allison	5 yrs
Angela Heitkemper	3 yrs
William Stachoviak	3 yrs
Trisha Morgan	1 yr.
Ta-Tanisha Banks	1 yr.

LB/LS

Steffy Lewis
Brittney Reed
Ruth Cassidy
Phillip Butcher
Latasha Moats
Jessica Brown

CALENDAR

Friday, August 16 – Sunday, August 18, 2002.

Camping Trip at Camp West Mar.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, August 28, 2002. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Agency office.

Monday, August 26, 2002.

Summer Vacation Ends – Back To School.

Monday, September 2, 2002. Labor Day.
Agency office is closed.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

MELINDA BEGLEY/MALIKA KAMARA - Mindy is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Malika on June 4th. Mindy is an Assistant Teacher at The Goddard School. Malika will be in the 8th grade at Springfield Middle School. She is 12 years old.

MIKE & MELANIE ROWE/KEVIN YOUNG - Mike and Melanie are newcomers to the program and were matched to Kevin on June 6th. Mike is a Lead Person at Garden State Tanning and Melanie is a Unit Clerk at Ravenwood Nursing Home. Kevin is 10 years old and will be in the 5th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

DAVID ST. CLAIR/MATTHEW ALLEN - David was matched to his second Little Brother, Matt, on July 11, 2002. David is an Auditor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company. Matt is 13 years old and will be a 7th grader at Western Heights Middle School.

VALERIE WILLS/CAITLIN RUTHERFORD - Valerie is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Caitlin on July 12th. Valerie is a Minister at Unitarian Universalist Church. Caitlin will be entering 4th grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School. She is 8 years old.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 & Post 211 for sending seven of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a 2 week camp experience.

We wish to thank Bill Rishel for the donation of Brittney Spears tickets to the agency.

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POTPOURRI

Congratulations go out to Little Sisters Ashley and Allison Keeney's mom, Sherry, for receiving the Outstanding Senior In Social Work Award from Shepherd College.

Congratulations to former Big Brother Gary Naugle upon his completion of the LPN curriculum at the James Rumsey Institute.

We express our sincere sympathy to Little Sisters Ashley and Allison Keeney on the death of their grandfather, Ronald Mellott.

Basket Bingo

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 4th at the Williamsport Red Men Lodge 84. Doors will open at 12:15 p.m., lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.

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. If you pay for your ticket in advance you will be eligible for the 2002 Horizon of Hope basket drawing.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School time will soon be approaching and we have school supplies and some clothing 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. The appointments will be scheduled for the week of August 12th - August 16th.

Supplies are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

2002 AVERY SNYDER MEMORIAL CAMPSHIP AWARD

Due to the tragic death of six year old Avery Snyder, a campership award was established in Avery's memory. Each year a campership is awarded to a Little Brother and Little Sister in our program at the agency's Picnic/Swim Party.

The 2002 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to LB Micaiah Jessie and LS Autumn Mundy by Mary, Jamie and Allie Snyder.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. This year the children attended Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Doug Harnish 6 yrs
Naomi Doucette 5 yrs
Stephen Frame 2 yrs
Matthew Oberholzer 1 yr.

LB/LS

Zach Morningstar
Kendra Lakefield
Justin Nesiba
Tyree Burnett

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 23, 2002. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Sunday, October 27, 2002. 2:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Bowling Party.
Turner's Dual Lanes. See attached flier.

Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton Four Points Restaurant.
Mark your calendar now.

Monday, November 25th – Wednesday,
November 27th.

Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner. Trinity Lutheran Church.
Make plans now to attend.

M,T - 4:00 – 6:00, W – 3:00 – 5:00
Disney Shopping Days.

POTPOURRI

A belated congratulations goes out to Former Casework Supervisor, Meg Nestor and her husband Bob, on the birth of their daughter, Maggie Lee on June 19th.

Congratulations to Big Sister Stephanie Hale-Brown and her husband, Curtis, on the new addition to their family, Victoria Lavonne.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brother Garth Coe on the death of his father.

