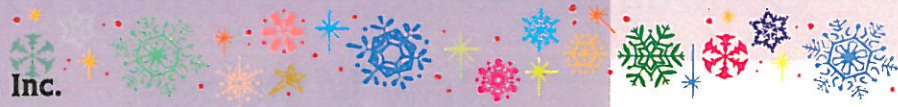




# January/February 2010

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

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Sunday, February 14, 2010

**VALENTINE'S DAY** 

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Monday, February 15, 2010

Presidents' Day

NO SCHOOL

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Tuesday, February 23, 2010

BBBS Skating Party

(see enclosed flier)

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Friday, March 5, 2010

2 1/2 hour early school dismissal

End of Marking Period 2

(primary grades)

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Sunday, April 18, 2010

Bowl For Kids' Sake

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## Message from the Staff:

Well, folks! It is that time of year! 2010 has introduced itself, and with a new year comes a New Year's Resolution! Are you having difficulty maintaining your current resolution? Maybe you never even took the time to develop one!



The Big Brothers Big Sisters staff has the perfect New Year's Resolution for everyone! We like to think of it as your chance to "SHARE A FRIEND." Each month, pass along our phone number to at least two people whom you feel would make great mentors/Bigs. Tell them how much they are needed, and ask them to give us a call. Not only will this support Big Brothers Big Sisters in its efforts to recruit new volunteers, but you may just find the perfect 'friend' for one of the wonderful children we have still waiting for a Mentor/Big. Community support is the key to success!

Are you willing to accept the challenge?

## Winter Wishes



### A Special Note of Thanks.....

Because January was National Mentoring Month, Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to send a special "Thank You" to all of our School-Based Mentors, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Big Couples for their true dedication and support to the children within our community! The time and wisdom you share is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough for all that you have done and continue to do! You ARE making a difference...one child at a time!





## Community-Based Mentoring Program



### New Matches:



**Angela Heare & Breanna Campanelli:** Angela and Breanna were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring Program. On December 22, 2009, Angela and Breanna decided to also join the Community-Based Mentoring Program. Angela is employed at the *Children's Home Society* in Martinsburg and Breanna is in the 4th grade at Bester Elementary School.



**Don Conrad & Blake Shrader:** Don and Blake met on January 18, 2010. Don is the CEO of *Three Seas Corporation*. Blake attends Western Heights Middle School and is in the 6th grade.

### Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

#### 6 years:

Jenny Coleman & Tori Pyron

#### 2 years:

Robin Shusko & Jesscoya Kline

#### 5 years:

David St. Clair & Blake Lyles

Mary Rogers & Samantha Stanton

#### 1 year:

Steven Brown & Kaden Snyder

Joe Dill & Caleb Smith



### **Important Reminder to All Program Participants:**

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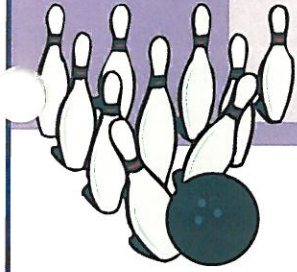
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**2010**

## **Bowl For Kids' Sake**



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County has begun its preparations for the 26th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraising Event!

This event is designed to enlist bowlers from all areas, in an effort to raise funding for our agency.

The event will take place on **Sunday, April 18, 2010**, from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at Turner's Dual Lanes, in Hagerstown, MD. Duck Pin and Ten Pin will be available and all participants will be eligible to win a variety of prizes!

\*Grand Prize will be a \$350.00 Visa Gift Card.

\*Second Prize will be a \$250.00 Visa Gift Card.

\*Any participant who turns in all pledge money by April 21, 2010, will be eligible to win a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card.

We encourage all of our friends, fellow businesses, volunteers, families, and supporters to form a team, gather pledges, and join us for a game of bowling at our 26th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake!

All support is greatly appreciated and allows our agency the opportunity to continue providing mentoring services to our local children!

For additional information on Bowl For Kids' Sake, or to make an online donation, please visit the agency website: [www.bbbswcmd.org](http://www.bbbswcmd.org).

Sponsor Sheets will soon be available on our website or you may contact the office at (301) 739-4711 to request sponsor sheets and/or additional information for organizing a team.

