

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2004

NEWSLETTER

STACEY GARVIN, EDITOR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Mark & Angie Singer
Anna Cross
Ashley Funk
Steve Frame
Donald Jacot

8 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Burnett
Brittney Moats
Tasheena Landaker
Bryan & Justin York
Jaleen Williams

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 24, 2004. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, February 25, 2004. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office.

Sunday, March 28, 2004. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual Highway.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

MATTHEW PAIGE/CASEY GREEN - Matthew is a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Casey on December 15th. Matthew is a Corporate Lab Services Manager for U. S. Silica Company. Casey is 13 years old and attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

COLLEEN KELLEY/STEPHANE REED - Colleen is new to our program and was matched to Stephane on December 30th. Colleen is a Collection Specialist at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Stephane is a 5th grader at Hickory Elementary School. She is 11 years old.

DAVID COLLINS/JUSTIN NESTOR - David is also new to the program. He met his Little Brother, Justin, on January 27, 2004. David works at the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation as a Safety Compliance Officer. Justin is a 6th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He is 11 years old.

FRED SMITH/JONATHAN CRAWFORD - Fred was matched to his second Little Brother, Jonathan, on January 29, 2004. Fred is the Office Manager at Blue Seal Feeds. Jonathan is 7 years old and is in the 1st grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School.

ERICKA DUVAL/LATASHA MOATS - Ericka is also new to our program and was matched to Latasha on February 5th. Ericka works at Citicorp as a Roadside Specialist/Watchguard. Latasha attends 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary School. She is 10 years old.

POTPOURRI

We would like to congratulate Big Sister Angie Waechter for recently winning the Abe Pollin Award for outstanding dedication to the community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Big Brother Jack Gest as he recovers from his recent knee surgery.

Congratulations to Board Member Ralph Mauriello on the birth of his first granddaughter, Amelya Danae Mauriello on January 6, 2004.

Our sympathies go out to Board Member Ken Graber and his wife, Sandy, on the death of her Mother, Thelma Pryor.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank M & M Accounting, Mr. & Mrs. Luther Sweigert, Col. Wayne Taylor, Dr. Beth Beckner and Michael Spickler 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 Rose Hill Cemetery of Hagerstown for their generous contribution to our program.
- We wish to thank Big Couple Roger & Robin Shank 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 wish to thank Brad Pingrey and M & T Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Pops! Concert.
- We wish to thank 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.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 20th 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 28, 2004 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 March 30th 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 28th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '04 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 19, 2004 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 97.5.

Match Contacts

We know that some of you are extremely busy, but it is very important that you maintain regular contact with Crystal about your match. If it is easier for you to do your update via email, please be sure that we have your email address. Our email address is mentor@bbbswcmd.org . Thank You!!

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March/April, 2004

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MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Maryglenn Bare
Barbie Harshman
Rick Harshman
Ed Distad
Mary Ellen Waltemire
James Maples
Roger & Robin Shank

7 yrs
5 yrs
5 yrs
3 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Allison Keeney
Kimberly Kendrick
Jeremiah Harris
Michael Landaker
Britney Hose
R. J. Winston
Jessy Faith

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25, 2004. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Agency Office.

Wednesday, June 23, 2004, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park –
Pavilion One. Mark Your Calendar Now!

POTPOURRI

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother David St. Clair and his wife, Angela, who were married on February 14, 2004.

Congratulations to Board Member and School Based Mentor Elaine Rose on being selected as Employee of the Month at the Washington County Health Department.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Big Brother David St. Clair and his wife, Angela, on the death of Angela's father.

Congratulations to Big Sister Angie Crowder and her husband, Todd, on the birth of their first daughter, Jillian Marie.

Our sympathy goes to Joan Dawson and the family on the recent death of Palmer Dawson, a strong supporter and past president of the agency.

Congratulations to Little Sister Britney Hose for making the honor roll. Keep up the good work!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, May 1, 2004. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 10:30 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 16th, so that we may R.S.V.P.



New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

JENNY COLEMAN/TORIANA PYRON - Jenny has been in our program since 1993. On February 19th, she was matched to Tori. Jenny is a Reading Teacher at Smithsburg Middle School. Tori is 8 years old and attends 2nd grade at Emma K. Doub Elementary School.

JANET SLACK/BRANDY FAITH - Janet is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Brandy on March 1st. Janet is employed at Citicorp as an Accounting Manager. Brandy is 7 years old. She attends Paramount Elementary School and is in the 1st grade.

JOHN JOLICOEUR/DYLAN MORGAN - John is new to our program and was matched to Dylan on March 3rd. John is a Shift Supervisor at Amcor Stevens. Dylan is a 1st grader at Winter Street Elementary School. He is 7 years old.

ROBIN MANCARUSO/LAUREN DENOTO - Robin is also new to our program. She was matched to Lauren on March 4, 2004. Robin is a Dental Hygienist at Drs. Rudman & Kane. Lauren is 13 years old and is in the 7th grade at Springfield Middle School.

LEA BIKLE/KAYLA GERHOLD - Lea is new to our program and she met her Little Sister, Kayla, on April 5th. Lea works for the Board of Education as a Substitute Teacher. Kayla attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School. She is in the 7th grade and is 13 years old.

MYRA NUICE/AUTUMN MUNDY - Myra is also a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Autumn on April 12, 2004. Myra works for the Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Autumn is 12 years old. She attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 20th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a huge success! Bowlers who participated raised \$30,000 of the approximate \$47,000 total that was raised.

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, April 3, 2005.

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

Suns Tickets

The office currently has Hagerstown Suns general admission tickets good for any 2004 home 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.

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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MAY/JUNE, 2004

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MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Skip Frey
Jack & Shelli Gest
June Mellott
Andy Stuckey
Mike & Melanie Rowe
Quoc Nguyen
Tom McCafferty
Daniel Blackstock

7 yrs
7 yrs
3 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Springer
Michael Mack
Keiana Hardman
Philip Rodriguez
Kevin Young
Mason Burnett
Ben Seibert
Andrew Hall

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 23, 2004. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, June 23, 2004. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic)

Sunday, August 15th, BBBS Basket Bingo.

Hagerstown Elk Lodge No. 378

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.

Call the agency to reserve your tickets now!

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAM:

FRANK NUICE/KADEEM BRIM - Frank is a newcomer to the program. He was matched to Kadeem on April 16th. Frank is a Radio Technician for the City of Hagerstown. Kadeem attends 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He is 12 years old.

New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Tracy Mumma to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Tracy is the agency's new Mentor Manager for our School Based Mentoring Program.

Tracy was born and raised in Hagerstown, graduating from North Hagerstown High School in 1989. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shepherd College, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

She comes to the agency well qualified. For the past five years she has been a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Associate II at the Mental Health Center of Western Maryland. While employed there she helped implement a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program at Western Heights Middle School.

We're pleased to have Tracy with us and know she will do an excellent job growing our School Based Mentoring Program at Eastern Elementary and expanding the program into Pangborn Elementary and E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

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POTPOURRI

We would like to congratulate Big Sister Ashley Funk on achieving her AA degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State Mont Alto.

Congratulations and best wishes to Office Manager Stacey Garvin and her husband Brian Keefer on their April 23rd marriage.

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 Philip Groves and Lou Guerrero for the donation of Baltimore Orioles tickets.

Our thanks go out to Alice Sencindiver for her contribution to the agency.

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

We wish to thank Jenny Coleman, Steve Frame, Ken Graber, Raymond Holton, Bob McKee, Tori Pyron, Bryan York and Justin York for participating in the May 1st Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

We would like to thank James Speicher and Lutheran Gospel Mission for their donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

Thank you to the Western Maryland Troopers Association for donating tickets to the Kelly Miller Circus.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 25th Car Rally. The results are in!! Third place went to Big Sister Janet Slack and Little Sister Brandy Faith. Big Sister Carol Bradley and Little Sister Kelsey York received second place and first place was awarded to Executive Director Bob McKee and Little Brother Mathew Day. 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 GRADUATES

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

Little Sister Steffy Lewis will be graduating from Boonsboro High School. She has been matched to Big Sister Marty Blake for 8 years.

Little Brother Zach Morningstar will be graduating from Washington County Technical High School. He has been matched to Big Brother Doug Harnish for 7 years.

Little Sister Trisha Faith will be graduating from Clear Spring High School. She has been matched to Big Sister Angie Waechter for 7 years.

Little Sister Holly Yost will be graduating from Clear Spring High School. She has been matched to Big Sister Mary Shirley for 5 years.

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

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JULY/AUGUST, 2004

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JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Crystal Allison	7 yrs
Angela Crowder	5 yrs
David St. Clair	2 yrs
Valerie Wills	2 yrs
Natasha Arnall	1 yr.

LB/LS

Brittney Reed
Ruth Cassidy
Matt Allen
Caitlin Rutherford
Crystal Robinson

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 19, 2004. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

BBBS Swim Night/Potterfield Pool
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Summer Vacation Ends – Back To School.

Wednesday, August 25, 2004. 7:00 p.m.

BBBS Board of Directors Meeting.
Agency office.

Monday, September 6, 2004. Labor Day.

Agency office is closed.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAM:

ERICA HARTLEY/ALISHA SINGER - Erica is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Alisha on June 22, 2004. Erica is a student at Shippensburg University. Alisha will be in the 4th grade at Clear Spring Elementary School. She is 10 years old.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Hagerstown for the grant of \$840.00 that was awarded to the agency. Our thanks go out to Ed Distad for his generous donation made to the program toward the Avery Snyder Memorial Camperships.

We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 for sending five of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a two week summer camp experience.

We wish to thank LongHorn SteakHouse for their generous donation to the agency.