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Angie Heitkemper and her husband Todd Crowder on their August 31st marriage.

Congratulations to Big Brother Rich Daughtridge and his wife Susan on the arrival of their first child, Richard Reed Daughtridge on July 17th.

We would like to congratulate Little Brothers Anthony Lee and T. J. Line for receiving trophies while they attended Camp West Mar. Anthony was the best hitter in softball, and T. J. was the best camper from Washington County. Great Job!

Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. The sizes range from 3 months to 10/12. If your Little needs a costume for this year's Halloween festivities, call the agency office at 301-739-4711 to arrange a time to stop by. We will be making the appointments for the week of September 30th – October 4th.

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 items are free, but limited. You must call 301-739-4711 and make a reservation, walk-ins will not be accepted. These items are for program participants only.

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THANK YOU!!!

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

We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, Big Sister Mary Shirley and the rest of the family for hosting this year's annual camping trip and preparing all of the meals.

We would also like to express our thanks to Big Brother Joe Dill for chairing the Fishing Rodeo and Big Brother Skip Frey for assisting with the Fishing Rodeo.

We wish to thank Bill Albowicz for all the "goodies" he brought for an after dinner activity 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 wish to thank Pauline Grove and Good Humor-Breyers Ice Cream for donating tickets to the circus.

Support The United Way.

The 2002 United Way campaign began on Wednesday, August 28, 2002. The goal this year is \$1,700,000. The monies raised will be used to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters and the other 20 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.

Give and anything is possible." By your gift, you have the power to change lives, to help families, kids, and those in need!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, October 26, 2002. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

After the clean-up, the State Highway Administration's Hagerstown Maintenance Complex will be hosting a luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping are asked to call the agency office, 301-739-4711, by Friday, October 11th, so that we may R.S.V.P.

WHAT A WEEKEND!

Everyone who attended this year's Camping Trip had a great time making new friends and enjoying the wonderful weather.

The activities began with an early Saturday morning fishing rodeo chaired by BB Joe Dill and assisted by BB Skip Frey. The trophy for the most fish caught went to LS Kendra Lakefield. LB Micaiah Jessie and LB Ricky Springer tied for catching the largest fish.

The afternoon brought the horseshoe tournament. The winning team was BB Ed Distad and LB Michael Landaker. Runners up were Susan Rowe and Truss Rowe. Both teams received trophies.

After the water balloon fights and kick ball games, dinner was served. Bill Albowicz came up to spend the evening with us, playing games and making sure nobody left empty handed.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, BS Mary Shirley led a wonderful Sunday worship service.

Sunday afternoon, trophies were presented to LB Kevin Young and LS Kendra Lakefield for being the Best Campers. Every child showed a great deal of sportsmanship and teamwork, and before they left camp they were given a package of school supplies and some goodies to eat.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2002

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Angela Nibert
Mary Shirley
Amy Halbach
Greg Nearchos

6 yrs
4 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Trisha Faith
Holly Yost
Brittney Delaney
Anthony Lee

CALENDAR

Disney Shopping Days.

Monday, November 25th – Wednesday, November 27th.

Monday & Tuesday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner. Trinity Lutheran Church.
SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Wednesday, December 18, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, Trina Johnson's House.

POTPOURRI

Big Sister Maryglenn Bare would like to congratulate her Little Sister Allison Keeney on making the Honor Roll.

Our sympathies go out to the Albowicz family, strong supporters of the program, on the recent death of Bill Albowicz.

Our congratulations to Executive Director Bob McKee on his re-election to a third term in the House of Delegates.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Team:

Carol Bradley/Kelsey York – Carol is a newcomer to the program. On November 5th she was matched to Kelsey. Carol is a Project Manager at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Kelsey is 8 years old. She attends 3rd grade at Williamsport Elementary School.

