

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

January/February, 2007

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

Community-Based Anniversaries

4 Years

Ashley Shifflett/Tasheena Landaker

3 Years

Dave Collins/Justin Nestor
Jenny Coleman/Toriana Pyron

2 Years

David St. Clair/Blake Lyles
Mary Rogers/Samantha Stanton
Mindy Morgan/Tiffany Burke

1 Year

Matt Paige/Jacob Johnson

New Matches

School-Based:

Wendy Avey/Jepri Ellis: Wendy was matched with Jepri on December 8th at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Wendy is the Store Manager at L. L. Bean and Jepri is in the 7th grade.

Joe Dill/Caleb Smith: Joe and Caleb were matched at Bester Elementary on December 12, 2006. Joe is retired and Caleb is in Kindergarten.

Linda McLaughlin/Manly Proctor: Linda and Manly met on January 4, 2007. Linda is an Identity Fraud Representative for Citicorp and Manly is in the 1st grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

Sue Rudisill/Paige Drury: Sue was matched with Paige on January 18th at Bester Elementary. Sue is retired and Paige is in the 4th grade.

Jean Holliday/Tyshawna Walker: Jean and Tyshawna were matched at Fountaindale Elementary on January 29th. Tyshawna is in the 3rd grade.

Lauren Boerstler/Marshall Walker: Lauren was matched with Marshall on February 1, 2007 at Eastern Elementary. Lauren is a Secretary for the School and Marshall attends 4th grade.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

An all you can eat spaghetti dinner will be held at the Wilson Ruritan on Friday, March 30, 2007 from 5:00 - 7:00p.m.

The cost will be \$5.00 for 13 & up, \$2.00 for children ages 7-12 and children 6 and under are free.

All proceeds will go towards the Bowl for Kids' Sake event. So come out and enjoy a meal along with music sponsored by Lite 97.5.

If you would like to come out and help that evening please call Stacey at 301-739-4711. We are also looking for some great cake/pie makers who would be willing to donate a dessert for the evening to be raffled.

We would like to thank Charlie Rowe for making this event happen.

Agency Skate Party

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

6:00- 8:30p.m.

Starland Roller Rink

See Enclosed Flier.



Wednesday, February 28, 2007

BBBS Board of Directors Meeting

7:00p.m. Agency Office.

Bowl For Kids' Sake

Sunday, April 1, 2007

11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Turner's Dual Lanes, Dual Highway

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2007 Bowl For Kids' Sake



Preparations for the 23rd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake are now underway. The Bowl For Kids' Sake event is designed to enlist bowlers from all over the area into one fund raising effort for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, 2007 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 4th 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 1st for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. Help is always appreciated. If you want to become more involved in making our '07 Bowl For Kids' Sake a great success, call the office at 301-739-4711

Potpourri

We would like to Congratulate Big Sister Mary Rogers on obtaining her National Board Certification in Education.

Our sympathy goes out to School Based Mentor Jolene McRae on the death of her father.

We would like to send a special get well soon out to School Based Mentor Holly Luther after her recent surgery.

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

THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to thank Discovery Station for the donation of 15 tickets donated to the agency.

We wish to thank Gerald Hammond, Dr. Beth Beckner, Col. Wayne Taylor, Two Top Ruritan and Gold Bond for their contributions made to our 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. It is wonderful of the congregation to do so at Christmas every year.

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March/April, 2007

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Community-Based Anniversaries

6 Years

Ed Distad/Michael Landaker

5 Years

Mary Ellen Waltemire/Britney Hose

3 Years

Janet Slack/Brandy Faith
John Jolicoeur/Dylan Morgan
Lea Bikle/Kayla Gerhold
Frank Nuice/Kadeem Brim

1 Year

Becky Barber/Sarah Stanton
Steve Frame/Dustin Ingram
Scott Wilhide/Hunter Morgan

New Matches

School-Based

Jolene McRae/Hannah Samuelson: Jolene was matched with Hannah on February 6th at Eastern Elementary. Hannah is in the 4th grade.

Cathy Zombro/Mariah Ford: Cathy and Mariah were matched on February 20, 2007. Mariah attends 2nd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Timothy Palkovitz/Daeqwne Carter: Tim and Daeqwne met at Pangborn Elementary on March 1st. Tim is the President at Hagerstown Paint & Glass Company and Daeqwne is in the 5th grade.

Alice Sencindiver/Zoe Warrenfeltz: Alice was matched with Zoe on March 20th at Pangborn Elementary. Zoe attends the 4th grade.

James Johnson/Joseph Warnick: James and Joseph met on April 3, 2007. Joseph attends Northern Middle School and is in the 7th grade.

Calendar

Car Rally

Sunday, April 29th

1:00 p.m.

See Enclosed Flier.

Picnic/Swim Party

Wed., June 20th

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Marty Snook Park

Mark Your

Calendar Now!

Community-Based

Katie Ferguson/Ziya Young: Katie and Ziya were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring program on October 25, 2005 and were transferred to the Community-Based program on February 8, 2007. Katie is an Addictions Counselor for the Washington County Health Department. Ziya is in the 1st grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

Derek Belz/Brandon Lerch: Derek and Brandon met on March 5th. Derek is a Therapeutic Rehabilitation Associate for the Mental Health Center. Brandon attends Williamsport Elementary and is in the 5th grade.

Marion Waring/Djuan Socks: Marion was matched to his Little Brother, Djuan, on March 23rd. Marion is a Chief Electronics Technician for the Naval Support Facility. Djuan is in the 5th grade at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

Angela Johnson/Sharabia Thompson: Angela and Sharabia were matched on March 27, 2007. Angela is employed at Volvo Powertrain as a Communication Assistant. Sharabia is in the 7th grade at Northern Middle School.

Lee Springer/Isaiah Frye: Lee met Isaiah on April 11th. Lee is a Financial Consultant for First National Bank of Greencastle. Isaiah attends Eastern Elementary and is in the 5th grade.

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2007 Bowl For Kids' Sake

Our 23rd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is over and was a success! Bowlers who participated raised \$22,000 of the approximate \$42,000 total that was raised.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it 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.

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

Potpourri

We would like to Congratulate Big Brother David St. Clair, and his wife Angie, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Lilly Jane, on March 11th.

A get well wish goes to Board Member, Ralph Mauriello, as he continues to recover from his hip replacement surgery.

Congratulations to Big Sister Alesia Forsyth on being accepted into the Masters program for Elementary Education at Frostburg University.

Our sympathy goes to School-Based Mentor Cathy Zombro on the death of her brother-in-law.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor Anita Jardina on her new job.

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

Adopt-A-Highway

The agency continues to participate in Adopt-A-Highway and we can always use extra help with the clean-up.

We are scheduled to do the pick-up on Saturday, April 28th, Saturday, July 28th and Saturday, October 27th beginning at 9a.m.

The clean-up usually lasts for about an hour and afterwards the agency treats you to brunch.

If you would like to help with the clean-up on any of these dates, please call the agency at 301-739-4711 to sign up. Thanks!!

THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to thank Charlie Rowe and his family for coordinating and hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Our thanks go to Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual skating party.

We wish to thank Dave Collins and Jack Berkson for their contributions made to our Activity Account.

We would like to thank School-Based Mentor Sue Rudisill and the women at St. Andrews United Methodist Church for donating baked goods to the spaghetti dinner.

Our thanks go to the Community Services Commission of the First Christian Church for their generous donation made to the agency.

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May/June, 2007

Stacey Keefer, Editor

Community Based Anniversaries

10 Years:

Skip Frey/Ricky Springer

5 Years:

Andy Morgan/Philip Rodriguez

1 Year:

Sonja Hoover/Diva Bowman
Rod & Brooke Kerbs/Blake
Shrader

Calendar

Wednesday, June 20th
6:00—8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim.
Halfway Park.
See attached flier!

Wednesday, June 27th
7:00 p.m.
Agency Office.
BBBS Board of Director's
Meeting.

New Matches

Community-Based:

John Louderback/DeLaun Smith: John and DeLaun were matched on May 9, 2007. John is retired and DeLaun attends 4th grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

School-Based:

Virginia Emerson/Destiny Jones: Virginia was matched with Destiny on April 18th at Northern Middle School. Destiny is in the 7th grade.

Anne Wilson/Ty'shon Hopkins: Anne and Ty'shon were matched at Pangborn Elementary on May 17, 2007. Anne is a School Counselor and Ty'shon is in the 1st grade.

Nancy Wallech/Joseph Wolfe: Nancy and Joseph met on May 29th. Joseph is in the 1st grade at Bester Elementary School.

POTPOURRI

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Polly Physioc and her husband, Robert Kuge, on their April 20th wedding.

Congratulations to Little Brother Djuan Socks for receiving an honorable mention in a poetry contest sponsored by the Washington County Free Library.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor Earl Stoner on his appointment as Chief Health Officer of the Washington County Health Department.

Congratulations to County Employees, Big Sister Verna Brown for 35 years of service and Big Brother Bill Stachoviak for 25 years of service.

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother James Maples on his May 7th wedding to Hillary Christopoulos.

Drive To Succeed Essay Contest

Arby's has teamed up with racing phenomenon Matt Kenseth and the #17 team this NASCAR season. To celebrate its longstanding partnership with BBBS and promote the importance of mentoring, Arby's has created an essay contest for two lucky Littles to win a trip to meet Matt Kenseth and attend a NASCAR Busch Series race.

Littles must submit an essay (up to 800 words) to answer the question: What Drives You to Succeed? Matt Kenseth is passionate about racecar driving and has become one of NASCAR's leading drivers by dreaming big and working hard to attain his goals. Tell us what drives you to succeed and how you dream big and work hard to reach your goals. The contest will be awarded in two age categories, 6-11 and 12-18. The deadline for submissions is August 27, 2007.

Winners, along with their Big or parent/guardian, will be flown to Phoenix to attend the November 10, 2007 NASCAR Busch Series race and meet Matt Kenseth. The first 50 Littles to submit an essay will receive an autographed picture of Matt!