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 Wednesday, August 18th – Friday, August 20th. Supplies are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

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Basket Bingo

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding a Basket Bingo fund raiser on August 15th at the Hagerstown Elks Lodge No. 378. 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. 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 November 5-6th 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 BASED MENTORING

A new school year is just around the corner, and our School-Based Mentoring program is preparing to expand! This school year, we will continue to serve Eastern Elementary School. In addition, Pangborn Elementary School and E. Russell Hicks Middle School will be joining the band wagon.

We want this school year to be a success in attempts to provide positive mentors for the students. If you are interested in becoming a School-Based Mentor, or know someone who is interested, please contact Tracy at 301-739-4711. Questions and/or concerns about the program are welcome.

You only have to give 45-60 minutes per week in order to make a positive impact in the life of a child in need of support. Wouldn't you like to be that special someone who takes a part in helping a child to experience success? The effects are everlasting!

Best wishes for a wonderful 2004/2005 school year! We look forward to new Mentors coming aboard our program! A special thank you is also sent to those School-Based Mentors already involved! Great work and we look forward to another year of new accomplishments!

2004 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 2004 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to LB Jonathan Crawford and LS Brittney Moats.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. The children will attend Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks this summer.

Frederick Keys Tickets Available

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Frederick County has invited us to join them for a Big Brothers Big Sisters Night with the Frederick Keys! They're taking on the Potomac Cannons. The game will take place at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick, Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:05 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call the agency at 301-739-4711. Tickets are FREE and offered on a first come first serve basis.

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2004

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Naomi Doucette
Bill Stachoviak

7 yrs
1 yr.

LB/LS

Kendra Lakefield
Clayton Turner

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24, 2004. 2:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Bowling Party
Turner's Dual Lanes. See attached flier.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004. Board of Directors'
Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Agency office.

Saturday, November 6, 2004. 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Agency New Office Open House.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton Four Points
Restaurant. Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, December 1st – Friday, December 3rd.
W, Th – 3:00 – 6:00, F – 3:00 – 5:00
Disney Shopping Days.

Monday, December 6, 2004, 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 Matti Socks and her children, Mike, Tasheena and Djuan on the death of her daughter, and their sister, April Shumaker.

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother Andy Morgan and his wife, Melinda, who were married on July 3, 2004.

Congratulations to Big Brother Tom McCafferty and his wife, Sarma, on the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Elena McCafferty on August 7, 2004.

Our sympathies go out to Big Sister Janet Slack on the death of her mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with School Based Mentor/Board Member Tom Breidenstein as he recovers from his recent knee surgery.

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 Wednesday, October 20th – Friday, October 22nd.

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 Wendy Avey, Jerry Hammond, the L. L. Bean Outlet Store and the Disney store in the Francis Scott Key Mall for their donations of school supplies to the agency.

We wish to thank John Jolicoeur for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, October 30, 2004. 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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The Agency Has Moved!

As of Friday, October 1st the agency has officially moved. Our new "home" is now at 1135 Virginia Avenue, which is located on the corner of Marion Street and Virginia Avenue. Our telephone number remains the same (301-739-4711).

We do need to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anybody trying to get a hold of us during this time. We had problems getting the phone lines connected in our new building and we were without phones for almost a week. But now we are up and running and if you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and see us. We now have plenty of free parking available for visitors.

We have scheduled an Open House for November 6, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. So if you can't come out before, please come celebrate with us on Nov. 6th.

Support The United Way!

The 2004 United Way campaign began on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. The goal this year is \$1,600,000. 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!

New Community Based Matches

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams.

Kathy Stanton/Katie Shields – Kathy is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Katie on August 20, 2004. Kathy is a homemaker. Katie is in the 3rd grade at Winter Street Elementary School. She is 8 years old.

James Maples/Mathew Day – James was matched to his second Little Brother, Mathew, on September 20, 2004. James is a Courier for FedEx. Mathew is 11 years old and is a 5th grader at Conococheague Elementary School.

Judy Sterling/Doris Barnard – Judy is also new to the program. She met her Little Sister, Doris, on September 24th. Judy is the Controller for Hagerstown Ford. Doris is 12 years old. She attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

New School-Based Matches

With the beginning of a new school year, many of our mentors have returned to continue working with their previously matched Littles. Please welcome back the following Big and Little teams.

Tom Breidenstein/Josh Horton – Tom was re-matched to Josh on September 14th. Tom is an Insurance Agent with State Farm Insurance Company. Josh is in 5th grade at Eastern Elementary School. Josh is 9 years old.

Elaine Rose/Kyle Knight – Elaine was re-matched to Kyle on September 14th. Elaine is an Administrative Specialist at the Washington County Health Department. Kyle is 6 years old and is in the 1st grade at Eastern Elementary School.

Kelli Lawrence/Leah Colvin – Kelli was re-matched to Leah on September 14th. Kelli is the Branch Manager at Fidelity Bank. Leah is in the 3rd grade at Eastern Elementary. She is 8 years old.

Trina Johnson/Keifer Smelgus – Trina was re-matched to Keifer on September 17th. Trina is the Director of the Hagerstown Day Nursery. Keifer is 7 years old and attends 2nd grade at Eastern Elementary.

Charla Istenes/Brianna Moore – Charla was re-matched to Brianna on September 28th. Charla is Self-Employed. Brianna is in the 3rd grade at Eastern Elementary. Brianna is 9 years old.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2004

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Carol Bradley
Aaron Nave
Matthew Paige
Colleen Kelley

2 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LBLS

Kelsey York
Ryan Hodge
Casey Green
Stephane Reed

CALENDAR

Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, December 1st – Friday, December 3rd.

Wednesday & Thursday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.,

Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Monday, December 6, 2004, 6:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Annual Christmas Dinner. Trinity Lutheran Church.

SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Wednesday, December 15, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, Agency Office.

POTPOURRI

Congratulations to Little Brothers Michael Mack and Curtis Evans and their Mother, Monique Evans, on the purchase of their first home.

Congratulations to Board Member Raymond Holton on the birth of his grandson, Raymond David Holton on October 13, 2004.

Office Closing

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

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22nd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3rd.

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

THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank Jenny Coleman, Raymond Holton, Elaine Rose and Bob McKee for participating in the October 30^h Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

We would like to thank Mrs. Kathy Stiles for being the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner.

We wish to thank Hagerstown Trust and Staples for donating school supplies to the agency.

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

We wish to thank Big Couple Roger & Robin Shank for donating two Thanksgiving turkeys to families in our program.

We would like to thank John & Margery Ziegler, Gold Bond Ice Cream and Ronald Myers for their generous donations.

SYMPHONY TICKETS

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 4 tickets for each of their Angel Series shows held on the following Sundays: February 14th, April 3rd, and May 1st, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in going to see the Orchestra, please call the agency at 301-739-4711 to obtain tickets.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the Board of Directors were elected at the November Annual Dinner Meeting. Serving the agency in 2005 will be Gary Weaver, President; Claire Mumma, 1st Vice President; Elaine Rose, 2nd Vice President; Jenny Coleman, Secretary; and Ken Graber, Treasurer. If any of these officers call upon you for assistance, PLEASE say YES!

25 Years of Excellent Service

Bob McKee, Executive Director, was recognized at the Annual Dinner for his longtime dedicated service. Bob started with the agency August 1, 1979. He has made a positive impact in the lives of many individuals. Anyone who has met him knows he is a man of wit, humor and a wealth of knowledge.

He has made the agency into a positive resource for the community. He has put in countless hours throughout the years and continues to help when and where needed.

We salute Bob for all of his dedication and service! Thanks Bob!!!



NEW COMMUNITY-BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Team:

Theresa Falcone/Antoinette Socks – Theresa is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Antoinette on November 18th. Theresa works for CTX Mortgage Company as a Loan Officer. Antoinette is in the 1st grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School and she is 6 years old.

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following new matches:

Jocelyn Mojica/Jazzlyn Molloy – Jocelyn was matched to Jazzlyn on October 21, 2004. Jocelyn is a Student at Hagerstown Community College. Jazzlyn is a 3rd grader at Pangborn Elementary School.

Gregg DeLauney/Chad Feigley – Gregg was matched to Chad on October 26, 2004. Gregg is the General Manager for B. P. Lesky Distributing Company. Chad is in the 5th grade at Eastern Elementary School.

Verna Brown/Alyssa House – Verna was matched to Alyssa on October 26, 2004. Verna is a Management Coordinator for Washington County Emergency Services. Alyssa is a 2nd grader at Eastern Elementary School.

Cindy Kalkbrenner/Mariah Tucker – Cindy met Mariah on October 28th. Cindy is in the field of Marketing. Mariah attends Eastern Elementary and she is in the 1st grade.

Sonja Hoover/Diva Bowman – Sonja met Diva on November 5th. Sonja works for the Economic Development Commission as a Fiscal/Research Specialist. Diva is in the 1st grade at Eastern Elementary.

Joe Fox/Cortland Williams – Joe and Cortland were matched on November 10, 2004. Joe is a Student at Hagerstown Community College. Cortland attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He is in the 7th grade.

Mark Singer/Dylan May – Mark was matched to Dylan on November 11th. Mark is the Criminal Justice Program Director for the Hagerstown Business College. Dylan is in the 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Gary Naugle/Alex Moore – Gary met his new Little Brother, Alex, on November 15, 2004. Gary is retired. Alex goes to school at Eastern Elementary. He is in the 4th grade.

James Twyman/Kyle Bowens – James met Kyle on November 15th at Eastern Elementary School. Kyle is in the 4th grade.

Melissa Mishler/Ieshia Hamilton – Melissa and Ieshia met on November 16, 2004. Melissa is a Secretary for the Washington County Health Department. Ieshia attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 3rd grade.