Office Closing

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

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

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

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THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank Tom Breidenstein, Jenny Coleman, Ed Distad, Raymond Holton and Michael Landaker for participating in the October 26th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

We would like to thank Dr. Elizabeth Morgan for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

We wish to thank Jack Berkson for donating tickets to the Hagerstown Lions Annual Pancake Day.

Thanks to Paul Reid for the donation of spaghetti dinner tickets.

Big Brother Big Sister Awards Presented

At the 2002 Annual Dinner Meeting, Crystal Davis presented the Meyer Berkson Award to Big Brother of the Year Skip Frey and the Alice Sencindiver Award to Big Sister of the Year Mary Shirley.

Skip has been matched to Ricky for over 5 years. Skip and Ricky enjoy participating in our group activities. They are able to joke around and have a good time regardless of what they are doing. They enjoy skating, bowling, fishing and camping together. Skip and Ricky's friendship continues to grow as they share their lives together.

Mary has been matched with Holly for 4 years. Through ups and downs, Mary has been there for Holly to offer a helping hand, a listening ear or to be the voice of encouragement. Mary has included Holly as part of her family. Mary also takes an active role in planning and preparing meals for our annual picnic/swim and camping trip.

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 Skip and Mary on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Ricky and Holly.

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 first came into the program in 1995 as a Big Sister. After realizing the benefits and rewards of being a Big Sister, she wanted to do more and became a member with the Board of Directors in 1997.

Since her time on the Board she has chaired the Fund Development Committee for four consecutive years, is currently serving as 1st Vice president and in January will become Board President. She has successfully chaired the agency's Basket Bingo fund raiser for the past four years and is very active in helping with the Bowl For Kids' Sake fund raiser.

Her dedication throughout the years has always been above and beyond the call of duty. Her selfless acts and giving attitude demonstrate the true meaning of a volunteer.

Thanks for everything Kelli and congratulations!!!

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Pumpkin Carving Contest which was held at the agency's Halloween Bowling Party on October 27th. In the category of Scariest Carved the winner was Ricky Springer. Most Original Carved winner was Michael Landaker. Keiana Hardman's pumpkin won for the Best Carved and Lauren DeNoto took first place for the Cutest pumpkin. Our thanks goes out to all who participated!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2003

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Mark & Angie Singer	7 yrs
Rochelle Hildreth	7 yrs
Carol Ann Rossman	6 yrs
Garth Coe	1 yr.
Donnie & Angie Cross	1 yr.
Anna Cross	1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Burnett
Ashley Keeney
Brittany Holman
T. J. Line
Joshua Taylor-Wilson
Brittney Moats

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16, 2003. 2:00 P.M.
Afternoon at the Movies. Agency Office.
See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office.

Sunday, March 30, 2003. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual Highway.
Get Your Team Together now!!

Sunday, April 27, 2003. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. Mark Your Calendar Now!!

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

AARON NAVE/RYAN HODGE - Aaron is a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Ryan on December 10th. Aaron is a Correctional Officer at Maryland Correctional Institute. Ryan is 6 years old and attends 1st grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

ASHLEY FUNK/TASHEENA LANDAKER - Ashley is new to our program and was matched to Tasheena on January 16th. Ashley is a full-time student at Penn State Mont Alto and works part-time as a Cashier at Dick's Sporting Goods. Tasheena is a 6th grader at Western Heights Middle School. She is 12 years old.

POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers go to Big Sister Anna Cross and Big Couple Donnie & Angie Cross on the death of Donald Cross, father-in-law and grandfather.

Little Sister Kim Kendrick would like to congratulate her Big Sister, Barbie Harshman, on passing her Real Estate exam and beginning a new job at Remax.

Our sympathies go out to former Big Brother/Caseworker, Chip Swisher, on the death of his father, Charles Swisher, Sr.