Please encourage your Littles to enter the "Drive To Succeed" essay contest. For details and entry forms, please contact Stacey at the agency office, 301-739-4711.

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



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

Little Brother Philip Rodriquez will graduate from South Hagerstown High School. He plans to attend Hagerstown Community College in the summer. Philip has been matched with his Big Brother Andy Morgan for 5 years.

Little Sister Britney Hose will graduate from Clear Spring High School. She plans to seek employment after graduation. Britney has been matched with Big Sister Mary Ellen Waltemire for 5 years.

Little Sister Brittany Reed will graduate from North Hagerstown High School. She has plans to join the Navy in the middle of July. Brittany has been matched with her Big Sister, Crystal Allison, for almost 10 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.

Suns Game

The Hub City Vineyard, a local church, is planning to take 20 of our Littles to the Hagerstown Suns on Saturday, June 30th. The game is FREE! The church will pay for the Littles and the agency will pay for the Bigs. Call today (or by Monday, June 18th) to get on the reservation list and to get details.

THANK YOU!!!

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

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

Our thanks go out to Dave Collins, Raymond Holton, Laura & Jeff Horning, Trina Johnson, Bob McKee and Justin Nestor for helping with the April Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

We would like to thank Big Brother John Jolicoeur and Little Brother Dylan Morgan for weeding and mulching at the agency office.

Car Rally

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the April 29th Car Rally.

Third place went to Big Brother Matt Paige and Little Brother Jacob Johnson.

Second place was awarded to Big Couple Rod & Brooke Kerbs and their Little Brother Blake Shrader.

First place winners were Big Brother Ed Distad and Little Brother Michael Landaker.

A special thanks go out to Bob McKee, Executive Director and Crystal Davis, Casework Supervisor for all the extra time they spent planning and organizing the route.

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

July/August, 2007

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

New Community-Based Matches

Lynda Palmer/Kayla Ross: Lynda and Kayla were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring program on December 15, 2005. They transferred to the Community-Based program on June 19, 2007. Kayla will be entering the 7th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Donna Jones/Keiana Hardman: Donna was matched to Keiana on July 12, 2007. Donna teaches 3rd grade at Old Forge Elementary School. Keiana will be in the 7th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 22, 2007.
Summer Vacation Ends—
School Begins.

Wednesday, August 22, 2007.
7:00 p.m. Board of Director's
Meeting. Agency Office.

Sunday, August 26, 2007.
2:00—5:00 p.m.
Valley Mall Scavenger Hunt.
See attached flier.

Monday, September 3, 2007.
Labor Day.
Agency Office Closed.

Potpourri

We express our sincere sympathy to School-Based Mentor Cindy Kalkbrenner on the loss of her husband, Theodore Kalkbrenner, on June 18th.

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Brother, Steve Frame and his wife, Ingrid, on their June 2nd wedding.

Our sympathy goes out to School-Based Mentor Melissa Mishler on the death of her father-in-law.

Congratulations to Little Sister Tori Pyron on receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.



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.



Support The United Way

The 2007 Campaign Kickoff will be held on Friday, August 31, 2007.

Monies raised will be used to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters and the other 24 agencies affiliated with the United Way.

Your support of the United Way makes it easier to provide help throughout the community. 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 and those in need!



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Thank You

We would like to thank Taylor's Angels and Cabana Cove Concerts for donating twenty tickets to the Taylor Hicks Concert at the Maryland Theatre.

We would like to thank the Funkstown American Legion Post 211 for sending two of our Little Brothers to Camp West Mar for a two week summer camp experience.

We wish to thank WAYZ-FM for nominating our agency to Junk'd television. As a result of this nomination, the agency received \$500.00 from a promotion sponsored by Junk'd. Thanks again WAYZ and Junk'd for your support.

School-Based Mentoring



The 2007/2008 school year is about to begin!! We are very excited to be continuing our program in six Washington County schools: Bester Elementary, Eastern Elementary, Fountaindale School for Arts and Academic Excellence, Pangborn Elementary, E. Russell Hicks Middle and Northern Middle.

The agency would like to thank those mentors who are continuing to participate in the mentoring program this school year. There is still a great need for more volunteers to help out in the schools. 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. We are looking forward to having another successful school year.

2007 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 2007 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Award was presented to Little Brother DeLaun Smith and Little Sister Sarah Stanton.

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

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September/October, 2007

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

Community-Based Anniversaries

4 Years

Bill Stachowiak/Clayton Turner

1 Year

Susan Parks/Roshelle Holman

Judy Sterling/Marisa Carson

Naomi Doucette/Sadie Frederick

School-Based Anniversaries

5 School Years

Charla Istenes/Brianna Moore

4 School Years

Trina Johnson/Keifer Smelgus

3 School Years

Kathy Geer/Michael Cohick

Marty Blake/Jesscoyia Kline

My Luther/Daviontae Keys

2 School Years

Melissa Mishler/Jescel Brown

Lois Dreisbach/Makenzie Ewing

Anita Jardina/Scott Rautio

Valerie Wills/Zachary Kay

Susie Fisher/Courtney Bumbaugh

Alisa Karlin/Ieshia Hamilton

1 School Year

Roger Stenersen/Noah Stouffer

Tim Palkovitz/Daeqwna Carter

Linda McLaughlin/Manly Proctor

Jim Johnson/Joey Warnick

Sherrie Crowder/Jessica Domer

Anne Wilson/Ty'shon Hopkins

Alice Sencindiver/Zoe Warrenfeltz

Joe Dill/Caleb Smith

My Emerson/Destiny Jones

Holly Proctor/Katie Free

Kim Rasch/Tye'Jah Thomas

Nancy Wallech/Joseph Wolfe

New Matches

Community-Based:

Bonnie Taylor/Mariah Ford: Bonnie and Mariah met on September 6, 2007. Bonnie is a Driver for A-1 Sedan Transport. Mariah is in the 3rd grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Derek Belz/Dontre' Nichols: Derek met his new Little Brother, Dontre', on September 20th. Derek is employed with The Mental Health Center as a Therapeutic Rehabilitation Associate. Dontre' attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 2nd grade.

Donna Mason/Leah Colvin: Donna and Leah were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring program on January 26, 2006 and transferred to the Community-Based program on September 25, 2007. Donna is retired and Leah attends 6th grade at Northern Middle School.

School-Based:

Cindy Kalkbrenner/Hannah Samuelson: Cindy was matched with Hannah on August 31st at Eastern Elementary School. Cindy is the Executive Director for Leadership Washington County and Hannah is in the 5th grade.

Dereck Hewitt/Donta' Davis: Dereck and Donta' were matched on September 10, 2007. Dereck is a Manager at Café Del Sol and Donta' is in the 1st grade at Bester Elementary.

Leslie Braun/Joshua Scott: Leslie and Joshua met on September 11th at Northern Middle School. Leslie is retired and Joshua is in the 6th grade.

Joyce McClanathan/Paige Drury: Joyce met Paige at Bester Elementary on September 18, 2007. Joyce is a Teacher for three year olds at John Wesley Day Nursery. Paige is in the 5th grade.

Trina Johnson/Matthew Lookabaugh: Trina and Matthew met on September 27th. Trina is the Executive Director for the Hagerstown Day Nursery. Matthew attends Eastern Elementary and is in the 1st grade.

Gary Naugle/Cory Irvin: Gary met his new Little Brother, Cory, on October 2, 2007 at Bester Elementary. Gary is retired and Cory is in the 5th grade.

Annette Polk/Ishaya Campher: Annette was matched to Ishaya on October 5th. Annette is self-employed. Ishaya is in the 1st grade at Pangborn Elementary.

☆☆☆☆ **THANK YOU** ☆☆☆☆

We would like to thank Diane Oroski for her donation of bookbags to the agency.

We would like to thank Gerald Hammond for his contribution to the agency.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB INVITATION

Any Community-Based Volunteer who is interested in doing activities with their Little at the Boys & Girls Club is invited to attend an Open House to check out the facility and see what they have to offer. The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown. If you and your Little are interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Crystal at 301-739-4711 or crystal@bbbswcmd.org by Monday, October 15th. There will be Food & Games Provided!

INFORMATION SESSION

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold an Information Session for all individuals interested in learning more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. It will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, beginning at 6:30p.m. in the agency office, 1135 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown.

There continues to be a need for mentors for both programs to match with qualified children who can benefit from a special friendship. Please tell your friends, co-workers and family about this opportunity to learn how to help a child in our community.

Please R.S.V.P. by October 19, 2007 at 301-739-4711. Any mentor who attends and brings a friend will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card to the Valley Mall.

Teddy Bear Clinic

The agency has been invited to participate in The Teddy Bear Clinic. This activity is part of the Antietam Healthcare



Foundation's 4th Annual Festival of Trees, which is held at Robinwood Medical Center on December 1, 2007. This will provide a limited number of children from ages 3-8 the opportunity to participate and learn about important health issues and receive a free teddy bear. Anyone who is interested in getting his/her child/children involved must call the agency office at 301-739-4711 and reserve your slots no later than Wednesday, October 31st. **This event is NOT open to the public and your children must be signed up.** A parent/adult is required to attend and stay with his/her children at all times during this event.

Agency Halloween Party
Sunday, October 28, 2007.

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Maugansville Ruritan.
See attached flier!



Annual Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sheraton Four Points.
Look for your invitation in the mail.

Agency Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 10, 2007.

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Otterbein United Methodist Church.
Mark your calendars now!



Potpourri



Our thoughts and prayers are with School Based Mentor, Tim Palkovitz, on the death of his father, Steve Palkovitz.

Congratulations to School Based Mentor, Linda McLaughlin, on her new promotion at Citi.

Our sympathy goes to Big Sister Sherrie Crowder on the death of her uncle.

A get well wish goes out to Stacey Keefer's husband, Brian, as he continues to recover from his back and foot surgeries.