Lois Dreisbach/Destiny Seal – Lois and Destiny were matched on November 18, 2004. Lois works for the Washington County Health Department as a Secretary. Destiny is in the 5th grade at Pangborn Elementary.

Big Brother Big Sister Awards Presented

At the 2004 Annual Dinner Meeting, Crystal Davis presented the Meyer Berkson Award to Big Brother of the Year Ed Distad and the Alice Sencindiver Award to Big Sister of the Year Crystal Allison.

Ed has been involved in the program for 18 years and matched to his most recent Little Brother, Michael, for 4 years. Whether they are attending ball games, group activities or watching movies they always seem to have a good time. Ed has opened not only his heart but his home and has included Michael into his own family.

Crystal has been matched with Brittany for 7 years. Whether they have gone to the park, horseback riding, or just hanging out at Crystal's house, they enjoy their time together. They have spent time cooking meals for themselves and others, all the while their bond of friendship continues to grow.

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 Ed and Crystal on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Michael and Brittany.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

Ken was elected to the Board of Directors of the Big Brothers of Washington County in 1982 and began six consecutive years of service as the agency's Treasurer. He also served each of those years as one of the agency's representatives on the joint Bowl For Kids' Sake Committee.

In 1988, he left the Board of Directors, but continued to support the program by doing the agency's IRS 990 and annual audit each year.

In 1998, he returned to the Board of Directors of the merged Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County again as the agency's Treasurer. He has now served an additional seven consecutive years as Treasurer and was elected for an eighth year that evening. As Treasurer, he is responsible for the oversight of the agency's funds and preparation of the monthly financial statements.

Ken always takes his turn with the agency's Adopt-A-Highway project and helps with the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser.

Thanks for everything Ken and congratulations!!!

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2005

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Mark & Angie Singer	9 yrs
Ashley Funk	2 yrs
Steve Frame	2 yrs
Dave Collins	1 yr.
Ericka DuVall	1 yr.
Jenny Coleman	1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Burnett
Tasheena Landaker
Bryan & Justin York
Justin Nestor
Latasha Moats
Tori Pyron

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 15, 2005. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink.
See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, February 23, 2005. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting
Agency office.

Sunday, April 3, 2005. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual Highway.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

TOM BREIDENSTEIN/JOSH HORTON - Tom and Josh were initially matched in the School-Based program and transferred over to the Community Based program on December 7, 2004. Tom is an Insurance Agent with State Farm Insurance Company. Josh is 10 years old and attends 5th grade at Bester Elementary School.

BILL & MARION TAYLOR/JONATHAN CRAWFORD - Bill & Marion are new to the program. They were matched to Jonathan on January 13th. Bill is a Correctional Officer at MCTC and Marion is a Nursing Assistant at MCI. Jonathan is a 2nd grader at Lincolnshire Elementary School. He is 8 years old.

P. J. HISER/DJUAN SOCKS - P. J. is also new to the program. He met his Little Brother, Djuan, on January 14, 2005. P. J. is a Baseball Player for the Cleveland Indians. Djuan attends 3rd grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School. He is 8 years old.

MYRA NUICE/TAYAI SCOTT - Myra was matched to her second Little Sister, Tayai, on January 17, 2005. Myra works for the Washington County Association for Retired Citizens as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Tayai is 9 years old. She attends 4th grade at Hickory Elementary School.

POTPOURRI

We would like to congratulate Little Brother Michael Landaker on receiving the STARS Award for outstanding academic achievement at Williamsport High School.

We express our sincere sympathy to School Based Mentor Cindy Kalkbrenner on the death of her mother.

Congratulations to School Based Mentor Holly Luther on the birth of her son, Addison James Luther, on November 18, 2004.

Our sympathies go out to Big Sister Maryglenn Bare on the death of her father.

Congratulations to Little Brother Chad Feigley on being selected Good Citizen of the Month for November at Eastern Elementary School.

We would like to send a "hope you're feeling better" note out to School Based Mentor Kelli Lawrence. Get Well, Kelli!

We would like to congratulate Little Brothers Ricky Springer and Michael Landaker for making the honor roll. Good Job Guys!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to School Based Mentor Sonja Hoover on the recent death of her grandmother.

MATCH EVALUATIONS

As part of our evaluation for the Community-Based program, yearly assessment forms are sent to both Volunteers and Parents at the anniversary date of the child's match. These forms help to identify for the agency not only the effectiveness of each match, but also provide useful information in requesting funding for the agency. When you receive your questionnaire in the mail it is very important that you return it to the agency by the deadline given to you in the letter. Without these reports we are not able to comply with our National standards. If you have any questions about these forms or need help completing them please call Crystal at the agency, 301-739-4711.

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THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Luther Sweigert, Col. Wayne Taylor, Dr. Beth Beckner, and Allegany Dental Care for their generous donations.
- We would like to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner this year.
- Thank you to State Line United Methodist Church Coffee House for their generous contribution to our program.
- We wish to thank Big Couple Roger & Robin Shank for donating a computer to a family in our program.
- We wish to thank M & T Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Pops! Concert.
- We wish to thank 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 wish to thank Denny & Kathy Whittington for removing the snow from our parking lot.

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following new matches:

Ronald Keyser/Jeremy Spikes – Ron was matched to Jeremy on December 1, 2004. Ron is a Physician/Clinical Specialist at the Washington County Health Department. Jeremy is a 1st grader at Eastern Elementary School.

Wendy Avey/Stephanie Hetzer – Wendy was matched to Stephanie on December 2, 2004. Wendy is the Store Manager at L. L. Bean Outlet. Stephanie is in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Sylvia Burtner/Kristen Dunn – Sylvia was matched to Kristen on December 6, 2004. Sylvia is a Retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Kristen is an 8th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Rod MacRae/Larry Oden – Rod met Larry on December 13th. Rod is a Public Information Officer for the Washington County Health Department. Larry attends Pangborn Elementary and he is in the 4th grade.

Drew Sollenberger/Marshall Walker – Drew met Marshall on December 20th. Drew works at Citicorp as a Fraud Representative. Marshall is in the 2nd grade at Eastern Elementary.

Kay Hoffman/Samantha Cox – Kay and Samantha were matched on December 21, 2004. Kay is the Director of Development for Brook Lane Health Services. Samantha attends Pangborn Elementary School. She is in the 5th grade.

Art Callaham/Steven Danner – Art was matched to Steven on January 11th. Art is the Director for the Greater Hagerstown Committee, Inc. Steven is in the 5th grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

Victoria Crowe/Carrie Branham – Victoria met her new Little Sister, Carrie, on January 13, 2005. Victoria works at The Growing Tree as a Teaching Assistant. Carrie goes to school at Pangborn Elementary School. She is in the 1st grade.

Tiffanie Gelvin/Ashley Jenkins – Tiffanie met Ashley on January 19th at Pangborn Elementary School. Ashley is in the 3rd grade. Tiffanie is employed at Waypoint Bank as a Credit Analyst.

Staci Clipp/Antonio Norris – Staci and Antonio met on January 24, 2005. Staci is employed with Home Depot as a Cashier. Antonio attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 4th grade.

Vincent Kenney/George Cummings – Vincent and George were matched on January 24, 2005. Vincent is the President for Citywide Communications, Inc. George is in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Bonnie Blandford/Brittany Buffington – Bonnie met Brittany on January 27th. Bonnie is a Registered Nurse for Adventist Healthcare. Brittany attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School and she is in the 8th grade.

Dwayne Freeman/Kyle Hewlett – Dwayne met Kyle on January 31st at Pangborn Elementary School. Kyle is in the 4th grade. Dwayne is a Police Officer for the Hagerstown Police Department.

Dwayne Freeman/Tyree Grantham – Dwayne also met Tyree on January 31st. Kyle attends 5th grade at Eastern Elementary School.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 21st 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 3, 2005 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 6th 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 April 3rd for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '05 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711.

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March/April, 2005

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MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Maryglenn Bare	8 yrs
Barbie Harshman	6 yrs
Rick Harshman	6 yrs
Ed Distad	4 yrs
Mary Ellen Waltemire	3 yrs
Roger & Robin Shank	2 yrs
Janet Slack	1 yr.
John Jolicoeur	1 yr.
Lea Bikle	1 yr.
Frank Nuice	1 yr.

LB/LS

Allison Keeney
Kimberly Kendrick
Jeremiah Harris
Michael Landaker
Britney Hose
Jessy Faith
Brandy Faith
Dylan Morgan
Kayla Gerhold
Kadeem Brim

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24, 2005. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, April 27, 2005. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Agency Office.

Wednesday, June 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park –
Pavilion One. Mark Your Calendar Now!

POTPOURRI

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother Aaron Nave and his wife, Windy, who were married in February.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member Jo Ann Plum, on the death of her sister.

Congratulations to Big Brother P. J. Hiser and his girlfriend, Ashley, on the birth of their first son, Camden Charles, on March 4th.

Our sympathy goes to School Based Mentor, James Twyman, on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to School Based Mentor, Art Callahan, on receiving the 2005 Jesse L. Kagle, Jr. Service Award at the United Way Annual Meeting on March 24th.

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Holly Luther/Daviontae Keys – Holly was matched to Daviontae on February 4, 2005. Holly works for the Washington County Health Department as a Coordinator for Special Programs. Daviontae is a 2nd grader at Pangborn Elementary.