Our prayers and hopes go out to Board Member Claire Mumma as she recovers from her recent surgery.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank M & M Accounting, Ed Distad, Col. Wayne Taylor and Dr. Beth Beckner for their generous donations.
- We would like to thank Trinity Lutheran Church and Pastor Quentin Fleming for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner this year.
- Thank you to State Line United Methodist Church for their generous contribution to our program.
- We wish to thank the Hagerstown Day Nursery for donating a Thanksgiving dinner to a family in our program.
- We would like to thank the Incarcerated Veterans Organization of Roxbury for their generous donation.
- We want to thank Jack Berkson for underwriting the cost of our Annual Dinner Awards.
- We wish to thank Brad Pingrey and Allfirst Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Show.
- We would like to thank Hagerstown Paint & Glass Company for donating paint and painting supplies to the agency office.
- We wish to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for their generous donation to the Agency's Activity Account.
- 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.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 19th 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 30, 2003 at Turner's Dual Lanes. Both duck and ten pin bowling will be offered. Those participating will be eligible to win some nice prizes.

The GRAND PRIZE will be a \$250.00 gift certificate to the store of your choice. The FIRST PRIZE is two tickets to the Washington County Playhouse for dinner and a play and one night at Wingrove Manor Bed & Breakfast. Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before April 2nd will be eligible for a \$50.00 gift certificate to the restaurant or store of your choice. The best part is that no one will leave empty handed.

We encourage you to form a team, raise funds through pledges and come out on March 30th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '03 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

All you can eat spaghetti dinner will be held at the Wilson Ruritan on Friday, March 28, 2003 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 7-12, and children under 6 are free. 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 95.9 Lite.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MARCH/APRIL, 2003

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Chuck Highbarger	8 yrs
Maryglenn Bare	6 yrs
Barbie Harshman	4 yrs
Rick Harshman	4 yrs
Carol Behan	3 yrs
Ed Distad	2 yrs
Rich Daughtridge	2 yrs
Mary Ellen Waltemire	1 yr.
Kathleen Faulkner	1 yr.
Kelly Koontz	1 yr.

LB/LS

Donald Saum
Allison Keeney
Kimberly Kendrick
Jeremiah Harris
Tiffany Butcher
Michael Landaker
Curtis Evans
Britney Hose
Tasha Turner
Jessica Stump

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 23, 2003. 7:00 P.M.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, April 27, 2003. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park –
Pavilion One. Mark Your Calendar Now!

POTPOURRI

Little Sister Britney Hose's Big Sister, Mary Ellen Waltemire, and Mother, Lisa, would like to congratulate Britney on receiving 3rd place for the 8th grade division at the Washington County Spelling Bee. Good Job Britney!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Little Brother Kevin Young for his continued recovery from surgery.

Big Sister Maryglenn Bare would like to congratulate Little Sister Allison Keeney on making the Distinguished Honor Roll for the marking period.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 26, 2003. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

After the clean-up, the State Highway Administration's Hagerstown Maintenance Complex will be hosting a luncheon from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Any Big/Little teams interested in helping are asked to call the agency office, 301-739-4711, by Friday, April 18th, so that we may R.S.V.P.

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New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

STEVE FRAME/BRYAN & JUSTIN YORK - Steve was matched to Little Brothers Bryan and Justin York on February 5th. Steve is the Internship Coordinator at Washington County Technical High School. Justin is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade at Springfield Middle School. Bryan is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade at Williamsport Elementary School.

KATHLEEN BROCHT/LAUREN DENOTO - Kathleen is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Lauren on February 10th. Kathleen currently enjoys staying home and taking care of her 2 year old son, Seth. Lauren is 12 years old. She attends Springfield Middle School and is in the 6th grade.

DONALD JACOT/JALENN WILLIAMS - Donald is new to our program and was matched to Jalenn on February 26th. Donald is an Associate Commercial Loan Officer at First United Bank. Jalenn is a 3rd grader at Eastern Elementary School. He is 8 years old.

BERT & KIM MAXSON/BRAD BORMANN - Bert & Kim are also new to our program. They were matched to Brad on March 22, 2003. Bert is a Truck Driver with Yellow Transport. Brad is in the 1st grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School. He is 7 years old.