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November/December, 2007

Stacey Keefer, Editor

Community Based Anniversaries

4 Years:

Colleen Kelley/Stephane Reed

3 Years:

Theresa Falcone/Antoinette Socks
Tom Breidenstein/Joshua Horton

2 Years:

Lacey Deeds/Tia Carpenter

1 Year:

Bill Lowman/Brett Barkdoll

School Based Anniversaries

1 School Year:

Wendy Avey/Jepri Ellis

Calendar

Monday, December 10, 2007
6:30—9:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner.
Otterbein United Methodist
Church.
See Attached Flier!

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will close for the Christmas Holiday at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21st. The agency will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The answering machine at the office will be on and checked on a daily basis, so don't hesitate to call if a problem arises.

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY!

New Matches

Community-Based:

Darlene Faiola/Hannah Frye: Darlene and Hannah were matched on October 15, 2007. Darlene is an Office Manager for Westat. Hannah attends Winter Street Elementary School and is in the 2nd grade.

School-Based:

Jessica McCollum/Nishaya Campher: Jessica was matched with Nishaya on October 11th at Pangborn Elementary. Jessica is a Patient Care Coordinator with Sonus Hearing Care Professionals. Nishaya is in the 1st grade.

Pastor Peter Guadalupe/Ronnie Walker: Pastor Peter and Ronnie were rematched on October 23, 2007. They were previously matched during the 2005/2006 school year. Pastor Peter is the Senior Pastor at HOPE Community Church. Ronnie attends 3rd grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Susan Parks/Kerstin Hasenbuhler: Susan met her new Little Sister, Kerstin, on October 31st. Susan is the Director of Community Health Nursing with the Washington County Health Department. Kerstin goes to Northern Middle School and is in the 6th grade.

Kris Pearl/Michael Arthurs: Kris and Michael met on November 8, 2007 at Bester Elementary School. Kris is very familiar with the program, as she has been a former Big Sister and Board member. Kris works for the Washington County Board of Education as a Staff Development Specialist. Michael is in the 1st grade.

POTPOURRI

We express our sincere sympathy to the family members and Little Brother Scott Rautio on the passing of School-Based Mentor Anita Jardina.

Congratulations to Big Brother David St. Clair on passing his Certified Public Accountant exam.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Little Brother, Anthony Hull, on the death of his grandmother, Linda Nipper.

THANK YOU!!

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

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

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Volunteer Awards Presented



We would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers for his/her countless hours of mentoring the children in our program. If it wasn't for you our agency would not exist.

This year, at our 2007 Annual Dinner, a Big Brother, Big Sister and School-Based Mentor were chosen to receive awards for their outstanding service to this agency.

The Big Brother of the Year has been matched with his Little Brother for 4 years. Whether it has been playing sports, talking about school, or just hanging out, this Big Brother has always taken time to encourage his Little Brother to be a positive person and to always try his best. He has taken his Little Brother and provided him with new opportunities, experiences and learning. The 2007 Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year Award went to John Jolicoeur.

The Big Sister of the Year has been involved with the program for a little over four years. She fell in love with her Little Sister after being her school teacher and just knew she wanted to be a part of her life. This Big Sister has always been consistent in spending time with her Little Sister even when faced with the challenge of no phone in the home. She has been there for her Little Sister when the family dynamics changed and has always been a supportive friend. The 2007 Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year Award went to Mary Rogers.

This year's School-Based Mentor of the Year represents not simply the act of mentoring itself. She represents true character - what makes a mentor a true role model for others. She has shared her gift with so many, it's a lifestyle she has chosen to live, a commitment beyond one hour a week. She was one of the first volunteers to sign up to become a School-Based mentor and has been matched with three children. Currently she is matched with two Little Brothers at Eastern Elementary and she puts a smile on each child's face when they see her each week. She allows her Littles to be themselves, while also guiding them in polishing the persons they are growing up to be. This year's School-Based Mentor of the Year Award went to Trina Johnson.

We recognize every Volunteer we have and thank them for turning Little Moments into Big Magic for the children we serve.

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS

Congratulations to the following winners of our Pumpkin Carving Contests and Costume Contests which were held at the agency's Halloween Party on October 28th.

Scariest Pumpkin: Brandy Faith
Most Original Pumpkin: Jescel Brown
Cutest Pumpkin: Sarah Stanton
Funniest Pumpkin: Brian Brown

Scariest Costume: Kwinton Faith
Most Original Costume: Hannah Frye
Funniest Costume: Caleb Smith
Cutest Costume: Matthew Lookabaugh

Everyone who participated looked great in their costumes and the day was a success. A special thank you to Board Members, Raymond Holton, Trina Johnson, Pat Pulieri, Elaine Rose and Alice Sencindiver for helping to prepare and make the day run smoothly. I can't wait to see what games and crafts we will do next year!

Board Member Of The Year

This year's Board Member of the Year has spent countless hours of her own time not only helping the children we serve, but also to keep the mission and vision of this agency alive and strong.

She has spent the past 13 years with our program by either being involved as a Big Sister, School-Based Mentor or a Board Member.

She is currently the agency's 2nd Vice President, chairs the Public Relations and Recruitment Committee and has chaired Bowl For Kids' Sake for 4 years.

The 2007 Board Member of the Year is Verna Brown. Thank you Verna for all of your hard work!

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

January/February, 2008

Stacey Keefer, Editor

Community Based Anniversaries

4 Years:

Jenny Coleman/Tori Pyron

3 Years:

David St. Clair/Blake Lyles
Mary Rogers/Samantha Stanton

School Based Anniversaries

1 School Year:

Tracy Mumma/Maurice Rease

Calendar

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
6:00—8:30 p.m.

Agency Skate Party.
Starland Skating Rink.
See Attached Flier!

Sunday, April 6, 2008
Bowl For Kids' Sake
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Turner's Dual Lanes.

Tax Deductions For Volunteers

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

You can deduct the cost of mileage. You can deduct your actual mileage costs or take the standard deduction of 14 cents per mile.

You should keep a daily log of your mileage and expenses, and keep all your receipts. For additional information on volunteer tax deductions, contact the Internal Revenue Service and ask about, "Charitable Contributions."

New Matches

Community-Based:

Stephanie Holder/Abigail Frye: Stephanie and Abigail were matched on December 11, 2007. Stephanie is a stay-at-home mom and Abigail attends Winter Street Elementary School and is in the 2nd grade.

Robin Shusko/Jesscoya Kline: Robin met Jesscoya on January 15, 2008. Robin is a Police Officer. Jesscoya is in the 4th grade at Bester Elementary School.

School-Based:

Douglas Surgent/Joshua Green: Doug was matched with Joshua on November 20th at Pangborn Elementary. Joshua is in the 5th grade.

Dave Collins/Jordan Billman: Dave and Jordan were matched on November 21, 2007. Jordan attends 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Stephanie Holder/Leanne Brelsford: Stephanie met her Little Sister, Leanne, on December 5th. Leanne goes to E. Russell Hicks Middle School and is in the 7th grade.

Kris McGee/Malaysia Worthington: Kris and Malaysia met on December 10, 2007. Kris works for Bester Elementary as a Teacher and Malaysia is in the 5th grade at Bester.

Matthew Giles/Demetrius Smith: Matthew was matched with Demetrius on December 13th. Matthew is a Pilot with American Eagle Airlines. Demetrius attends Pangborn Elementary and is in the 2nd grade.

Shawn Maginnis/Arron Thompson: Shawn and Arron met at E. Russell Hicks Middle School on January 3, 2008. Shawn is an Account Representative for Hagemeyer North America. Arron is in the 7th grade.

Jean Holliday/Brian Brown: Jean met her new Little Brother, Brian, on January 7, 2008 at Fountaindale Elementary School. Brian is in the 1st grade.

Tara Price/Cheria Sorrell: Tara was matched with Cheria on January 10, 2008. Tara works at Sagittarius Salon & Sanctuary Spa as a Hair Stylist. Cheria is in the 7th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

Lois Dreisbach/Nicole Prather: Lois was matched with her new Little Sister, Nicole, on January 29th. Lois is a Secretary for the Washington County Health Department. Nicole attends Fountaindale Elementary School and is in the 1st grade.

Douglas Surgent/Kyle Whitacre: Doug was matched with his second Little Brother on January 30, 2008. Kyle is in the 3rd grade at Bester Elementary School.

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2008 Bowl For Kids' Sake

Preparations for the 24th 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 6, 2008 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 \$350.00 Visa Gift Card. The SECOND PRIZE will be a \$250.00 Visa Gift Card. Everyone turning in all pledge money on or before April 9th will be eligible for a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card. 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 6th for some real fun with Bowl For Kids' Sake. You may also check out our website at www.bbbswcmd.org for more information, sponsor sheets or to make a donation online.

THANK YOU!!!

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

We wish to thank Two Top Ruritan, Incarcerated Veterans of Roxbury, Ausherman Development Corporation and Dr. Beth Beckner for the donations they made to the agency.

We would like to thank Concordia Lutheran Church for its continued support by making Christmas a special time for some of our families. It is wonderful of the congregation to do so every year.

Our thanks goes to Denise Ambrosio and Michelle Logan for their contributions made to the Avery Snyder Memorial Fund.

We wish to thank the Kershner Sisters Foundation and the Sinnisen Foundation for the generous grant which will fund a color copier for the agency.

We would like to thank Vince Fertitta for the donation of turkeys made to some of our families for the holidays.

POTPOURRI

We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister Lynda Palmer on the loss of her daughter, Julie Hutzell-Fish, on January 14, 2008.

We would like to wish Big Sister Donna Jones a big Get Well as she heals from shoulder surgery.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Little Brother Michael Landaker on his early graduation from High School and his upcoming enrollment in Advanced Individual Training for the Army. We wish you the best in the future, Mike! We also want to thank Big Brother Ed Distad for his commitment to Mike for the past 7 years. Thanks for your continued involvement in our program.