Susan Parks/Roshelle Holman – Susan was matched to Roshelle on February 14th. Susan is the Director of Community Health Nursing at the Washington County Health Department. Roshelle attends 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Joe Dill/Derek Brown – Joe met his new Little Brother, Derek on February 15, 2005. Joe is retired. Derek is in the 8th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Audrey Maass/Courtney Colley – Audrey and Courtney met on February 22nd. Audrey is a student at Hood College and works as a Nursery Care Provider for Salem United Methodist Church. Courtney goes to E. Russell Hicks Middle School. She is in the 6th grade.

Rebecca Cooper/Lisa McManus – Becky met Lisa on March 21st at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Lisa is in the 8th grade.

James Marshall/Nick Head – James and Nick were matched on March 22, 2005. James is retired. Nick is in the 8th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Kathy Geer/Michael Cohick – Kathy was matched to Michael on March 22nd. Kathy is retired. Michael attends Eastern Elementary School and he is in the 5th grade.

Ronald Keyser/Anthony Hull – Ron met his new Little Brother, Anthony, at Eastern Elementary School on March 23rd. Ron is a Physician/Clinical Specialist at the Washington County Health Department. Anthony is in the 4th grade.

Rod MacRae/Gino DiCola – Rod and Gino met on April 11, 2005. Rod is the Public Information Officer for the Washington County Health Department. Gino is in the 4th grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

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New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

David St. Clair/Blake Lyles - David was matched to his third Little Brother, Blake on February 3rd. David is an Auditor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company. Blake is 11 years old and attends 5th grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

Catherine Cataldo/Brittney Moats - Caitie is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Brittney on February 17th. Caitie is a French/Spanish Teacher at Saint James School. Brittney is 10 years old. She attends Winter Street Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade.

Mary Rogers/Samantha Stanton - Mary was matched to Samantha on February 21st. Mary is a 2nd Grade Teacher with the Frederick County Public School System. Samantha is in the 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary School. She is 9 years old.

Melinda Morgan/Tiffany Burke - Mindy met her Little Sister, Tiffany, on February 25th. Mindy is a CSI Case Manager at Way Station, Inc. Tiffany is 13 years old and is in the 7th grade at Northern Middle School.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 21st annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a huge success! Bowlers who participated raised \$26,000 of the approximate \$45,000 total that was raised.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Verna Brown, Acting 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 Bowl For Kids' Sake, contact the agency office at 301-739-4711. Next year's event will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2006.

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

Suns Tickets

The office currently has Hagerstown Suns general admission tickets good for almost any 2005 home 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.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual Skate Party.

Our thanks go out to Clif Barnhart for clearing off the snow from our parking lot.

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

We wish to thank Lutheran Gospel Mission for donating Hagerstown Suns tickets to the agency.

Adopt-A-Highway

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 30, 2005. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little team 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.

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

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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MAY/JUNE, 2005

NEWSLETTER

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MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Skip Frey
Jack & Shelli Gest
June Mellott
Andy Morgan
Mike & Melanie Rowe
Tom McCafferty

8 yrs

8 yrs

4 yrs

3 yrs

3 yrs

2 yrs

LB/LS

Ricky Springer
Michael Mack
Keiana Hardman
Philip Rodriquez
Kevin Young
Ben Seibert

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 22, 2005. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Monday, July 4, 2005. Fourth of July.
Agency office closed.

Wednesday, June 22, 2005. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic)
Board guest will be United Way
Executive Director, Dale Bannon.

Wednesday, August 17, 2005.
Hagerstown Suns Game/Kids' Night
Game Starts at 7:05 p.m. at Municipal Stadium
SEE ATTACHED FLIER

New School-Based Matches

JEAN HOLLIWAY/ANGALEIGH INGRAM - Jean was matched to Angaleigh on April 13, 2005. Angaleigh is a 6th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

JOYCE BAILEY/SCOTT RAUTIO - Joyce and Scott met on April 13, 2005. Joyce attends Hagerstown Community College. Scott is in the 2nd grade at Pangborn Elementary.

MARTY BLAKE/JESSCOYIA KLINE - Marty and Jesscoyia were matched on April 22nd. Marty is a Dental Hygienist. Jesscoyia attends Eastern Elementary and is in the 1st grade.

SCOTT DAVIS/JORDAN BILLMAN - Scott was matched to Jordan on May 11, 2005. Scott is the President of Stine Davis & Peck Insurance. Jordan is in the 3rd grade at Eastern Elementary.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 24th Car Rally. The results are in!! Third place went to Big Sister Maryglenn Bare and Little Sister Allison Keeney. Big Sister Carol Bradley and Little Sister Kelsey York received second place and first place was awarded to Executive Director Bob McKee and Little Brother Andre Pierre. Congratulations to all of our winners!!

A special thank you goes out to Board Members Raymond Holton and Elaine Rose for giving their time to plan and organize the Car Rally activity.

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POTPOURRI

We would like to congratulate Little Brother Philip Rodriquez on his induction into the South Hagerstown High School Honor Club.

Our sympathy goes to School Based Mentor, Melissa Mishler, on the death of her aunt.

Congratulations to School Based Mentor/Board Member Trina Johnson on receiving the WJEJ Good Neighbor on Friday, May 27, 2005, recognizing her for 20 years at Hagerstown Day Nursery.

We would like to congratulate Little Sister Leah Colvin on achieving the honor roll for the 3rd marking period.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank James Speicher for his donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

We wish to thank Big Sister Mary Rogers on her donation of a picnic table to the agency.

We would like to thank Hub Labels, Inc. for sponsoring an ad for the agency in Hagerstown Magazine.

Camping Trip???

It has been brought to our attention that there may be some interest in having another camping trip which happened in August each year. We would like to determine the level of interest for such an activity. The current thought is for the agency to secure a site (Yogi Bear Campground) for a specific weekend and allow those who want the opportunity to camp together. Please contact the agency office by the end of June if you think you would like to go camping in August with others from 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.

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 Wednesday, June 15th - Friday, June 17th.

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.

Suns Tickets

The office currently has Hagerstown Suns general admission tickets good for almost any 2005 home game.

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BB/BS

Crystal Allison
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Kathy Stanton

8 yrs
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1 yr.

LB/LS

Brittany Reed
Crystal Robinson
Katie Shields

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 17, 2005.
Hagerstown Suns Game/Kids' Night
Game Starts at 7:05 p.m.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, August 24, 2005
Summer Vacation Ends – Back To School.

Monday, September 5, 2005. Labor Day.
Agency office is closed.

Wednesday, August 24, 2005. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors Meeting.
Agency office.

New Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

KIM CRAWFORD/TIA CARPENTER - Kim is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Tia on June 14, 2005. Kim currently enjoys staying home and taking care of her two children. Tia is 8 years old and will be in the 3rd grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

GREGG DELAUNEY/CHAD FEIGLEY - Gregg and Chad were initially matched in the School-Based program and transferred over to the Community Based program on July 18, 2005. Gregg is the General Manager at B. P. Lesky Distributing Company. Chad will be entering 6th grade at Northern Middle School. He is 10 years old.

THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank the Richard N. Funkhouser Foundation for their generous grant which will help fund our School-Based Mentoring program.

Our thanks goes to School Based Mentor, Gary Naugle, for his donation of a computer for one of our Littles.

We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 for sending three of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a two week summer camp experience.

We would like to thank the Exchange Club of Antietam for their generous contribution to our program for a new printer.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School time will soon be approaching and we have school supplies 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 Wednesday, August 10th – Friday, August 12th.

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

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POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers are with Executive Director, Bob McKee, on a quick recovery from pneumonia. Get well soon.

Wishing a healthy recovery to Big Brother, Dave Collins, after recent foot surgery and to School-Based Mentor, Holly Luther, who has a broken foot.

SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

A new school year is just around the corner, and our School-Based Mentoring program is preparing to expand! This school year, we will continue to serve Eastern Elementary, Pangborn Elementary and E. Russell Hicks Middle Schools. In addition, Fountaindale School for Arts and Academic Excellence will be joining the program.

You only have to give 45-60 minutes per week in order to make a positive impact in the life of a child in need of support. Wouldn't you like to be that special someone who helps a child to experience success? The effects are everlasting!

If you are interested in becoming a School-Based Mentor, or know someone who is interested, please contact Tracy at 301-739-4711. Thank you to all of our current School-Based Mentors and we look forward to new Mentors coming aboard our program!

2005 AVERY SNYDER MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP AWARD

Due to the tragic death of six year old Avery Snyder, a campership award was established in Avery's memory in 2000. Each year a campership is awarded to a Little Brother and Little Sister in our program at the agency's Picnic/Swim Party.

The 2005 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to LB Andre Pierre and LS Tia Carpenter.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. The children will attend Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks this summer.

Big Sister's Creativity Wins Award For Agency

Big Sister, Wendy Avey, recently entered the "2005 Get Ready, Craft!" contest through the Fiskars Brands, Inc. This involved creating a papercraft project using Fiskar brand crafting products. She entered a brief summary with her project stating if she won she would donate her prize to Big Brothers Big Sisters. While she was not chosen as one of the top five contestants, she was invited to Chicago, Illinois, to receive a donation from Fiskars Brands, Inc. on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters. The donation was a \$500.00 gift certificate for Fiskars crafting supplies. Big Brothers Big Sisters will use these supplies for the four School-Based programs. Thank You Wendy for your continued support of our agency. Congratulations!!!

Computer Donations

The office occasionally receives phone calls from people who would like to donate a computer to a family in our program. If your family is in need of a computer please contact the agency (301-739-4711) and let us know. If a need is identified we will willingly accept computers donated to our agency.

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2005

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Naomi Doucette
Bill Stachoviak
James Maples
Judy Sterling

8 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Kendra Lakefield
Clayton Turner
Mathew Day
Doris Barnard

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 28, 2005. 7:00 p.m.
Board of Directors' Meeting. Agency office.