JAMES MAPLES/ROY "RJ" WINSTON - James is also new to our program. He met his Little Brother RJ on March 31st. James is a Courier for FedEx. RJ is 8 years old and attends 3rd grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 19th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a huge success!

Approximately \$41,000 was raised. Bowlers who participated raised \$29,000.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Claire Mumma, Chair for this year's event. Also, thanks to Committee members, Board members, and all who helped prior to and during the event.

If you have any comments concerning this year's event, or suggestions for next year's contact the agency office at 301-739-4711. Next year's event will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2004.

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

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Charlie Rowe, and his whole family, Ernst Market, WLTF 97.5 and all who came out to eat at Charlie's Bowl For Kids' Sake Spaghetti Dinner.

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OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

MAY/JUNE, 2003

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Skip Frey
Jack & Shelli Gest
June Mellott
Andy Stuckey
Mike & Melanie Rowe

6 yrs
6 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Springer
Michael Mack
Keiana Hardman
Philip Rodriguez
Kevin Young

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 25, 2003. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, June 25, 2003. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic)

Sunday, August 3rd, BBBS Basket Bingo.
Williamsport Fire Hall.
Doors open at 12:00 p.m., Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m.,
Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.
Tickets are 25.00, which includes lunch catered by Leiters.
Call the agency to reserve your tickets now!

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

CINDY SPRINGER/CORTENEY CALL - Cindy is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Corteney on April 10th. Cindy is a homemaker. Corteney is in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. She is 12 years old.

ROGER & ROBIN SHANK/JESSY FAITH - Roger and Robin are also new to our program. They met their Little Brother Jessy on April 23rd. Roger is a Lead Stacker for NVR in Thurmont. Robin works for Dr. Margaret Wade as a Dental Assistant. Jessy attends 1st grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School and is 7 years old.

QUOC NGUYEN/MASON BURNETT - Quoc is another newcomer to the program and was matched to Mason on June 4th. Quoc is a Staff Accountant for A C & T Company. Mason is 13 years old and is in the 7th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

Caseworker Notice

It is a **must** that Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor, talk with **Littles, Bigs and Parents** on a regular basis. Sometimes when she calls you, you are too busy or unable to talk.

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

We know that some of you are extremely busy. If you can't seem to find time to call Crystal back about your match please feel free to email her at bigbrothersbigsisters@pilot.wash.lib.md.us.

It is important to maintain regular contact with your Caseworker regarding your match.

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POTPOURRI

Congratulations to former Big Brother Joe Dill on his son Jeff's graduation from pilot school with the United States Air Force.

We would like to congratulate Little Sister Britney Hose for bringing up her grades and making the honor roll. Way to go Britney!

We would like to congratulate Big Brother Chuck Highbarger and his wife Rebecca on the birth of their second daughter, Kassidy Paige, on April 11th.

THANK YOU!!!

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

We wish to thank James Speicher for the donation of the Hagerstown Suns tickets.

Our thanks go out to Marjorie Cober for her contribution to the agency.

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. We also have some children's summer clothes available from sizes 4-5 to 10-12.

If you would like to come in and look at these items, donated by the Disney Store, please call the agency to schedule a time. We will be scheduling for Tuesday, June 17th – Friday, June 20th.

The items are free, but limited. You must call 301-739-4711 and make a reservation, walk-ins will not be accepted. These items are for program participants only.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 27th Car Rally. The results are in!! Third place went to Big Couple Bert & Kim Maxson and Little Brother Brad Bormann. Board Member Trina Johnson and Little Sister Crystal Robinson received second place and first place was awarded to Big Sister Carol Bradley and Little Sister Kelsey York. Congratulations to all of our winners!!

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

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

It is with great pleasure that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County congratulates Little Sister Ashley Keeney on her graduation from Clear Spring High School. Ashley is the daughter of Sherry Keeney.