School-Based Mentor, Marty Blake, would like to congratulate Little Sister, Jesscoyia Kline, on her perfect attendance for November, 2007.

We would like to wish Danielle Hudak, Casework Associate, a fond farewell. Her last day with the agency is February 21st, as she is leaving to expand her family with the addition of a little girl in May.

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

March/April, 2008

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

Community-Based Anniversaries

4 Years

Janet Slack/Brandy Faith
John Jolicoeur/Dylan Morgan
Lea Bikle/Kayla Gerhold
Frank Nuice/Kadeem Brim

2 Years

Becky Barber/Sarah Stanton
Steve Frame/Dustin Ingram

Calendar

Picnic/Swim Party

Wed., June 18th,

5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Warty Snook Park

Mark Your Calendar Now!

New Matches

School-Based

Verna Brown/Alyssa House: Verna and Alyssa were matched in the School-Based program on February 21, 2008. Verna is an Emergency Management Coordinator for Washington County Emergency Services. Alyssa attends Bester Elementary School and is in the 5th grade.

Marty Blake/Skylar Heintzelman: Marty met her new Little Sister, Skylar, on April 2nd at Eastern Elementary School. Marty is a Dental Hygienist for Drs. Porac & Bachtell. Skylar is in the 3rd grade.

Cathy Keyser/Ja'Nay Parker: Cathy and Ja'Nay met at Fountaindale Elementary on April 3rd. Ja'Nay is in the 4th grade.

Holly Luther/Destene' Wise: Holly was matched with Destene' on April 18th at Fountaindale Elementary. Holly works for the Washington County Health Department as a Coordinator of Special Programs. Destene' is in the 1st grade.

Wayne Albert/Marquese Campher: Wayne and Marquese met on April 23, 2008. Marquese attends Fountaindale Elementary School and is in the 2nd grade.

Community-Based

Fidella Starr/Catherine West: Fidella and Catherine met on March 12, 2008. Fidella is a School Counselor for Smithsburg Middle School. Catherine attends 5th grade at Cascade Elementary School.

Alisa Karlin/Ieshia Hamilton: Alisa and Ieshia were matched in the Community-Based program on March 20, 2008. Alisa is a Commercial Loan Administrator for Sovereign Bank and Ieshia is in the 6th grade at Northern Middle School.

David Collins/Jordan Billman: Dave and Jordan were first matched on November 21, 2007 at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. On April 3, 2008 they transferred their match to the Community-Based program. Jordan is in 6th grade.

Nancy Detrich/Charity Kyler: Nancy met Charity on April 11, 2008. Nancy works for the Federal Government and Charity attends 2nd grade at Bester Elementary School.

Pastor Peter Guadalupe/Ronnie Walker: Pastor Peter and Ronnie transferred into the Community-Based program on April 17, 2008. Pastor Peter is the Senior Pastor for Hagerstown Christian Church. Ronnie goes to Fountaindale Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade.

Henry Penafiel/Christian Kyler: Henry and Christian met on April 23rd. Henry is employed through the U. S. Navy in White House Communications. Christian is in the 3rd grade at Bester Elementary.

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Potpourri

Congratulations and best wishes to School-Based Mentor Cathy Zombro and her husband, Ron Keyser, on their recent wedding.

A get well wish goes to Big Sister Sherrie Crowder as she continues to recover from her hand surgeries.

Congratulations to Little Sister Tori Pyron for being selected for the Young Author Award in Washington County.

Congratulations to Little Brother Kadeem Brim on being highlighted in the Herald Mail's around Jonathan Street column for Black History Month.

We express our sincere sympathy to Big Sister Lea Bikle on the passing of her mother, Jan Bikle.

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

THANK YOU!!!!

Our thanks go to Barb Donaldson and Starland Skating Rink for hosting our annual skating party.

We wish to thank Jack Berkson for his contribution made to our Activity Account.

Our thanks go to the Community Services Commission of the First Christian Church for their generous donation made to the agency.

We would like to thank RIDEMAKERZ for inviting some of our Big/Little matches to participate in their grand opening.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 24th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is all over and was a success!

Bowlers who participated raised \$21,500 of the approximate \$42,000 total.

We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make it such a success! A special thank you goes to Vern Brown, Chair for this year's event.

Also, thanks to the Staff, Board members, Todd Smith and Staff at Turner's Dual Lanes 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 success!

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 with each of you, without correct contact information.

If email contact is more convenient for you, please feel free to do so; we would love to hear from you.

To contact:

Tracy: tracy@bbbswcmd.org

Crystal: crystal@bbbswcmd.org

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

May/June, 2008

Stacey Keefer, Editor

Community-Based Anniversaries

2 Years:

Rod & Brooke Kerbs/
Blake Shrader

1 Year:

Lynda Palmer/Kayla Ross

Calendar

Wednesday, June 18th
6:00—8:30 p.m.
Agency Picnic Swim.
Halfway Park.
See attached flier!

Wednesday, June 25th
7:00 p.m.
Agency Office.
BBBS Board of Director's
Meeting.

New Matches

Community-Based:

Tiffany Bloyer/Andrea Makle: Tiffany and Andrea were matched on May 12, 2008. Tiffany is employed with the State of Maryland and Andrea attends 1st grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Pastor Peter Guadalupe/Jordan Love: Pastor Peter met his new Little Brother, Jordan, on May 28, 2008. Pastor Peter is the Senior Pastor for Hagerstown Christian Church. Jordan goes to Salem Avenue Elementary School and is in the 1st grade.

School-Based:

James Johnson/Anthony Hull: Jim was matched with Anthony on May 12, 2008 at Northern Middle School. Anthony is in the 7th grade.

James Bise/Michael Tobery: James and Michael were matched at Northern Middle School on May 22nd. James is a Firefighter for Montgomery County Fire & Rescue and Michael is in the 7th grade.

THANK YOU!!!

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

We wish to thank Dave Collins for his generous contribution to the agency.

Our thanks goes to the Exchange Club of Antietam for its contribution to help underwrite the cost of toner for the agency's color printer.

SUMMER TIME

With summer quickly approaching, we understand that schedules become hectic with vacations and family events; however, we do not want you to lose contact with one another.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters - As you prepare to go on vacation, please keep your Little informed of your plans. Sending letters and postcards are wonderful alternatives for maintaining communication while you are away. Remember to take advantage of the warm weather as you are planning activities with your Little.

School-Based Mentors - With the school year ending, the summer months may create a challenge in maintaining contact with your Little. Please take advantage of the stationery that was provided to each of you at the end of school. Also, keep in mind that all Mentors and their Littles are invited to group activities. If you would like to bring your Little to an event, please contact the office so that written parent permission may be obtained.

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\$1 "Help Us Help Kids" Pin-Ups to Raise Money for Youth-Mentoring In Washington County

Arby's is launching a national community fundraiser in Arby's restaurants throughout the country to raise money and awareness for youth-mentoring, and residents of Washington County may use it to make a difference in their own local communities.

From May 26 through June 30, 2008, customers who visit Arby's restaurants in Washington County may donate \$1 and sign a "Help Us Help Kids" pin-up to hang on the wall of the restaurant. Money raised will support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD. Last year, Arby's raised more than \$1.6 million nationwide through its pin-up campaign.

VERIZON VELOCITY PROGRAM

Here's what you need to do:

- You must place your **new Verizon order** by calling **1-888-695-5299**, the special Velocity sales number. (Call Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST.)
- **Order a new Verizon product** from the list below to help us earn donations.
- You must provide our 5-digit tracking code at the time you order: **12469**.

Place a new order for one or more of these qualifying Verizon products:

- Verizon FiOS Internet
- Verizon High Speed Internet 3.0 MBPS
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- Verizon FiOS TV
- Verizon Freedom Calling Plans
- Verizon Long Distance
- Additional Line

For more information on the velocity program, visit verizon.com/velocity.

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

July/August/September/October, 2008

Stacey R. Keefer, Editor

New Matches

Community-Based Anniversaries

3 Years

Verna Brown/Alyssa House

2 Years

Sherrie Crowder/Ashley Burnett

Judy Sterling/Marisa Carson

Naomi Doucette/Sadie Frederick

1 Year

Donna Jones/Keiana Hardman

Derek Belz/Dontre' Nichols

Bonnie Gordon/Mariah Ford

Donna Mason/Leah Colvin

Darlene Faiola/Hannah Frye

Community-Based:

Cathy Keyser/Ja'Nay Parker: Cathy and Ja'Nay transferred from the School-Based Mentoring program on June 3, 2008. Ja'Nay is in the 5th grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Virginia Emerson/Destiny Jones: Ginny and Destiny were matched in the Community-Based program on June 11, 2008, after transferring from the School-Based Mentoring program. Destiny is in the 9th grade at North High.

Gary Naugle/Cory Irvin: Gary and Cory transferred into the Community-Based program on June 20, 2008. Cory is in the 6th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Keleigh Stonebreaker/Sabrina McElroy: Keleigh was matched to Sabrina on August 4, 2008. Sabrina attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School. She is in the 6th grade.

Jennifer Abel/Victoria Billman: Jennifer met her Little Sister, Victoria, on August 22, 2008. Jennifer works at Michael's Arts & Crafts Store as a Sales Associate. Victoria is in the 5th grade at Eastern Elementary School.

Susan Norris/Lachrisha Ross: Susan and Lachrisha met on September 5th. Susan is the owner of PC Experts and Lachrisha is in the 8th grade at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Mark Feiser/Kwinton Faith: Mark and Kwinton met on September 10, 2008. Mark is employed with Brewer Associates as a Manufacturing Sales Representative. Kwinton attends Old Forge Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade.

Shawn Maginnis/Arron Thompson: Shawn and Arron were first matched in the School-Based Mentoring program at E. Russell Hicks on January 3, 2008 and transferred to Community-Based on September 24th. Shawn is an Account Representative for Hagemeyer North America and Arron is in the 7th grade.