Sunday, October 30, 2005. 2:00 p.m.
Agency Halloween Bowling Party
Turner's Dual Lanes. See attached flier.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Dinner Meeting. Sheraton Four Points Restaurant.
Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, November 30th – Friday, December 2nd.
W,Th – 3:00 – 6:00, F – 3:00 – 5:00
Disney Shopping Days.
Agency Office.
Look for November's Newsletter for more information.

Monday, December 5, 2005, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner.
Otterbein United Methodist Church.
Make plans now to attend.

POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers are with School Based Mentor James Twyman as he continues his fight against a serious illness. We would like to congratulate Little Brother Chad Feigley for receiving the good camper medal while he attended Camp West Mar. Good Job Chad!
A get well wish goes out to Big Sister Ericka DuVall as she continues to recover from her recent foot surgery.
We express our sincere sympathy to Little Brother Chad Feigley and family on the death of his grandfather.

Halloween Costumes

We have Disney Halloween costumes for children available. 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 Wednesday, October 19th – Friday, October 21st.

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 can not be accepted. The costumes are for program participants only.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Jamie Hardesty, Wendy Avey and the employees at the L. L. Bean Outlet Store for their donations of school supplies to the agency.

We wish to thank Alice Sencindiver for her donation to the agency.

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Support The United Way!

The 2005 United Way campaign began on Friday, September 2, 2005. The goal this year is \$1,700,000. The monies raised will be used to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters and the other 19 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!

New Community Based Matches

Please welcome the following Big and Little teams:

Tina Smith/Amy Clay – Tina is a newcomer to the program. She was matched to Amy on August 9, 2005. Tina is a Realtor for Long & Foster Real Estate. Amy is in the 2nd grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School. She is 8 years old.

Verna Brown/Alyssa House – Verna and Alyssa were initially matched in the School-Based program and transferred over to the Community Based program on August 15, 2005. Verna is an Emergency Management Coordinator for Washington County Emergency Services. Alyssa is 8 years old. She attends Fountaindale Elementary School and she is in the 3rd grade.

Kay Hoffman/Samantha Cox – Kay and Samantha transferred from the School-Based Mentoring program at Pangborn Elementary on August 22, 2005. Kay is the Director of Development for Brook Lane Health Services. Samantha is in 6th grade at Smithsburg Middle School and she is 11 years old.

Jocelyn Mojica/Jazzlyn Molloy – Jocelyn and Jazzlyn first met at Eastern Elementary and came to the Community Based program on August 23, 2005. Jocelyn is the Floor Supervisor at the Tommy Hilfiger Outlet. Jazzlyn is 8 years old. She attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 4th grade.

Polly Physioc/Caitlin Rutherford – Polly is new to our program. She met her Little Sister, Caitlin, on August 30, 2005. Polly is a Pharmaceutical Representative for Biogen Idec. Caitlin is in the 7th grade at Western Heights Middle School. She is 12 years old.

“GET THE SCOOP”

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold an Information Session for all individuals in the county interested in learning more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. It will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the agency office at 1135 Virginia Avenue.

Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor, and Tracy Mumma, Mentor Manager, will explain the process by which individuals may become a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple mentor in both the Community-Based and School-Based programs.

There continues to be a need for volunteer mentors for both programs to match with the children that are on our waiting lists. Please tell your friends, co-workers and family about this opportunity to enjoy some delicious ice cream and at the same time learn how to help a child in our community.

The Bottom Line:

**Volunteers are not paid not because they are
worthless, but because they are priceless.**

Anonymous

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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2005

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Aaron Nave
Matthew Paige
Colleen Kelley
Theresa Falcone
Tom Breidenstein

3 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Ryan Hodge
Casey Green
Stephane Reed
Antoinette Socks
Josh Horton

CALENDAR

Disney Shopping Days.

Wednesday, November 30th – Friday, December 2nd.

Wednesday & Thursday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.,

Friday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Monday, December 5, 2005, 6:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Annual Christmas Dinner.

Otterbein United Methodist Church.

SEE ATTACHED FLIER.

Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, Agency Office.

POTPOURRI

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of School-Based Mentor James Twyman, Jr. on his recent death. He will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Little Sister Tiffany Burke on achieving the Honor Roll for the 1st marking period.

We express our sincere sympathy to School-Based Mentor Katie Ferguson on the death of her Aunt.

Office Closing

The agency office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28th.

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22nd until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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

THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank Raymond Holton, Trina Johnson, Jenny Moyer, Elaine Rose, Nathan Wisherd and Bob McKee for participating in the October 29th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

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

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

SYMPHONY TICKETS

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 4 tickets for each of their Angel Series Performances held on the following Sundays: February 12th, March 26th, and April 23rd, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in going to see the Orchestra, please call the agency at 301-739-4711 to obtain tickets.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONORED

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

Jenny has been actively involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters since 1993. She first came into the program as a Big Sister. She then became a Board Member in 1996. Her first match ended successfully in March, 2002. After taking a break to spend time with her family, she was reassigned to her second Little Sister in February, 2004.

During her time on the Board, she has chaired the Personnel Committee for eight consecutive years, and has served as Board Secretary since 1997.

Her compassion for children is demonstrated not only by her numerous hours of volunteer service with our program, but also in her employment as a teacher at Smithsburg Middle School.

Thanks for everything Jenny and congratulations!!!



NEW COMMUNITY- BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following Big & Little Teams:

Ginger Gates/Brittney Moats – Ginger is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Brittney on September 19th. Ginger is a Kindergarten Teacher at Clear Spring Elementary School. Brittney is in the 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary School and she is 10 years old.

Mike & Melanie Rowe/Kesia & Joshua Kitts – Mike & Melanie met Kesia and Joshua on October 20, 2005. Mike is employed with FedEx and Melanie is a Unit Clerk/Transportation Aide with Ravenwood Nursing Home. Kesia is in the 2nd grade at Pangborn Elementary and is 7 years old. Joshua is 10 years old and attends the 5th grade at Pangborn Elementary.

John Norton/Jay & Troy Cline - John was matched to Jay and Troy Cline on October 24th. John is the Owner of CT Walls & Floors. Jay is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade at Pleasant Valley Elementary. Troy is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Pleasant Valley Elementary.

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following new matches:

Monique Evans/Tye'Jah Thomas – Monique was matched to Tye'Jah on October 14, 2005. Monique is the Coordinator of Children Services with the Washington County Health Department. Tye'Jah is a 1st grader at Fountaindale.

Sandra Plott/Versacianna Saunders – Sandra was matched to Versacianna on October 17, 2005. Sandra is a Case Manager at the Maryland Correctional Institution. Versacianna is in the 2nd grade at Eastern Elementary School.

Trey Alter/Rayshard Young – Trey was matched to Rayshard on October 19, 2005. Trey is the Vice-President at DynaCorp, Inc. Rayshard is a 2nd grader at Fountaindale.

Milissa Sibley/Ashley Jenkins – Milissa met Ashley on October 19th. Milissa is an Ombudsman with the Washington County Commission on Aging. Ashley attends Pangborn Elementary and she is in the 4th grade.

Katie Ferguson/Ziya Young – Katie met Ziya on October 25th. Katie is an Addictions Counselor for the Washington County Health Department. Ziya is in the 1st grade at Fountaindale.

Will Godwin/Robert Remington – Will and Robert were matched on October 26, 2005. Will is employed with the Washington County Health Department as a Sanitarian. Robert attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He is in the 8th grade.

Earl Stoner/Dalonte Young – Earl was matched to Dalonte on November 3rd. Earl is the Deputy Health Officer of the Washington County Health Department. Dalonte is in the 4th grade at Fountaindale.

Pastor Peter Guadalupe/Ronnie Walker – Pastor Peter met his Little Brother, Ronnie, on November 4, 2005. Pastor Peter is the Senior Pastor at HOPE Community Church. Ronnie goes to school at Fountaindale. He is in the 1st grade.

Debra Bennett/Dominique Anderson – Debra met Dominique on November 8th at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Dominique is in the 8th grade.

Joe Fox/Trevor Robinson – Joe and Trevor met on November 9, 2005. Joe is a Self-Employed College Student. Trevor attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School and is in the 6th grade.

James Marshall/Joey Farmer – James and Joey were matched on November 10, 2005 at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Joey is in the 8th grade.

Lauren Boerstler/Simmons Blackwell – Lauren and Simmons met at Eastern Elementary on November 15th where she is employed as a Secretary and Simmons is in the 4th grade.

Volunteer Awards Presented

At the 2005 Annual Dinner Meeting, Crystal Davis presented the Alice Sencindiver Award to Big Sister of the Year June Mellott and the Meyer Berkson Award to Big Brother of the Year Andy Morgan. Tracy Mumma presented the School-Based Mentor of the Year Award to Wendy Avey.

June has been matched with Little Sister Keiana Hardman for 5 years. June has taken an interest in helping Keiana succeed in school. They have spent numerous hours in Borders to help with her reading skills. June's time has truly allowed Keiana to feel like she is part of her family. June is there regardless of the situation and lets her Little Sister know that she will always be there.

Andy has been matched with Little Brother Philip Rodriguez since May, 2002. During their time together, Andy has stressed the importance of school and becoming a more active participant in both academic and social activities. They also enjoy trying new things for the first time along with playing video games, building models, bowling and the computer. He wants to see his Little Brother succeed in all he does and offers a helping hand, a listening ear or is the voice of encouragement.

Wendy has been matched with Stephanie Hetzer at E. Russell Hicks Middle School since December 2, 2004. Wendy has been extremely dedicated and genuine in her efforts to assist her Little Sister, Stephanie, in achieving success. Wendy has consistently accepted academic feedback from teachers and has assisted Stephanie in completing schoolwork. Her compassion and support has been an encouragement for Stephanie in improving her school attendance, grades, and self-esteem.