Ashley and her Big Sister, Rochelle Hildreth, have been matched for 7 years and during that time they have established a wonderful friendship. Rochelle would like everyone to know how proud she is of Ashley and her accomplishments. She plans to attend Mount Saint Mary's College in the fall to major in Biochemistry.

We wish Ashley the best in everything she does in the future. Also, we thank Rochelle for her years of involvement.

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JULY/AUGUST, 2003

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Martha Blake
Crystal Allison
Angela Crowder
William Stachoviak
David St. Clair
Valerie Wills

8 yrs
6 yrs
4 yrs
4 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Steffy Lewis
Brittney Reed
Ruth Cassidy
Phillip Butcher
Matt Allen
Caitlin Rutherford

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17, 2003.

Crystal Grottoes/Shafer Park
See Attached Flier For Details.

Monday, August 25, 2003.

Summer Vacation Ends – Back To School.

Wednesday, August 27, 2003. 7:00 p.m.

BBBS Board of Directors Meeting.
Agency office.

Monday, September 1, 2003. Labor Day.

Agency office is closed.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

THOMAS MCCAFFERTY/BENJAMIN SEIBERT - Tom is a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Ben on June 17th. Tom is a Dentist at Allegany Dental Care. Ben will be in the 3rd grade at Williamsport Elementary School. He is 8 years old.

DANIEL BLACKSTOCK/ANDREW HALL - Danny is new to our program and was matched to Andrew on June 23rd. Danny is a Sales Associate at Radio Shack. Andrew is 10 years old and will be in the 5th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

NATASHA ARNALL/CRYSTAL ROBINSON - Natasha is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister Crystal Robinson on July 17th. Natasha is a Secretary for Magnolia Square Design. Crystal will be entering 6th grade at Western Heights Middle School. She is 11 years old.

THANK YOU!!!

Our thanks go out to the Exchange Club of Antietam for their donation of Oriole tickets.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Hagerstown for the grant of \$799.00 that was awarded to the agency.

We wish to thank Lou Guerrero for the donation of Baltimore Orioles tickets.

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

We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 & Post 211 for sending seven of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a 2 week camp experience.

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POTPOURRI

We would like to congratulate Little Brother Joshua Taylor-Wilson and his Mother, Brandy Wilson, on the new addition to their family. Jared Tyler was born on June 8th.

Congratulations to Big Sister Kathleen Faulkner and her husband Neil Kaszubski on their July 2nd marriage.

We would like to congratulate Big Couple Jack & Shelli Gest on the birth of their second daughter, Jenna Katherine on July 3rd.

We would like to send a "hope you're feeling better" note out to Casework Supervisor Crystal Davis' husband, Brian as he recovers from his recent surgery.

Congratulations to Big Brother Thomas McCafferty and Board Member Claire Mumma for their graduation of Leadership Hagerstown.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Brother Donnie Saum on his road to a quick recovery.

Basket Bingo

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 3rd 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.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00, (\$15.00 is tax deductible). This price includes 24 games and a meal catered by Leiters'. Each Longaberger basket will have something special inside. There also will be Tip jars, Basket Raffles and 50/50s available for those who attend. Door prizes will be given throughout the event. If you pay for your ticket in advance you will be entered in a drawing for 2 tickets for the October 10-11th bus trip to Dresden, Ohio.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School time will soon be approaching and we have school supplies and some clothing available for the children. Items are book bags, lunch boxes, pencils/pens 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. The appointments will be scheduled for the week of August 11th - August 15th.

Supplies are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

2003 AVERY SNYDER MEMORIAL CAMPSHIP AWARD

Due to the tragic death of six year old Avery Snyder, a campership award was established in Avery's memory. Each year a campership is awarded to a Little Brother and Little Sister in our program at the agency's Picnic/Swim Party.

The 2003 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to LB Kadeem Brim and LS Crystal Robinson.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. This year the children attended Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks.