School-Based Anniversaries

School Years

Charla Istenes/Brianna Moore

3 School Years

Susie Fisher/Courtney Bumbaugh

Valerie Wills/Zachary Kay

2 School Years

Holly Proctor/Katie Free

Roger Stenersen/Noah Stouffer

Joe Dill/Caleb Smith

Tim Palkovitz/Daeqwne Carter

Nancy Wallech/Joseph Wolfe

1 School Year

Leslie Braun/Joshua Scott

Susan Parks/Kerstin Hasenbuhler

Jean Holliway/Brian Brown

Lois Dreisbach/Nicole Prather

Verna Brown/Alyssa House

Arty Blake/Skylar Heintzelman

Wayne Albert/Marquese Campher

Jim Johnson/Anthony Hull

☆☆☆☆ THANK YOU ☆☆☆☆

We would like to thank Sara Ann & William Godwin for the donation of an HP Photosmart printer to the agency.

We would like to thank the Washington County Gaming Commission for their generous grant which will help fund our School-Based Mentoring program.

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BBBS Welcomes New Executive Director

We would like to welcome Alecha Sanbower to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Alecha is the agency's new Executive Director as of August 11, 2008.

Alecha graduated from American University in Washington, DC with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, and from Shippensburg University with a Master's degree in Administration of Justice. Her background includes managing grants and programs for children and families, providing and overseeing prevention education programs for children and youth, and serving as an adjunct faculty member for local colleges. Over the past ten years, Alecha has gained significant experience in the human services and justice fields. Alecha lives in Waynesboro, PA, with her husband and daughter.

We are very excited to have Alecha on board and we hope all of you welcome her into the agency. We believe her motivating and enthusiastic personality will be a true asset to the Big Brothers Big Sisters agency and its mission.

Pumpkin Patch/Corn Maze Activity
Sunday, October 26, 2008.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Misty Meadow Farm.
See attached flier!



Annual Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Plaza Hotel.
Look for your invitation in the mail.

Agency Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 8, 2008.

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Otterbein United Methodist Church.
Mark your calendars now!



Potpourri

Our sympathy goes to former School-Based Mentor, Ron Keyser, and his wife, Big Sister Cathy Keyser, on the death of Ron's mother, Virginia Keyser.



We would like to Congratulate Big Brother, Steve Frame, and his wife Ingrid, on the birth of their son, Jebediah Richard on June 28, 2008.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor, Jessica McCollum, on the birth of her daughter, Emily.

School-Based Mentoring



The 2008/2009 school year has begun!!

We are very excited to be continuing our program in the Washington County Public Schools. This year will mark another milestone for the program as we have just added our seventh school, Salem Avenue Elementary School.

The agency would like to thank those mentors who are continuing to participate in the mentoring program this school year. There is still a great need for more volunteers to help out in the schools. 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. We are looking forward to having another successful school year.



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

November/December 2008

Happy Holidays!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

4 Years:

Theresa Falcone/Antoinette Socks

3 Years:

Lacey Deeds/Tia Carpenter

School-Based Anniversaries

3 School Years:

Melissa Mishler/Jescel Brown

2 School Years:

Tracy Mumma/Maurice Rease

1 School Year:

Annette Polk/Ishaya Campher

Marty Price/Raekwon Momen

Jessica McCollum/Nishaya Campher

Anne Wilson/Ty'Shon Hopkins

Trina Johnson/Matthew Lookabaugh

Holly Luther/Destene' Wise

Fall 2008 New Matches

Community-Based:

Bill Stachoviak/Gavin O'Brien: Bill and Gavin met on October 8. Bill is employed with the Washington County Planning Department as a Park and Environmental Planner. Gavin is in first grade at Potomac Heights Elementary.

Arin Barnard/Paige West: Arin and Paige met on October 11. Arin is a Machine Operator at Fil-Tec. Paige is in eighth grade at Smithsburg Middle School.

John Rohrer/Malik Shrader: John and Malik met on October 23. John is employed by the state of Maryland. Malik is in the third grade at Winter Street Elementary.

Caitlin Carter/Abigail Frye: Caitlin and Abigail met on October 23. Caitlin is a Resource Teacher at the Citi Corp Family Center. Abigail attends Winter Street Elementary and is in the third grade.

Pamela Saum/Rayana Ford: Pam and Rayana met on November 6. Pam is employed as a Senior Staff member at The Learning Center. Rayana is in first grade at Eastern Elementary.

Annette Polk/Ishaya Campher: Annette and Ishaya were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring Program in October 2007. They transferred to Community-Based on November 14. Annette is a homemaker. Ishaya attends Eastern Elementary and is in second grade.

School-Based:

Ed Distad/Jonathan Crawford: Ed and Jonathan were matched on September 30. Ed is a retired teacher. Jonathan is a sixth grade student at Northern Middle School.

Angela Heare/Breanna Campanelli: Angela and Breanna were matched on October 9. Angela is a Patient Resource Navigator with the American Cancer Society. Breanna attends Bester Elementary and is in third grade.

-Calendar-

Monday, December 8, 2008

6:30—9:00 p.m.

Annual Holiday Dinner

Otterbein United Methodist Church

See Enclosed Flyer!

OFFICE CLOSING

The agency office will be closed for the Holidays from December 24, 2008 through January 2, 2009. The answering machine at the office will be checked on a daily basis, so don't hesitate to call if needed.

Potpourri

- Thoughts are with Board Member Lisa Fennel and her boyfriend, Bill Moser, on the death of Bill's father on October 28.
- We are glad to report that Big Sister Judy Sterling is doing well after her recent surgery.
- Thank you to the Noon Rotarians and Joe Dill for work completed on the back office outside wall and doors.
- Thank you to Red Barron Flooring for providing and installing new carpet upstairs.
- Get well wishes are with Cathy Keyser on her recent surgery.

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Volunteer Awards Presented



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This year, at our 2008 Annual Dinner, held on November 12, 2008 at the Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown, MD, a Big Brother, Big Sister and School-Based Mentor were chosen to receive awards for their outstanding service to this agency.

The Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year has been matched with his Little Brother for over four years. They have spent time together bike riding, going to the movies, fishing and hiking. This Big Brother has also been an advocate for the agency and agreed to have photos taken with his Little Brother, Kadeem, for Hagerstown Magazine. The 2008 Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year Award, presented by Crystal Davis and Jack Berkson, went to M. Frank Nuice of Boonsboro.

The Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year has been involved with the program for 16 years. She has been matched with her Little Sister Sadie for two years now. They have gone fishing, swimming and camping together, and also enjoy going to the library. She has inspired her Little Sister with words of encouragement and unconditional support. She also supports her Little Sister in playing football. The 2008 Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year Award, presented by Crystal Davis and Alice Sencindiver, went to Naomi Doucette of Hagerstown.

This year's School-Based Mentor of the Year represents the joy that can be found in mentoring a younger child. He has demonstrated the meaning of generosity through mentoring and daily life. The Mentor and his Little, Caleb, play basketball together and enjoy spending time together in the school. This is the third year of their match. The two also enjoy attending agency group activities together, most recently the activity at the Pumpkin Patch Farm outside of Smithsburg. This year's 2008 School-Based Mentor of the Year Award went to Joe Dill of Hagerstown.

We recognize every Volunteer we have and thank them for turning Little Moments into Big Magic for the children we serve.



Board Member Of The Year



The individual who is our Board Member of the Year has been involved with the agency for many years, and she has done nothing but show how dedicated she is to everything the agency does. She first came to the agency to lend a hand. She participated in fundraising and activity events, and then decided to serve on the Board of Directors.

She was appointed to the board in 2002. She has served as chair of Finance and Fund Development, First Vice President, and is currently President.

In October of 2003, she decided she wanted to do even more for the agency and signed up as a school-based mentor. She was matched with a student at Eastern Elementary and is currently on the waitlist to have a new little.

As a board member she has been instrumental in numerous things including recruiting volunteers to the school-based mentoring program and leading the agency in a most outstanding way this past year. She is very dedicated to the success of Big Brothers Big Sisters and was awarded Board Member of the Year in 2006. The 2008 Board Member of the Year Award went to Elaine Rose of Hagerstown.

Save the Date!

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Annual Fundraiser

April 19, 2009

Turner's Dual Lanes

Hagerstown, MD

Call 301-739-4711 for information!





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

January/February 2009

Happy 2009!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

5 Years:

Jenny Coleman/Tori Pylon

4 Years:

Mary Rogers/Samantha Stanton

3 Years:

David St. Clair/Blake Lyles

1 Year:

Robin Shusko/Jesscoyia Kline

Potpourri

Big Brother Gary Naugle would like to congratulate Little Brother Cory Irvin for making the middle school honor roll.

Anne Wilson would like to congratulate her school-based mentee, Ty'Shon Hopkins, for being December Student of the Month at Bester Elementary.

Our thoughts are with School-Based Mentor Jessica McCollum and her family on the recent death of her father.

Our condolences are sent to school-based mentee, Matthew Lookabaugh, and his family on the recent loss of his grandmother.

Congratulations to Big Sister Tiffany Bloyer and her husband Wes on the birth of their daughter, Adalynn Grace.

Our thoughts go out to Little Brothers Jessy and Kwinton Faith and Little Sister Brandy Faith on the recent death of their great-grandmother.

Thank you to Citicorp for the recent donation to the agency through their employee book fair.

New Matches

Community-Based:

Steven Brown/Kaden Snyder: Steven and Kaden met on February 9. Steven is an Assistant Construction Manager for STV, Inc. Kaden is in the first grade at Rockland Woods Elementary.

School-Based:

Kris McGee/Shabree' Brown: Kris and Shabree' were matched on November 10, 2008. Kris is an Intervention Specialist for Bester Elementary School. Shabree' is in the fifth grade at Bester Elementary.

Melissa Hammond/Joyce Anthony: Melissa and Joyce were matched on November 26, 2008. Melissa is a Registered Nurse at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Joyce is in the first grade at Pangborn Elementary.