We would like to congratulate June, Andy and Wendy on the time and talent they have dedicated in working with Keiana, Philip and Stephanie.

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2006

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Mark & Angie Singer	10 yrs
Ashley Funk	3 yrs
Dave Collins	2 yrs
Ericka DuVall	2 yrs
Jenny Coleman	2 yrs
David St. Clair	1 yr.
Mary Rogers	1 yr.
Mindy Morgan	1 yr.

LB/LS

Ricky Burnett
Tasheena Landaker
Justin Nestor
Latasha Moats
Tori Pyron
Blake Lyles
Samantha Stanton
Tiffany Burke

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 22, 2006. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors Meeting.
Agency Office.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
BBBS Skate Party at Starland Roller Rink
See Enclosed Flier.

Sunday, April 2, 2006. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bowl For Kids' Sake. Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual Highway.

New Community-Based Matches

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAMS:

ANGELIQUE CRAIGHEAD/BRITTANY ANDERS - Angelique and Brittany were matched on December 5, 2005. Angelique is the Owner of Beverage City, Inc. Brittany is 12 years old and attends 6th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

TAJ MATHEW/ALEX SIGLER - Taj was matched to Alex on December 7th. Taj is the Plant Accountant for Saputo Cheese. Alex is a 1st grader at Fountaindale Elementary School. He is 7 years old.

DALE PAGE/CURTIS EVANS - Dale met his Little Brother, Curtis, on December 14, 2005. Dale works for the Pentagon as a Junior Network Engineer. Curtis attends 6th grade at Western Heights Middle School. He is 11 years old.

MELISSA SMITH/MARISA CARSON - Melissa was matched to Marisa on December 20, 2005. Melissa is the Office Manager at Sharrett. Marisa is 7 years old. She attends 2nd grade at Old Forge Elementary School.

LACEY DEEDS/TIA CARPENTER - Lacey and Tia met on December 21, 2005. Lacey works for Frederick, Seibert & Associates as a CAD Technician. Tia is a 3rd grader at Salem Elementary School and she is 8 years old.

POTPOURRI

We would like to apologize to LB Jay Cline as he was inadvertently identified in the last newsletter as being in 4th grade when he is actually in the 5th grade at Pleasant Valley Elementary.

Congratulations and best wishes to School Based Mentor Alisa Karlin and her husband, Robert, who were married on December 3, 2005.

We would like to congratulate Big Sister Crystal Allison on the birth of her son, Ian Frederick, on December 27, 2005.

Our sympathies go out to Board Member Gary Weaver and his wife, Julie, on the death of Julie's mother,

We would like to congratulate Big Sister Ashley Funk on the birth of her first child, Logan Michael, on January 14, 2006.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to School Based Mentor Alisa Karlin on the death of her son-in-law's uncle, Nevin Rubeck.

THANK YOU!!!

- We would like to thank Carolyn Amsley, Dr. Beth Beckner, Marjorie Grumbacher, Gerald Hammond, Eloise Shaffer and William Wantz for their generous donations to the agency.

- We wish to thank Pen-Mar Regional Association of Realtors and the May Department Stores for choosing our agency to be the recipient of their contributions.

- We would like to thank Otterbein United Methodist Church for hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner in December.

- We wish to thank M & T Bank for the complimentary tickets to attend the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Pops! Concert.

- 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.

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NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Please welcome the following new matches:

Angela Helfrick/Miranda Barnes – Angie was matched to Miranda on November 22, 2005. Angie is the Senior Office Associate for the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. Miranda is an 8th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Alisa Karlin/Ieshia Hamilton – Alisa was matched to Ieshia on December 7, 2005. Alisa works for Sovereign Bank as a Commercial Loan Assistant. Ieshia is in the 4th grade at Eastern Elementary.

Dr. William Plavcan/Tony Showe – Dr. Plavcan was matched to Tony on December 13, 2005. Dr. Plavcan is retired from the Washington County Hospital. Tony is a 5th grader at Fountaindale Elementary.

Bonnie Blandford/Brook Hawbaker – Bonnie and Brook met on December 13th. Bonnie works at Adventist Healthcare as an RN. Brook attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School and she is in the 7th grade.

Lynda Palmer/Kayla Ross – Lynda met Kayla on December 15th. Lynda is retired. Kayla is in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Melissa Mishler/Jescel Brown – Melissa and Jescel were matched on December 20, 2005. Melissa works for the Washington County Health Department as a Secretary. Jescel attends Fountaindale Elementary School. She is in the 1st grade.

Lois Dreisbach/Makenzie Ewing – Lois was matched to Makenzie on December 20th. Lois is a Secretary at the Washington County Health Department. Makenzie is in the 1st grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Julie Walker/Aaron Timmons – Julie met her new Little Brother, Aaron, on December 21, 2005. Julie is a stay at home mom. Aaron goes to school at Pangborn Elementary. He is in the 3rd grade.

Jean Holliway/Kayla Hawbaker – Jean met Kayla on December 21st at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Kayla is in the 7th grade.

Doug Walker/Jaquan Roane – Doug and Jaquan met on December 22, 2005. Doug is a Paramedic Captain with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Jaquan attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 5th grade.

Stacey Beck/Denisha King – Stacey and Denisha were matched on January 9, 2006. Stacey is an Addictions Counselor for Women In Treatment Services at the Washington County Health Department. Denisha is in the 5th grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

William Christoffel/Delaun Smith – William met Delaun on January 13th. William is the Chief Health Officer at the Washington County Health Department. Delaun attends Fountaindale Elementary and he is in the 3rd grade.

Sherrie Crowder/Ashley Burnett – Sherrie met Ashley on January 18th at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Sherrie is a Customer Service Representative at Citicorp Credit Services. Ashley is in the 8th grade.

Donna Mason/Leah Colvin – Donna met Leah on January 26, 2006. Donna is retired from Verizon. Leah attends Eastern Elementary and she is in the 4th grade.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Preparations for the 22nd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway.

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

The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006 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 day trip to the Inner Harbor. This package will include a gift certificate for breakfast at Bob Evans, an AC&T gift certificate to fill up your tank before leaving town, 4 passes to the National Aquarium in Baltimore and to finish your day, a gift certificate to Phillips Restaurant at the Inner Harbor. The SECOND PRIZE will be a \$150.00 gift certificate to the store of your choice. Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before April 5th 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 April 2nd for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '06 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 17, 2006 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 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 Lite 97.5. If you would like to come out and help that evening please call Stacey at 301-739-4711.

SYMPHONY TICKETS

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra has donated 4 tickets for each of their Angel Series Performances held on the following Sundays: February 12th and April 23rd, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Call the office, 301-739-4711, if you're interested in obtaining tickets.

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March/April, 2006

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MARCH/APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Maryglenn Bare
Barbie Harshman
Ed Distad
Mary Ellen Waltemire
Roger & Robin Shank
Janet Slack
John Jolicoeur
Lea Bikle
Frank Nuice

9 yrs
7 yrs
5 yrs
4 yrs
3 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs
2 yrs

LB/LS

Allison Keeney
Kimberly Kendrick
Michael Landaker
Britney Hose
Jessy Faith
Brandy Faith
Dylan Morgan
Kayla Gerhold
Kadeem Brim

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 26, 2006. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Agency Office.

Sunday, April 30, 2006. 1:00 p.m.
Car Rally. See Enclosed Flier.

Wednesday, June 28, 2006, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park –
Pavilion One. Mark Your Calendar Now!

POTPOURRI

Congratulations to Big Couple Mark & Angie Singer on the birth of their son, Joseph Paul, on March 28th.

Congratulations and best wishes to School Based Mentor Dwayne Freeman and his wife, Nissa Masser, who were married April 1, 2006.

NEW SCHOOL-BASED MATCHES

Susan Parks/Myia Evans – Susan was matched to Myia on February 10, 2006. Susan is the Director of Community Health Nursing at the Washington County Health Department. Myia is a 7th grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Susan Fisher/Courtney Bumbaugh – Susan was matched to Courtney on February 16th. Susan works for the Washington County Health Department as an Office Supervisor. Courtney attends 3rd grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Valerie Wills/Zachary Kay – Valerie and Zachary met on March 14, 2006. Valerie is a Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hagerstown. Zachary attends Pangborn Elementary and he is in the 2nd grade.

Dwayne Freeman/Kahlil Johnson – Dwayne met his new Little Brother, Kahlil, on March 20th at Pangborn Elementary. Dwayne is a Police Officer for the Hagerstown Police Department. Kahlil is in the 4th grade.

New Community-Based Matches

Matthew Paige/Jacob Johnson – Matt was matched to his second Little Brother, Jacob, on February 2nd. Matt works for U. S. Silica Company as a Corp Lab Services Manager. Jacob is 10 years old and attends 5th grade at Old Forge Elementary School.

Rebecca Barber/Sarah Stanton – Becky is a newcomer to our program. She was matched to Sarah on March 15th. Becky is a Teller for M & T Bank. Sarah is 6 years old. She attends Kindergarten at Winter Street Elementary School.

Steve Frame/Dustin Ingram – Steve met his new Little Brother, Dustin, on March 30, 2006. Steve is an Internship Coordinator/Teacher at the Washington County Technical High School. Dustin is in the 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. He is 13 years old.

Scott Wilhide/Hunter Morgan – Scott and Hunter met on April 1, 2006. Scott is a UPS Driver. Hunter is 8 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Winter Street Elementary School.