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2003

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Doug Harnish

Naomi Doucette

Matthew Oberholzer

7 yrs

6 yrs

2 yrs

LB/LS

Zach Morningstar

Kendra Lakefield

Tyree Burnett

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 22, 2003. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 5:00 p.m. Agency office.

Sunday, October 26, 2003. 2:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Bowling Party.
Turner's Dual Lanes. See attached flier.

Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton Four Points Restaurant.
Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, December 3rd – Friday,
December 5th.
W,Th - 4:00 – 6:00, F – 3:00 – 5:00
Disney Shopping Days.

Monday, December 8, 2003, 6:15 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner. Trinity Lutheran Church.
Make plans now to attend.

POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member, Ralph Mauriello on the death of his Father, Nunzio R. Mauriello.

We would like to congratulate Big Brother Andy Stuckey on the purchase of his new home.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member Gary Weaver's wife, Julia, on a continued recovery from her heart surgery.

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Angie Nibert and her husband Jeremy Waechta on their August 16th marriage.

We are glad to hear that Big Brother Skip Frey and his wife Shianna are both feeling better after their recent surgeries.

Congratulations to Big Brother Ed Distad and his wife Bonnie on the arrival of their first grandchild, Becca Nicole Schroyer on July 31st.

We would like to congratulate Big Sister Mary Ellen Waltemire on her recent promotion as Regional Extension Director for the Western Maryland Research and Education Center.

Halloween Costumes

We have a number of Disney Halloween costumes for children. The sizes range from 3 months to 10/12. If your Little needs a costume for this year's Halloween festivities call the agency office at 301-739-4711 to arrange a time to stop by. We will be making the appointments for the week of October 13th – October 17th.

They will be able to look the costumes over, try them on and hopefully find one they like and that fits.

The items are free, but limited. You must call 301-739-4711 and make a reservation, walk-ins will not be accepted. These items are for program participants only.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank the Women's Ministry at Paramount Brethren in Christ Church for their generous donation to the agency of photo albums, disposable cameras, and film.

Thanks to Joann Fillingham for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

We wish to thank Turner Enterprises for donating tickets to the circus.

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Support The United Way!

The 2003 United Way campaign began on Wednesday, August 27, 2003. The goal this year is \$1,846,994. The monies raised will be used to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters and the other 20 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. Give and anything is possible. By your gift, you have the power to change lives, to help families, kids, and those in need!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, October 25, 2003. 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 call the agency office at 301-739-4711 and let us know you can help.

Hope to see you there. After the clean-up, we'll be going to Richard's Diner for breakfast, compliments of the agency.

New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Stacey Lowman to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Stacey is the agency's new Mentor Manager at Eastern Elementary School for our School Based Mentoring Program.

Stacey was born and raised in Westminster, MD. She received her Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Towson University.

She comes to the agency well qualified. She previously worked for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Garrett County as a Case Manager. She set up their lunch buddy program in Garrett County Elementary Schools.

In School Based Mentoring, the mentor meets with his/her Little Brother or Little Sister during the school day for one-half to one hour each week. The match meets in agreed-upon places in the school taking part in activities such as conversation, tutoring and recreation. It's easy, doesn't take a lot of time and really helps a child! Give Stacey a call if you want to volunteer or know someone she should call.

Web Page/New Email Address

We've made it to the 21st Century - our agency web page is now online!

With the cooperation and help of Mid Atlantic System Integrators, our new web page can be found at www.bbbswcmd.org.

Also, to those of you who use email to communicate with us, our new email address is: mentor@bbbswcmd.org. Please note this change in your address book.

If we do not have your email address, please send it to us to allow easier and quicker communication.

If you have a couple of minutes go check out our web site and let us know what you think. Look forward to receiving all of your emails!