Anna Haupt/Christina Davis: Anna and Christina were matched on December 10, 2008. Anna is a Family and Community Partnership Coordinator for Pangborn Elementary. Christina is in third grade at Pangborn Elementary.

Rowena Sallah/Hannah Nave: Rowena and Hannah were matched on December 22, 2008. Rowena is a homemaker who is also employed in a home-based business. Hannah is in fifth grade at Pangborn Elementary.

Shanon Speak/Serenity Prather: Shanon and Serenity were matched on January 22. Shanon is a Manager at First Data. Serenity is in kindergarten at Salem Avenue Elementary.

Angela Rhoton/Angell McKillip: Angela and Angell were matched on January 23. Angela is a college student and Front Desk Receptionist for the Plaza Hotel. Angell is in kindergarten at Salem Avenue Elementary.

Kathy Geer/Destiny Weedon: Kathy and Destiny were matched on February 9, 2009. Kathy is a Lunch Assistant at Pangborn Elementary and a Receptionist at Curves. Destiny is in kindergarten at Pangborn Elementary.

-Calendar-

Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Agency Winter Skate Party, Starland Skating Park

See Enclosed Flyer!

Sunday, April 19, 2009, Bowl for Kids' Sake

11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Turner's Dual Lanes

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Tax Deductions Available for Bigs

It's time to begin calculating and filing your federal income tax. Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is pleased to inform you that Bigs are entitled to the following tax deductions:

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

While Big Brothers Big Sisters of America encourages quality time rather than money spent on the Little to be most important in the relationship, we trust that you will find the above information useful.

Campership Opportunities—Each year, the agency sends a few children to enjoy two weeks of summer camp at Antietam Recreation, thanks to the Avery Snyder Campership Fund. If you have a child between the ages of 7-13 and are able to provide transportation daily to/from camp for two weeks, please call Crystal by March 1.

Special Fundraiser—Every Monday in February, Shoney's will donate 10% of their entire day's sales to Big Brothers Big Sisters. This is an excellent opportunity to give back to the community Enjoy Shoney's Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner...all while supporting BBBS! Shoney's of Hagerstown is located at 17301 Valley Mall Road, off I-81 Exit 5A. It is in front of the Valley Mall.



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

March/April 2009

Happy Spring!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

5 Years:

Janet Slack/Brandy Faith

John Jolicouer/Dylan Morgan

Frank Nuice/Kadeem Brim

3 Years:

Becky Barber/Sarah Stanton

Steve Frame/Dustin Ingram

1 Year:

Dave Collins/Jordan Billman

Nancy Detrich/Charity Kyler

Henry Penafiel/Christian Kyler

Potpourri

Big Sister Donna Mason would like to congratulate Little Sister Leah Colvin on making the honor roll for the 4th marking period.

Congratulations to Big Sister Mary Rogers on passing certification to teach English Language Learners K-12.

Thoughts go out to Mentor Kathy Geer and fiancé on the loss of her fiancé's mother.

The Full Potential Foundation Racing Team will race several events this year at nearby Summit Point raceway. The team has offered free tickets for Bigs and Littles to attend a race. The first race is April 18/19. For more information, call 443-479-6461.

Thank you to Sam's Club for the recent grant award of \$100.

Volunteers Needed—If you are a volunteer or parent who is active in a local church and would like to help us recruit volunteers, whether it be through a church bulletin, church newsletter or have a place in your church where you can put our agency information, please contact the office at 301-739-4711 with the name and number of a contact person so we can get out information. Thanks!

New Matches

Community-Based:

Joe Dill/Caleb Smith—Joe and Caleb were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring Program. On February 16, 2009, Joe and Caleb decided to also join the Community-Based Program. Joe is retired and Caleb is in second grade at Bester Elementary School.

Ralph Mauriello/Adam Merone—Ralph and Adam were matched March 31, 2009. Ralph is an Account Specialist with First Data and Adam is in the 8th grade at Springfield Middle School.

School-Based:

Elaine Rose/Hayley Belair—Elaine and Hayley were matched on February 17, 2009. Elaine is an Administrative Specialist with the Health Department and Hayley is in kindergarten at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

Rowena Sallah/Marian Ward—Rowena Sallah and Marian Ward were matched on March 18, 2009. Rowena is a homemaker with a home-based business, and Marian is in the first grade at Pangborn Elementary School.

Bryan Mellor/Donta' Davis—Bryan and Donta' were matched on March 27, 2009. Bryan just returned to the area after fulfilling service in the United States Marine Corp and Donta' is in the second grade at Bester Elementary School.

-Calendar-

Sunday, April 19, 2009

25th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake

11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Turner's Dual Lanes

Sunday April 26, 2009

Big Brothers Big Sisters Spring Fling

Maugansville Ruritan Park—See Enclosed Flyer!

May 14, 15, 16, 2009

Uno's Dough Raiser for BBBS

See enclosed coupons for information!

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Volunteer Support Group

It has been brought to the program managers' attention that several volunteers would like to have a support group that would allow them the opportunity to come together and talk about things to do with "littles" and share those ideas with each other, or even address problems you may encounter in your match relationships with your "little". On Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30p.m., we are going to host our very first volunteer support group at the agency office. This is open to School Based and Community Based volunteers. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Tracy (tracy@bbbswcmd.org) or Crystal (crystal@bbbswcmd.org) by Monday, May 11, 2009. Light refreshments will be served. Please come with any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions you may have. We would like to see this first meeting as a brainstorming opportunity.

Special Fundraiser—On May 14, 15 and 16, Uno's will donate up to 20% of their day's sales to Big Brothers Big Sisters when you use the enclosed coupons. This is an excellent opportunity to help raise money for our programs for the littles. Enjoy Uno's Lunch or Dinner...all while supporting BBBS! Uno's Chicago Pizzeria is located on Garland Groh Boulevard in Hagerstown at the Centre at Hagerstown.

Summer Camp Opportunities—Cove Valley Youth Camp in nearby Mercersburg, PA offers summer camping opportunities for youth. Financial assistance is available. For more information visit www.covevalleycamp.org or call 877-COVE-CMP.



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

May/June 2009

Welcome Summer!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

3 years

Rod & Brooke Kerbs & Blake Shrader

2 years

Lynda Palmer & Kayla Ross

1 year

Tiffany Bloyer & Andrea Makle

Pastor Peter Guadalupe & Jordan Love

Cathy Keyser & Ja'Nay Parker

Ginny Emerson & Destiny Jones

Gary Naugle & Cory Irvin

Polpourri

Thank you to the Community Foundation of Washington County for the recent grant of \$8,000!

Thank you to the Antietam Exchange Club for the donation to purchase printer toner!

Big Sister Mary Rogers would like to congratulate little sister Samantha Stanton for making the honor roll for the 5th marking period!

Thank you to Christina McAllister, David and Catherine Collins, Moses McCall, Eloise Shaffer and Employees of Washington County, MD for their recent donations to the agency!

Thank you to James Speicher for donating Hagerstown Suns tickets!

Volunteers Needed

If you are active in a local church or organization and can help us recruit volunteer mentors for the community based and/or school based mentoring program, please contact the office at 301-739-4711!

New Matches

Community-Based:

Deborah Abt/RaShaun Harris-Debbie and RaShaun were matched on April 15, 2009. Debbie is an Office Supervisor for MASTEC, Inc. and RaShaun is in the 5th grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

Katrina Arndt/Andreyanna Crawford-Katrina and Andreyanna met on May 6, 2009. Katrina is a Culinary Specialist with the United States Navy and Andreyanna is in the 1st grade at Winter Street Elementary.

Mark Feiser/Jessy Faith-Mark and Jessy were matched on May 6, 2009. Mark is a Sales Representative for Brewer Associates and Jessy attends Smithsburg Middle School and is in the 7th grade.

Edward Distad/Jonathan Crawford-Ed and Jonathan initially met in the School Based Program in September 2008. Ed and Jonathan decided to join the Community Based Program as well on May 14, 2009. Ed is retired and Jonathan is in the 6th grade at Northern Middle School.

Bethany Domico/Jasmyne Kelley-Bethany and Jasmyne were matched on May 20, 2009. Bethany is employed by Rehab at Work and Jasmyne attends Bester Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade.

School-Based:

Leslie Braun/William Valentine—Leslie and William were matched on April 29, 2009. Leslie is retired; William is in the 3rd grade at Eastern Elementary.

-Calendar-

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

BBBS Annual Picnic and Swim

Marty Snook Park and Pavilion

6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Picnic meal provided by GTs!



Saturday, August 15, 2009

BBBS Night with the Hagerstown Suns

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2009 Bowl for Kids' Sake



A Success

The 25th annual fundraising event for the agency was held from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday April 19, 2009 at Turner's Dual Lanes in Hagerstown, MD. Both duck and ten pin bowling were offered. Each year, this successful event enlists bowlers from all over the area into one fund-raising effort for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County. Bowlers make pledge drives and then come out that day to bowl a game for the children we serve.

We thank our major sponsors for helping make this year a success: Turner's Dual Lanes as host; The Greene Turtle, Dot Foods, and Hagemeyer as corporate sponsors; and CertainTeed, Allegany Dental Care, The Law Offices of Michael G. Day and Associates, P.C., SPIRE Investment Partners, Hagerstown Trust, and Volvo Powertrain as business sponsors.

Thanks also goes out to many corporations, agencies and individuals that put together bowling teams for this year's fundraiser. A total of 277 bowlers from all over the tri-state area came out and showed their support for the agency's programs. Pledges amounted anywhere from \$25 to over \$1000!

Overall, the event was a huge success, providing the agency with \$35,765 for youth programs. Special congratulations to the Bowl For Kids' Sake Raffle winners, ticket #'s 2223, 0361 and 1372. First prize was a 42" LCD TV, second prize was a Longaberger beverage basket and stand, and third prize was \$250! The raffle contributed over \$2,500 to Bowl For Kids' Sake!