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 22nd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a huge success! Bowlers who participated raised \$24,000 of the approximate \$45,000 total that was raised.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Verna Brown, Chair for this year's event. Also, thanks to the Staff, 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 Bowl For Kids' Sake, 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!

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual Skate Party.

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

Adopt-A-Highway

The agency will have its next Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 29, 2006. We will meet at the corner of Route #144 and Western Maryland Parkway at 9:00 a.m.

Any Big/Little team 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.

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

Caseworker Notice

It is a must that Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor, and Tracy Mumma, Mentor Manager, talk with you on a regular basis. Sometimes when they call you, you are too busy or unable to talk.

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

We understand that life brings changes. As these changes happen, please let the staff know so that we can maintain updated information.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PLEASE remember to call or email your attendance plans when group activities are held before or by the deadline given. With most activities we are required to have a total count before the event. In order to guarantee that we have the appropriate amount of food and supplies, it is necessary to know who will be attending in advance. By calling the office, you will not only save the agency the expense, but free the staff to do other necessary tasks. Thanks for your cooperation!

The Bottom Line

"How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving." --James Cash Penny

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MAY/JUNE, 2006

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MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Skip Frey
June Mellott
Andy Morgan

9 yrs
5 yrs
4 yrs

LB/LS

Ricky Springer
Keiana Hardman
Philip Rodriguez

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 28, 2006. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim. Halfway "Martin Snook" Park.
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, June 28, 2006. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors' Meeting.
Halfway "Martin Snook" Park (after Picnic).

POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers go out to School-Based Mentor Donna Mason on the death of her uncle. We would like to send a "hope you're feeling better" note out to School-Based Mentor Jim Marshall after his recent hand surgery.

Congratulations to Big Sister Becky Barber on her recent graduation from Hagerstown Community College with an AA Degree in Elementary Education, and for receiving the Outstanding Student in Education Award.

We would also like to congratulate School-Based Mentor Angie Helfrick on her recent graduation from Hagerstown Community College with an Associates Degree in Business Management and an Associates Degree in General Studies.

Congratulations to Little Brother Tony Showe on receiving the Most Improved Behavior Award at Fountaindale Elementary School.

THANK YOU!!!

Our thanks go out to Ed Distad, Mr. & Mrs. Luther Sweigert and Lawson's of Woodbine for the generous contributions to the agency.

We would like to thank James Speicher for his donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

We wish to thank Brian Selders and Sovereign Bank for the donation of Washington Nationals tickets.

We would like to thank the Richard N. Funkhouser Foundation for their generous grant which will help fund our School-Based Mentoring program.

Thank you to Dave Collins, Ed Distad, Raymond Holton, Jeff Horning, Laura Horning, Michael Landaker, Bob McKee and Justin Nestor for participating in the April 29th Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 30th Car Rally. The results are in!! We had a tie for third place which went to Big Sister Elaine Rose and Little Brother Kyle Knight and Big Sister Janet Slack and Little Sister Brandy Faith. Board Member Raymond Holton and Little Brother Sean Stanton received second place and first place was awarded to Big Sister Mary Ellen Waltemire and Little Sister Britney Hose. Congratulations to all of our winners!!

We would like to thank Maugansville Creamery for donating ice cream cones to each of our participants.



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New Community-Based Match

Sonja Hoover/Diva Bowman – Sonja and Diva were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring program in November, 2004. They transferred over to the Community-Based program on May 9, 2006. Sonja is a Fiscal/Research Specialist for the Economic Development Commission. Diva attends Lincolnshire Elementary and just completed 1st grade. She is 8 years old.

New School-Based Matches

EILEEN WARD/ZOE WARRENFELTZ - Eileen was matched to Zoe on April 7, 2006. Eileen is a Truck Driver for Hoffman Transport. Zoe finished 3rd grade at Pangborn Elementary.

ANITA JARDINA/SCOTT RAUTIO - Anita and Scott met on April 28, 2006. Anita works for Soft Med Systems, Inc. as a Release and Integration Coordinator. Scott attends Pangborn Elementary and was in the 3rd grade.

KIMBERLY RASCH/DIAMOND BROWN - Kimberly and Diamond were matched on May 18th. Kimberly is Acting Director for the Health Services Division of the Washington County Health Department. Diamond attended 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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

Little Sister Allison Keeney graduated from Clear Spring High School. She plans to attend Hagerstown Community College in the fall. Allison has been matched with Big Sister Maryglenn Bare for 9 years.

Little Sister Kimberly Kendrick graduated from the Washington County Technical High School. She has been matched with Big Sister Barbie Harshman for 7 years.

Little Sister Kendra Lakefield graduated from Smithsburg High School. She does plan to attend college in the fall. Kendra has been matched with Big Sister Naomi Doucette for 9 years.

We wish our graduating Littles the best in everything they do in the future. Also, we thank the Bigs for their years of involvement and support which helped in part to see their Littles graduate.

ATTENTION PARENTS: CAMP WEST MAR OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for boys between the ages of 9 to 12 who would be interested in attending camp for two weeks at the end of July and early part of August. There are a few American Legions in the area that sponsor children to attend Camp West Mar which is located in Sabillasville, MD. There are a limited number of openings, so this is on a first come first serve basis. The boys would participate in numerous activities over the course of two weeks, including archery, fishing, riflery, swimming and much more. There is an application process and forms to be completed by the family physician. We are looking for interested boys only. We need children who would be willing to spend two weeks away from home and have fun. Please call Crystal at the agency, 301-739-4711, if you are interested or if you have any questions concerning the camp opportunity by July 10th.

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JULY/AUGUST, 2006

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JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

BB/BS

Crystal Allison
Gregg DeLauney
Verna Brown
Kay Hoffman
Polly Physioc

9 yrs
1 yr.
1 yr.
1 yr.
1 yr.

LB/LS

Brittany Reed
Chad Feigley
Alyssa House
Samantha Cox
Caitlin Rutherford

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 12, 2006.
Hagerstown Suns Picnic/Game
See Attached Flier For Details.

Wednesday, August 23, 2006
Summer Vacation Ends – Back To School.

Wednesday, August 23, 2006. 7:00 p.m.
BBBS Board of Directors Meeting.
Agency office.

Monday, September 4, 2006. Labor Day.
Agency office is closed.

NEW MATCH

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BIG AND LITTLE TEAM:

ROD & BROOKE KERBS/BLAKE SHRADER - Rod and Brooke are newcomers to the program. They were matched to Blake on June 12, 2006. Rod is the Director of Bands at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Brooke is the Director of Child and Adolescent Services for the Washington County Mental Health Authority. Blake is 8 years old and will be in the 3rd grade at Winter Street Elementary School.

THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank the Trinity Foundation for their generous grant which will help fund our School-Based Mentoring program at Bester Elementary.

Our thanks goes to Jamie Hardesty for the donation of school supplies to the agency.

We would like to thank American Legion Post 42 for sending three of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a two week summer camp experience.

Our thanks goes to Alice Sencindiver and Dr. Paul McAllister for the donations made to the agency.

We wish to thank CopyQuik and Sgt. Robert Frazier for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School time will soon be approaching and we have a limited amount of school supplies available for the children. If you are interested, we ask that the parents/guardians give us a call (301-739-4711) and we will get together some items for you.

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



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POTPOURRI

Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Brother, Keifer Smelgus, on the death of his mother. Congratulations go out to Little Sister Tori Pyron's mom, Tina Pyron, for receiving her Bachelors Degree in Sociology from Frostburg University.

SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

A new school year is just around the corner, and our School-Based Mentoring program is preparing to expand! This school year, we will continue to serve Eastern Elementary, Fountaindale School for Arts and Academic Excellence, Pangborn Elementary and E. Russell Hicks Middle Schools. In addition, Bester Elementary will be joining the program.

You only have to give 45-60 minutes per week for the 9 month school year in order to make a positive impact in the life of a child in need of support. Wouldn't you like to be that special someone who helps a child experience success? The effects are everlasting!

If you are interested in becoming a School-Based Mentor, or know someone who is interested, please contact Tracy at 301-739-4711. Thank you to all of our current School-Based Mentors and we look forward to new Mentors coming aboard our program!

2006 AVERY SNYDER MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP AWARD

Due to the tragic death of six year old Avery Snyder, a campership award was established in Avery's memory in 2000. Each year a campership is awarded to a Little Brother and Little Sister in our program at the agency's Picnic/Swim Party.

The 2006 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to Little Brother Blake Shrader and Little Sister Samantha Stanton.

The camperships provide the children with the opportunity to have a positive camp experience. The children will attend Antietam Recreation Camp for 3 weeks this summer.

Current Big/Little Contact Information

It is very important for the agency to have current contact information for ALL volunteers, children and families.

That information includes new addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. Please call or email us information as it changes. It makes it very difficult for us to communicate current information and events and to complete required updates.

If email contact is more convenient for you please feel free to do so, we would love to hear from you. You can reach us at mentor@bbbswcmd.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc.

September/October, 2006

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

New Matches

Community-Based:

Sherrie Crowder/Ashley Burnett: Sherrie and Ashley were initially matched in the School-Based program and transferred to Community-Based on August 7, 2006. Sherrie is a Customer Service Representative at Citicorp. Ashley is in 9th grade at South High.

Alesia Forsyth/Nichole LaCasse: Alesia and Nichole met on September 14, 2006. Alesia is employed with Smith Elliott Kearns and Company as an Administrative Assistant. Nichole is a home-schooled 7th grader.

Greg Habing/Joseph Burriss: Greg and Joseph were matched on September 18, 2006. Greg is an Associate Veterinarian for Franklin Veterinary Associates. Joseph attends Fountaindale Elementary and is in the 4th grade.