**We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on April 18, 2010, at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake!**

## **A SHOUT-OUT TO ALL MATCHED VOLUNTEERS...**



**Would you like an opportunity to recognize your 'Little'?**

**Bowl For Kids' Sake is the perfect opportunity!**

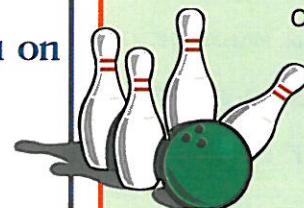
During this fundraiser, an 'Ad' Program is compiled, displaying advertisements of businesses who sponsor our agency. This year, we are offering an opportunity for our volunteers to also support the agency within the 'Ad' Program. If you would like to sponsor the agency by purchasing an 'ad', to display a picture of you and your 'Little', recognize your 'Little' for an accomplishment, and/or send a special message to your 'Little', please contact the agency office by Friday, February 26, 2010, in order to do so.

The cost will be \$25.00 for a 'business card' size display.

Your 'Little' will be given a copy of the 'Ad' Program so that he/she may see the 'ad'.

We hope to hear from you!

Our ultimate goal is to have an 'ad' display for every match in our programs!





## ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!!! Summer Camp Opportunity For 'Littles'!

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County sends a few children to Antietam Recreation for two weeks of fun, in the summer! This opportunity is possible due to the Avery Snyder Campership Fund.

If you have a child between the ages of 7-13 and are able to provide daily transportation, to/from camp, for two weeks, please contact Crystal or Tracy at (301) 739-4711. Space is limited! If your child is interested, please contact us by **Friday, February 26, 2010!**



## A New Column.....

We have added a new column to our newsletter, called **A 'Little' Thought!** This column gives our enrolled 'Littles' (children) an opportunity to submit an article to be displayed. If your child or Little Brother/Sister would like to write an article for a newsletter, please call the agency office at (301) 739-4711, for more information. Otherwise, we will randomly approach or contact a 'Little' to submit an article, prior to the formulation of each newsletter. We would love to hear what our 'Littles' have to share!



## Tax Deductions For Bigs!

Once again, it is time to calculate and file your federal income tax.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is pleased to announce that Bigs are entitled to the following tax deductions for volunteer services:

- \*\*You may deduct 14 cents per mile, incurred while transporting your 'Little'.
- \*\*You may also deduct the cost of meals, movie tickets, museum admissions, etc., for your 'Little', while spending time with him/her. A volunteer's cost is NOT deductible.
- \*\*School-Based Mentors may claim deductions for supplies purchased for activities with their 'Littles'.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters of America encourages quality time spent rather than spending money, this information may become useful for specific situations.

## A 'Little' Thought...

My name is Robert and I am in the fifth grade and eleven years old. I like to draw, go bowling, and play video games. I would like to be a police officer when I grow up. I am really good at riding my skateboard. I would like to have a mentor or Big Brother. I feel that it is kind of cool to have a mentor in school because we could do things like play board games or draw together. A Big Brother is cool, too, because he can take me places. I would feel cool if I had a mentor or Big Brother. I would like to have a mentor or Big Brother who is any age or any race. It doesn't matter what he likes to do, as long as he will play board games and draw with me. I hope I get a mentor or Big Brother soon! -Robert C., Little Brother (waiting)



# School-Based Mentoring Program



## New Matches:



**Philip Bennett & Marqui Hoffman:** Phil and Marqui were matched at Northern Middle School on January 20, 2010. Phil is the Executive Director for *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County* and Marqui is in the 6th grade.



**Marty Price & Raekwon Momen:** Marty and Raekwon were rematched on January 28, 2010, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Marty is an Account Executive for *LIV-Organic*. Raekwon is in the fifth grade.

*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

**2 years:**

Susan Parks & Kerstin Hasenbuhler



## A Penny For Your Thoughts:

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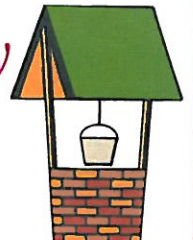
*Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.*

*~Anonymous*



## Wishing Well

*Best wishes to all  
for a happy and  
healthy  
2010!*





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## Kudos:

School-Based Mentor, Melissa Hammond, would like to congratulate Little Sister, Joyce Anthony, for receiving a Character Counts Award for Responsibility, for Marking Period 1, at Pangborn Elementary School.