B.I.G.S. Group

(Bring Ideas to the Group to Share)

Come meet other volunteers and find out what they are doing with their "Littles", share your ideas with each other, address problems you may encounter in your match relationships with your "Littles", or come offer support to others on Monday, July 20, 2009 from 6 p.m. -7:30p.m. This is open to School Based and Community Based volunteers. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Tracy (tracy@bbbswcmd.org) or Crystal (crystal@bbbswcmd.org) by Thursday, July 16, 2009. Light refreshments will be served.

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Next Bowl for Kids' Sake Date

26TH BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

APRIL 18, 2010



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

July/August 2009

Happy Summer!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

4 years

Verna Brown and Alyssa House

3 years

Sherrie Crowder and Ashley Burnett

2 years

Donna Jones and Keiana Hardman

1 year

Jennifer Abel and Victoria Billman

New Matches

Community-Based:

Kristin Wright/Izabell Knode—Kristin and Izabell were matched on May 28, 2009. Kristin is a Program Analyst with the Department of Defense and Izabell will be in the first grade at Lincolnshire Elementary.

Dodie Waldron/Paige Drury—Dodie and Paige met on June 9, 2009. Dodie is a Registered Nurse at Gettysburg Hospital and Paige will be in the seventh grade at Smithsburg Middle School.

Potpourri

Thank you to the Funkhouser Foundation for the \$1,500.00 grant.

School-Based Mentor Wayne Albert would like to congratulate Little Brother Marquese Campher for a job well done in the 2008-09 school year.

Thank you to Arby's for the donation of Miss Maryland Pageant tickets.

Volunteers Needed

If you are active in a local church or organization and can help us recruit volunteer mentors for the community based and/or school based mentoring program, please contact the office at 301-739-4711!

Free Tickets

Thanks to donations from the United Way and WAYZ 104.7, the agency has 60 tickets to DelGrosso's Amusement Park (www.delgrossos.com) in Tipton, PA (about 2 hours north). The tickets include all park rides and the water park and are redeemable for the rest of the 2009 park season. If you would like tickets for a Big/Little outing, please call the office at 301-739-4711.

Calendar

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather conditions, the Swim Party rescheduled on July 1 was cancelled! Due to scheduling conflicts, the event is unable to be rescheduled. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. However, our next fun Big/Little event is scheduled!



Saturday, August 15, 2009

BBBS Night with the Hagerstown Suns

See enclosed flyer for details!

August 26, 2009

BBBS Board of Director's Meeting

7 p.m. at BBBS office

October Event

Date To Be Announced

Pumpkin Patch Hay Ride and Maze, Smithsburg, MD

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School-Based Mentoring Begins 8th Year

The 2009-2010 school year is about to begin, and with that comes the 8th year of this important program's operations. Started at Eastern Elementary in the 2002-2003 school year, the agency is excited to now be providing our program services in these Washington County schools: Bester Elementary, Pangborn Elementary, Eastern Elementary, Fountaindale School for Arts and Academic Excellence, Salem Avenue Elementary, E. Russell Hicks Middle and Northern Middle.

The agency would like to thank those mentors who are continuing to participate in the mentoring program this school year. There is still a great need for more volunteers to help out in the schools. You only have to give 45-60 minutes each week for the nine month school year, in order to make a positive impact in the life of a child in need of extra support.

You could be that someone special to help a child experience success. The effects last a lifetime. If you are interested in school-based mentoring, or know someone who is interested, please call Tracy at 301-739-4711. We are looking forward to a great school year!

2009 Avery Snyder Memorial Campership Awards

In 2000, Campership Awards from the agency were established to honor the memory of the childhood death of six year old Avery Snyder. Each year awards are given to Little Brothers and Little Sisters in the program at the Annual Picnic/Swim Party.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board President Ralph Mauriello presented the Campership Awards to Little Brothers Caleb Smith and Matthew Lookabaugh on June 17. Little Brother Jordan Ekblad, who also received the award, was not in attendance at the picnic. The Little Brothers are enjoying two weeks at Antietam Recreation.

Support the United Way

The 2009 Campaign Kickoff will be held on Friday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Municipal Stadium. Monies raised help fund programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters and other agencies affiliated with the United Way.

Your support of the United Way makes it easier to help us provide services to the youth in our community. Every donation, whether payroll deduction, or a large or small one time donation, plays an important part in the life of someone in our area. You'll share the wonderful feeling of giving with your family, friends and co-workers. By your gift, you have the power to change lives and help families!

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26TH BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

APRIL 18, 2010



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

September/October 2009

Welcome Fall!

Community-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

3 years

Judy Adams and Marisa Carson
Naomi Doucette and Sadie Frederick

2 years

Derek Belz and Dontre Nichols
Donna Mason and Leah Colvin
Darlene Faiola and Hannah Frye

1 year

Susan Norris and Lachrishia Ross
Mark Feiser and Kwinton Faith
Shawn Maginnis and Arron
Thompson
Bill Stachoviak and Gavin O'Brien
Arin Meinschein and Paige West
Caitlin Carter and Abigail Frye

Notes from the Staff

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- **26TH ANNUAL BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE IS APRIL 18, 2010**

New Matches

Community-Based:

Keely Neubauer/Chelsea Ross—Keely and Chelsea were matched on July 21, 2009. Keely is a Graphic Artist with AFMS, Inc. Chelsea is in the 9th grade and attends Antietam Academy.

Tremecia Bryant/Erica Bowens—Tremecia and Erica met on August 5, 2009. Tremecia is a Culinary Specialist in the U.S. Navy and Erica is in the 6th grade at Western Heights Middle School.

Kendra Norman/Mariah Ford—Kendra and Mariah were matched on August 13, 2009. Kendra is employed by the U.S. Navy as a Culinary Specialist and Mariah attends Eastern Elementary and is in the 5th grade.

John and Shannan Thorhauer and Matthew Weaver—John and Shannan met Matthew on August 17, 2009. John is a Programmer for Yakabod, Inc. and Shannan is a homemaker. Matthew is in the 7th grade at Springfield Middle School.

Danae Hart and Katie O'Brien—Danae and Katie were matched on September 24, 2009. Danae is a full-time student at Mountain State University and works at Aeropostale and Katie attends Potomac Heights Elementary and is in the 4th grade.

School-Based:

Shayne' Musick/Ke'Shae Chung—Shayne' and Ke'Shae were matched on September 24, 2009. Shayne' is a student at Kaplan University and works at Wal-Mart. Ke'Shae is in the 3rd grade at Fountaindale Elementary.

School-Based Mentoring Anniversaries

3 years

Tracy Mumma and Maurice Rease

Joe Dill and Caleb Smith

Tim Palkovitz and Daeqwne Carter

Nancy Wallech and Joseph Wolfe

2 years

Jean Holliway and Brian Brown

Holly Luther and Destene' Wise

1 year

Angela Heare and Breanna Campanelli

Melissa Hammond and Joyce Anthony

Shanon Speak and Serenity Prather

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Calendar

Fall Fest/Pumpkin Patch

October 25, 2009 (Rain Date Nov. 1, 2009)



Misty Meadow Farm, 14230 Misty Meadow Road,
Smithsburg, MD
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

BBBS Annual Dinner

November 18, 2009

Academy Theater, 58 E. Washington Street,
Hagerstown, MD
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

BBBS Christmas Dinner

December 7, 2009

Otterbein United Methodist Church,
108 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



Potpourri

Congratulations to Volunteer Joe Dill's son, Major Jeffrey Dill, for completing an associate's degree in science (Thai Linguist) and a master's degree in security studies (Southeast Asia).

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister Arin (Barnard) Meinschein and her husband, Dennis, who were married on August 21, 2009.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor Leslie Braun and his wife, Diane, on the birth of their grandchild in July of 2009.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor Rowena Sallah, on the birth of her baby girl in August of 2009.

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor Lois Dreisbach, on the birth of her first grandchild.

Thank you to School-Based Mentor, Leslie Braun, for donating games, puzzles, etc. to the agency for use in the School-Based Mentoring Program.

Thank you to the RCI Inmates for their donation to the agency of \$135.00 from a sub sale.

Alecha Sanbower will be leaving the agency as of October 16, 2009 for family reasons. Alecha thanks the BBBS Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers for the kindness she has received.

H1N1 Update

The agency is taking every precaution to be informed about the H1N1/Swine Flu virus. Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is dedicated to making sure all Littles and Bigs are aware of the latest news. The agency will be in contact with you as we develop materials and information on this potential pandemic outbreak.



November/December 2009



Calendar of Events:

OFFICE CLOSING:



The Big Brothers Big Sisters office will be closing for the Holiday Season. The office will close beginning **Thursday, December 24, 2009** and will reopen on **Monday, January 4, 2010.**

Sunday, April 18, 2010 -
Bowl For Kids' Sake

The announcement of our February 2010 group activity will be coming in the near future.

Please be watching for this!

Message from the Staff:

With the Holiday Season quickly approaching, the staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday! Because this season also serves as a time to remind us of the importance of giving and sharing from our hearts, we would also like to send a special "Thank You" to all of our wonderful volunteers who give their time to the children in our programs. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. May you be blessed with joy during this time of year and always!



Season's Greetings To All!

Reminder to All Program Participants:

It is **extremely** important that the agency maintain up to date information for all volunteers and children in our programs. We **MUST** be able to communicate with you about your match, as well as send agency correspondence. If you move, change your phone number, etc., please notify the office immediately! Thanks!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Welcomes a New Executive Director



On Monday, November 2, 2009, Mr. Phil Bennett was named Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD. Mr. Bennett was born and raised in State Line, PA, where he graduated from Greencastle Antrim High School. He has a degree in Youth Agency Administration from Salem College, in West Virginia. Mr. Bennett brings, to the agency, a commitment to serving the youth in our community. He has stated, "It's this compelling need that has led me to seek employment with such a dynamic organization. I want to have an impact on the children we serve." His past employment experience includes ten years in executive management for non-profit organizations, as well as twenty-one years of experience in professional sales within the office technology industry. After initiating his passionate involvement with youth by becoming a volunteer in a Boys & Girls Club, he furthered his involvement by serving in the executive leadership role with various Boys & Girls Club organizations in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Mr. Bennett exhibits a true compassion for mentoring children and possesses the energy and drive necessary to expand Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County and its need to reach out to more children within our community. Mr. Bennett currently resides in State Line, PA, with his wife and three children!