Canines On The Canal

On Saturday, October 18th the Humane Society will be holding their seventh annual dog walk and day of fun at the C&O Canal National Historic Park at the Cushwa Basin in Williamsport to benefit the homeless animals living at the shelter. You and your dog(s) are invited to join the fun, which kicks off at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast, registration, contest sign-up, starting line activities, and a morning walk along the canal, followed by exciting games, prizes, demonstrations and exhibits. If you are interested in this event please contact the Humane Society of Washington County at 301-733-2060 to obtain more information and your pledge sheets.

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Kelsey York
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Board of Directors' Meeting, Agency Office.

POTPOURRI

Congratulations to Big Couple Mark & Angie Singer on the birth of their second daughter, Abigail Grace.

Our sympathies go out to Board Member Gary Weaver on the recent deaths of his father-in-law and uncle.

Congratulations to LB Zach Morningstar for making the distinguished honor roll. Keep up the good work!

Our thoughts and prayers are with former Big Brother Charlie Rowe as he recovers from his recent heart surgery.

We would like to congratulate Board President Kelli Lawrence on her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President at Fidelity Bank.

NEW MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Teams:

Bill Stachoviak/Clayton Turner – Bill was matched to his second Little Brother, Clayton, on October 6, 2003. Bill works for the Washington County Planning Department as a Park and Environmental Planner. Clayton is in the 4th grade at Pangborn Elementary School and he is 9 years old.

Donnie & Angie Cross/Timothy Ferguson – Donnie and Angie have been in the program since January, 2002. They were matched to their new Little Brother, Timothy, on October 21st. Donnie is a Forklift Operator at Save-A-Lot Food Warehouse and Angie is a Program Analyst for the IRS. Timothy is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Winter Street Elementary School.

Gretchen Shibley/Alisha Singer – Gretchen is a newcomer to the program. She met her Little Sister, Alisha, on October 13th. Gretchen is a Customer Service Representative at F&M Bank. Alisha is a 3rd grader at Clear Spring Elementary School. She is 9 years old.

Office Closing

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1st.

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

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

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THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank Tom Breidenstein, Tiffany Childers, Amber Smith, Jessy Faith, Bob McKee and Roger Shank for participating in the October 25th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

We would like to thank Mr. William Christoffel for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

We wish to thank the Tri-State Ravens Nest 12 for donating tickets to the Alsatia Mummies' Parade.

We would like to thank Ralph and Judy Conrad for their donation of school supplies.

Big Brother Big Sister Awards Presented

At the 2003 Annual Dinner Meeting, Crystal Davis presented the Meyer Berkson Award to Big Brother of the Year Doug Harnish and the Alice Sencindiver Award to Big Sister of the Year Barbie Harshman.

Doug has been matched to Zach for 7 years. From the start of their match they bonded like true brothers. Whether they are fishing, skiing, rock climbing or just hanging out at Doug's house, they have been able to develop a close friendship. Doug continues to share his time, his experiences and his life with Zach.

Barbie has been matched with Kim for almost 5 years. Barbie has always given Kim strong support with her school work and continues to provide the help necessary so that she will succeed in her educational efforts. Barbie continues to be the friend who offers advice, the friend who has a shoulder to lean on and the friend who offers a listening ear. They share a special bond of friendship as a result of Barbie taking the time to share her life.

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 Doug and Barbie on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Zach and Kim.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

In his years on the Board, he chaired the FOP Carnival Bingo Tent for four years, chairs the Planning and Evaluation Committee and also serves as the agency's 2nd Vice President. He fully supports our Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraising event by underwriting the cost of the BFKS giveaway cups each year. He always takes his turn with our Adopt-A-Highway project.

Increasing his involvement in the program, last year he volunteered to be a mentor to a kindergarten student at Eastern Elementary in the School Based Mentoring program. He really enjoyed working with the little fellow, but unfortunately the little guy moved. This year he has been matched with a 4th grader and makes the time to go weekly to visit with Josh.

His involvement in Big Brothers Big Sisters goes well above and beyond the call of duty. We are truly blessed to know him and benefit from his strong support of the program and the children we serve.

Thanks for everything Tom and congratulations!!!