Susan Parks/Roshelle Holman: Susan and Roshelle transferred from the School-Based program and were matched on October 2nd. Susan is the Director of Nursing at the Washington County Health Department. Roshelle attends South High and is in the 9th grade.

Judy Sterling/Marisa Carson: Judy and Marisa met on October 5th. Judy is the Controller for Hagerstown Ford. Marisa attends Old Forge Elementary and she is in the 3rd grade.

School-Based:

Sherrie Crowder/Jessica Domer: Sherrie was matched with Jessica on September 26th at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Jessica is in the 7th grade.

Danielle Hudak/Jessica Sensenbaugh: Danielle and Jessica were matched at Pangborn Elementary on September 28, 2006. Danielle is the Casework Associate for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Jessica is in the 5th grade.

Holly Proctor/Katie Free: Holly and Katie met on October 5, 2006. Katie is in the 4th grade at Bester Elementary School.

Community-Based Anniversaries

3 Years

Bill Stachowiak/Clayton Turner

2 Years

James Maples/Mathew Day

1 Year

Ginger Gates/Brittney Moats

School-Based Anniversaries

4 School Years

Charla Istenes/Brianna Moore

3 School Years

Trina Johnson/Keifer Smelgus

2 School Years

Holly Luther/Daviontae Keys

Marty Blake/Jesscويا Kline

1 School Year

Milissa Sibley/Ashley Jenkins

Trey Alter/Rayshard Young

Katie Ferguson/Ziya Young

Earl Stoner/Dalonte Young

Alisa Karlin/Ieshia Hamilton

Lynda Palmer/Kayla Ross

Melissa Mishler/Jescel Brown

Susan Parks/Myia Evans

Susan Fisher/Courtney Bumbaugh

Anita Jardina/Scott Rautio

Agency Halloween Party

Sunday, October 29, 2006

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Maugansville Ruritan

Annual Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Four Points Sheraton

Annual Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 11, 2006.

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Otterbein United Methodist Church

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THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank Office Depot for their recent contribution of a \$500.00 store gift card and 25 school backpacks to our agency.

INFORMATION SESSION

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold an Information session for all individuals in the county interested in learning more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. It will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the agency office, 1135 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown.

Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor, and Tracy Mumma, Mentor Manager, will explain the process by which individuals may become a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple mentor in both the Community-Based and School-Based programs.

There continues to be a need for mentors for both programs to match with the children that are on our waiting lists. Please tell your friends, co-workers and family about this opportunity to learn how to help a child in our community.

Potpourri

We would like to Congratulate Big Sister Mindy Morgan on graduating with a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland.

Our sympathy goes out to Mentor Manager Tracy Mumma and her husband, Howie, on the death of her father-in-law, Howard Mumma, Sr.

(If you have potpourri that you would like published in the next newsletter please call the agency office, 301-739-4711.)

Discovery Station at Hagerstown

The agency office currently has family admission coupons that admit 2 adults and 2 students to the Discovery Station.

The Discovery Station creates exciting hands-on learning experiences that stimulate a curiosity for discovery, exploration and further investigation by children and adults to foster life-long learning.

The coupons are good until December 31, 2006. Hours of operation are 10-4 Tuesday - Saturday, 2-5 on Sunday. Call the office if you are interested in obtaining coupons that admit you for free.

New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Danielle Hudak to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Danielle is the agency's Casework Associate for the School-Based Mentoring program.

Danielle is a 25 year-old current resident of Hagerstown, MD, is married, and has a one-year old son. She has a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree in Family Studies from Towson State University and has completed previous schooling targeting the field of Elementary Education at Hagerstown Community College.

Danielle has a very enthusiastic personality and we look forward to working with her. Please join us in welcoming her to the agency.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc.

November/December, 2006

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

New Matches

Community-Based Anniversaries

4 Years

Aaron Nave/Ryan Hodge

3 Years

Colleen Kelley/Stephane Reed

2 Years

Theresa Falcone/Antoinette Socks
Tom Breidenstein/Josh Horton

1 Year

Lacey Deeds/Tia Carpenter

School-Based Anniversaries

3 School Years

Elaine Rose/Kyle Knight

2 School Years

Kathy Geer/Michael Cohick

1 School Year

Scott Davis/Jordan Billman
Bill Christoffel/Delaun Smith
Donna Mason/Leah Colvin
Valerie Wills/Zachary Kay
Lois Dreisbach/Makenzie Ewing
Lauren Boerstler/Simmons Blackwell

CALENDAR

Monday, December 11, 2006
6:30—9:00 p.m.

Annual Christmas Dinner.
Otterbein United Methodist
Church.
See Attached Flier!

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
6:00—8:30 p.m.

Agency Skate Party.
Starland Roller Rink.
Mark Your Calendars Now!

Community-Based:

Naomi Doucette/Sadie Frederick: Naomi met her new Little Sister, Sadie, on October 26, 2006. Naomi works for Citigroup as a Credit Analyst. Sadie is a 5th grader at Potomac Heights Elementary.

William Lowman/Brett Barkdoll: Bill and Brett met on November 14, 2006. Bill is a Sales Representative with R & L Carriers. Brett is a 2nd grader at Lincolnshire Elementary.

School-Based:

Gary Naugle/Patrick Gutekunst: Gary was matched to Patrick on October 10th at Bester Elementary School. Patrick is in the 4th grade.

Marty Price/Raekwon Momen: Marty and Raekwon met on October 10th. Marty is the President/CEO of Tri-State Courier and Transportation. Raekwon attends 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Diane Davis/Skyler Jenkins: Diane met Skyler at Pangborn Elementary on October 17th. Diane is employed at Memory Lane Antiques. Skyler is a 1st grader.

Wayne Albert/Ronnie Walker: Wayne met his Little Brother, Ronnie, on October 26, 2006. Ronnie is in the 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Dawn McCarney/Zoe Warrenfeltz: Dawn was matched to Zoe on October 30th. Dawn is an Assistant Manager at Burger King. Zoe attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 4th grade.

Tracy Mumma/Maurice Rease: Tracy and Maurice were matched on November 1, 2006. Tracy is the Mentor Manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Maurice is in the 5th grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Roger Stenersen/Noah Stouffer: Roger met Noah at E. Russell Hicks Middle School on November 2, 2006. Roger works at Towson University as a Graduate Lecturer. Noah is in the 6th grade.

Kimberly Rasch/Tye'Jah Thomas: Kimberly was matched to Tye'Jah on November 14th. Kimberly works for the Washington County Health Department as the Acting Director of the Health Services Division. Tye'Jah is a 2nd grader at Fountaindale Elementary.

Linda Lowman/Malaysia Worthington: Linda and Malaysia were matched on November 15th at Bester Elementary. Malaysia is in the 4th grade.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are sorry to report that we are no longer going to be hosting Disney Shopping Days at the agency office. Due to the lack of merchandise that has been donated to us, we are unable to supply for all of the children who participate.

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VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED

At the 2006 Annual Dinner Meeting, Crystal Davis presented the Meyer Berkson Award to Big Brother of the Year Bill Stachoviak and the Alice Sencindiver Award to Big Sister of the Year Janet Slack. Tracy Mumma presented the School-Based Mentor of the Year Award to Charla Istenes.

Bill has been involved with the program for 7 years and matched with his current Little Brother, Clayton, for 3 years. They have enjoyed bike riding, playing computer games and he has a great interest in helping Clayton with his reading. Bill once made a comment to Crystal, "just being together is good for the both of us." Bill is a man of few words but of great action. Thanks Bill for your ongoing support of our program and the children we serve.

Janet and her Little Sister, Brandy, have developed a strong bond and enjoy getting together on a regular basis for the past three years. Janet has helped Brandy to get involved with the Girl Scouts and she attends school functions with Brandy to show her support and encouragement of her education. Janet is willing to help whenever and however she can. We thank you Janet for the time you have spent and will continue to spend throughout the upcoming years.

Charla and her Little Sister, Brianna, were matched in the School-Based program at Eastern Elementary in April, 2003. At this time, Brianna was in first grade. She is now in the 5th grade and their relationship has grown stronger than ever. Charla has a genuine interest in Brianna's academic performance and achievements. She always incorporates academic support into her visits and keeps in touch with Brianna's teachers in order to give a helping hand wherever needed. To Charla, we give our thanks for your dedication to the mission of our program.

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2006 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

The agency holiday closing corresponds with the Winter Break for Washington County Public Schools. 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.

The staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday season. Don't forget to take a few moments to share your holiday spirit with your Big or Little.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank the Maugansville Ruritan for letting us use their facilities for our annual Halloween Party.

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

Board Member of the Year

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County presented Elaine Rose with the Board Member of the Year Award at the Annual Dinner.

Elaine spent numerous years, before joining the Board, helping with activities and fund raisers. She finally decided to join the Board of Directors in September, 2002. She is currently the 1st Vice President and the Chair of the Finance & Fund Development Committee.

In October, 2003, Elaine took on an additional role within the agency and became a School-Based Mentor. She has been matched with Kyle for three years at Eastern Elementary.

She is very dedicated to the agency and we thank her for all of her hours of volunteering and the commitment she has put into the program.

POTPOURRI

Congratulations to Big Sister Ashley Fu on her October 14th marriage to Corey Shifflett.

We would like to congratulate Big Brother Andy Morgan and Big Sister Mindy Morgan on the birth of their first child, Avery John, on October 16, 2006.

Wishing a healthy recovery to School-Based Mentor Cindy Kalkbrenner's husband, Ted, after his recent surgery.

Our sympathy goes out to Little Brothers Dylan and Hunter Morgan on the recent death of their grandfather, Charles Morgan.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Little Brother Noah Stouffer, and his family, on the death of his cousin.