Welcome, Mr. Phil Bennett! We are excited to have you on board!

Community-Based Mentoring Program



New Matches:



Bobby Cottle/Detryk Barbour: Bobby and Detryk were matched on October 22, 2009. Bobby is a Claims Adjuster with State Farm Insurance. Detryk is in the fourth grade at Winter Street Elementary School.



Lynne Kline/Brittany Summers: Lynne and Brittany met on October 27, 2009. Lynne is currently enrolled as a student at Kaplan University. Brittany attends Winter Street Elementary School and is in the fourth grade.



Basil Kuhn/Isaiah Bowens: Basil and Isaiah were matched on November 5, 2009. Basil is a student at Hagerstown Community College. Isaiah is in the fourth grade at Winter Street Elementary School.



Justine Shenk/Maekayla Sheridan: Justine and Maekayla met on December 2, 2009. Justine works at Mid-Atlantic Veterinary Hospital. Maekayla attends Potomac Heights Elementary School and is in the second grade.



Serena Bell/Veronica Notes: Serena and Veronica were matched on December 5, 2009. Serena is an Administrative Aide for the Montgomery County Government. Veronica is in the sixth grade at Western Heights Middle School.



John & Tracy Zinaich/Henry McCormick: John and Tracy were matched with Henry on December 9, 2009. John is self-employed as a Financial Planner and Tracy is a Claims Specialist with Nationwide Insurance. Henry is in the fourth grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.



Stanley Stankovich/Antonio Vista: Stanley and Antonio met on December 10, 2009. Stanley is employed at Sheetz and Antonio is a fifth grade student at Salem Avenue Elementary School.



Special Note:

January is
National
Mentoring Month...
a time to
'celebrate' our
very special
mentors/Bigs!

Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

1 Year: Pam Saum & Rayana Ford

4 Years: Lacey Deeds & Tia Carpenter



2010 Bowl For Kids' Sake Opportunity For Volunteers

As many of you know, Big Brothers Big Sisters holds an Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser, at Turner's Dual Lanes, in the Spring of each year, in order to raise funding for the agency. For each event, an Ad Program is compiled, displaying advertisements of businesses who sponsor the agency for this fundraiser. This coming year, we are offering an opportunity for our volunteers to also support the agency within the Ad Program. If you would like to sponsor the agency in order to display a picture and/or message of you and your Little, please contact the office as soon as possible in order to do so. The cost will be \$25.00 for a 'business card' size display. We hope to hear from you! Our ultimate goal is to have an 'ad' display for every match in our programs! What a wonderful way to recognize your Little and support Big Brothers Big Sisters! Please remember, our volunteers are very important to us and you are certainly not obligated to participate in this fundraising effort!

Sharing the Holiday Magic!

Thank you to all program participants and family members who were able to join us for our Annual Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 7, 2009. GT's Catering provided us with a wonderful dinner, complete with turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings! Degrees of Friendship were awarded to several volunteers for their years of service with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Our entertainment was provided by participants from Premier Martial Arts, whom we thank for their demonstration. Of course, the night was not complete without our traditional visit from Santa Claus! We hope you had a wonderful and festive time sharing your evening with the Big Brothers Big Sisters 'family'!



Associate Of The Art Of Friendship:

(2 years)

Derek Belz Cathy Keyser
Leslie Braun Timothy Palkovitz
Virginia Emerson Nancy Wallech
Darlene Faiola Anne Wilson
Donna Jones

Bachelor Of The Art Of Friendship:

(4 years)

Lois Dreisbach Susan Parks
Kathy Geer Elaine Rose
Holly Luther

Master Of The Art Of Friendship:

(7 years)

David St. Clair

Doctor Of The Art Of Friendship:

(10 years)

William Stachoviak

Congratulations to all recipients!



NOTE:

If you are a degree recipient who was unable to join us for the evening, please contact the agency office at 301-739-4711 so that we may arrange for you to receive your award!

Each year, at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Dinner, held in November, the agency presents awards to special volunteers for their outstanding service throughout the year. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



2009 Board Member of the Year

JoAnn Plum is a true asset to Big Brothers Big Sisters. She became involved with the agency in 1993 and has served as a Board Member for more than seven years. Currently she serves as the Board's Secretary. She has been a key component in coordinating the Ad Program for our Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser and actively participates in the annual Adopt-A-Highway effort. JoAnn has a true dedication to the mission of the agency and is always willing to assist wherever and whenever needed. Her kindness and generosity are highly appreciated and we feel very fortunate to have her as part of our team!

2009 Big Sister of the Year



Donna Mason was matched to Little Sister, Leah Colvin, in the School-Based Mentoring Program in January 2006 and transferred to the Community-Based Mentoring Program in September 2007. Donna has served as an exceptional role model for Leah, not only teaching her how to successfully earn and budget her money, but also to recognize her strengths and believe in herself. The two have worked on school projects together and have attended many of Donna's family get-togethers. Donna has a true sense of compassion for Leah, and because of this, they have developed a wonderfully strong and supportive relationship...one that continues to grow each day!

2009 Big Brother of the Year



David St. Clair has been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters for eight years and was matched with Little Brother, Blake Lyles, in February 2005. Having been matched with two previous Little Brothers, this third match seemed to be a 'charm'. David and Blake have a wonderful relationship that is filled with laughter and fun times. They have participated in many activities together, including playing basketball, skateboarding, golfing, and even snowboarding. David has always considered his time spent with his Little Brother to be of high priority and is very dependable and supportive. David is a true blessing in Blake's life!

2009 School-Based Mentors of the Year



Holly Luther became a School-Based Mentor in February 2005 and was matched with her second Little Sister, Destene' Wise, in April 2008, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Holly is a very compassionate and patient individual who provides great companionship for Destene'. The two have played jacks together, made various crafts, planted flowers for Mother's Day, and even completed class assignments. Destene' is a truly fortunate young girl to have Holly in her life, as their friendship continues to grow. Holly is such a dedicated mentor who provides a positive spirit for her Little Sister!



Tracy Mumma was matched with Little Brother, Maurice Rease, in November 2006, when Maurice was in the fifth grade, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Over time, the two have developed a relationship that has blossomed through humor and encouragement. Tracy and Maurice seem to have a unique way of building each other's spirits. She has supported Maurice through assisting him with school assignments, developing personal goals, playing card games, and simply talking and sharing stories with one another. Tracy truly enjoys and looks forward to her time shared with Maurice each week and truly believes in his potential!

School-Based Mentoring Program

New Matches:



Joni Bittner/Tierra Guessford: Joni and Tierra met on October 14, 2009, at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Joni is a part-time employee with the Chamber of Commerce and Tierra is an eighth grade student.



Donna Stagers/Skyler Jenkins: Donna and Skyler were matched on October 15, 2009, at Eastern Elementary School. Donna is a Mortgage Officer for Sovereign Bank and Skyler is a fourth grade student.



Heather Grove/Mayetta Joyner: Heather and Mayetta were matched on November 4, 2009, at Salem Avenue Elementary School. Heather is a substitute teacher for the Washington County Public Schools and Mayetta is a fifth grade student.



Ash Azadi/Jordan Ekblad: Ash and Jordan were matched on December 8, 2009, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Ash is a pilot for Continental Airlines and Jordan is a fourth grade student.

The School-Based Mentoring Program continues to be in great need of volunteers who are willing to meet with a student for 45-60 minutes, one time per week, at a designated school. If you know someone who would make a great mentor and is interested in participating, please ask him/her to contact our agency office at 301-739-4711. We would love to add new mentors to our Big Brothers Big Sisters family!

School-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



1 year:

Kathy Geer & Destiny Weedon

2 years:

Marty Blake & Skylar Heintzelman
Lois Dreisbach & Nicole Prather
Trina Johnson & Matthew Lookabaugh
Anne Wilson & Ty'Shon Hopkins

4 years:

Susie Fisher & Courtney Bumbaugh

A Penny For Your Thoughts:

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and help them become what they are capable of being." --Goethe

Wishing Well

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Board Member and School-Based Mentor, Trina Johnson, on the death of her father, Joseph Johnson, Jr.

Our deepest sympathies to Board Member and Big Brother, Ralph Mauriello, on the recent death of his sister, Maria Mauriello.

Best wishes to Debbie Shrader, grandmother of Little Brothers Blake & Malik Shrader, on a speedy recovery from her recent heart surgery.



Kudos:



We would like to thank the RCI Inmate Communications Committee for its donation of \$198.00 to the agency, which was raised through a sub sale fundraiser.

We wish to thank Mike Flynn for his donation of two Washington Redskins tickets and a Parking Pass.

Thank you to Staples Distribution Center for its recent contribution of \$125.00, two Staples gift cards, three Visa gift cards, and copy paper.



Thank you to all United Way participants who cleaned the agency's windows on the Day of Caring.

(Addie Nardi, United Way)

We would also like to thank the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for the donation of its *Angel Series* concert tickets to the agency.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Big Sister Kristin (Wright) Staub and her husband, Justin, who were married on October 12, 2009.

Big Sister, Mary Rogers, would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Samantha Stanton, on making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 1, at South Hagerstown High School.

School-Based Mentor, Jean Holliday, would like to congratulate her Little Brother, Brian Brown, for being Student of the Month for October and for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 1, at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

School-Based Mentor, Lois Dreisbach, would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Nicole Prather, for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 1, at Salem Avenue Elementary School.

School-Based Mentor, Tracy Mumma, would like to congratulate her Little Brother, Maurice Rease, for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 1, at Springfield Middle School.

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