School-Based Mentor, Nancy Wallech, would like to congratulate Little Brother, Joseph Wolfe, for receiving 2nd place in the Geography Bee, at Bester Elementary School.

Big Brother, Dave Collins, would like to congratulate his Little Brother, Jordan Billman, for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 3, at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Big Brother, Gary Naugle, would like to congratulate his Little Brother, Cory Irvin, for making the Distinguished Honor Roll for Marking Period 3, at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

We would like to thank the following individuals and/or organizations for their donations to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Activity Account: Ronald Taylor, Dr. Beth Beckner, and Two Top Ruritan.

Thank you to the RCI inmates for their recent donation of \$170.00 to the agency, as a result of a January Sub Sale Fundraiser.

Thank you to Martin & Jeanine Kurtyka for their \$50.00 contribution to the Avery Snyder Memorial Fund.

**Special Note:** If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the office: [mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org)







**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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# March / April 2010




## Calendar of Events:



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**March 20, 2010 - First day of Spring!**

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**April 18, 2010 - Bowl For Kids' Sake  
& Bowling Activity**   
Turner's Dual Lanes


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**April 18-24, 2010 - National Volunteer Week**

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**May 3-June 12, 2010 - Arby's Restaurant  
Fundraiser benefiting BBBS**

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**May 9, 2010 - Mother's Day** 


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**May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL**


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**June 16, 2010 - BBBS Picnic/Swim Event**

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**June 20, 2010 - Father's Day** 

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**June 21, 2010 - 1st Day of Summer** 

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## Message from the Staff:

For those of you who are unaware, April 18th-April 24th is *National Volunteer Week!* Once again, the staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to send a special 'Thank You' to all of our Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Big Couples, School-Based Mentors, and Board Members. Without each and every one of you, our agency would be unable to provide mentoring services to the children in our local community. Each of you has unique qualities that you provide to our organization, the greatest one being your willingness to offer compassion and support to those children who most need it! So often, it is much easier to ignore a community's needs and pretend they do not exist, or claim that one person cannot possibly make a difference. Together, however, each ONE of you is working to better our community, through serving as positive examples for the children who will eventually lead us into the future. Thank you for giving your time, for giving your efforts, and most of all, for giving your hearts! You ARE making a difference and we, along with the children you support, thank you for that!



## Celebrate!!!!!!

**Congratulations to all of our 'Littles', grades 3-8,  
for successfully surviving MSA testing!  
This can be a stressful and tiring time for students!  
We hope you worked hard and your efforts were  
worthwhile!  
Enjoy the remainder of your school year!**

# Spring





# Community-Based Mentoring Program



## New Matches:



**Terry Stone & Izabell Knode:** Terry and Izabell were matched on February 4, 2010. Terry is an Accounting Manager at Lanco Pennland and Izabell is in the 1st grade at Lincolnshire Elementary School.



**Jamie Cannon & Jasmyne Kelley:** Jamie and Jasmyne were matched on March 15, 2010. Jamie is an Administrator in the Legal Office of the Frederick County Public School System. Jasmyne is in the 4th grade at Bester Elementary School.



**Kari Rinehart & Jayla Pollock:** Kari and Jayla were matched on April 15, 2010. Kari is an Assistant Manager at *Deb Shop* and Jayla is a 4th grade student at Lincolnshire Elementary School.

### Important Reminder to All Program Participants:

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If you are unable to contact the staff between 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, please be sure to leave a voicemail at the office, (301)739-4711, or email us as to when would be the best time to reach you and at which number!

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Tracy: [tracy@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:tracy@bbbswcmd.org)

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

## Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



### 6 years:

Janet Slack & Brandy Faith

John Jolicoeur & Dylan Morgan

Frank Nuice & Kadeem Brim

### 4 years:

Rebecca Barber & Sarah Stanton

### 2 years:

Dave Collins & Jordan Billman

Nancy Detrich & Charity Kyler

Henry Penafiel & Christian Kyler

### 1 year:

Ralph Mauriello & Adam Merone

Debbie Abt & RaShaun Harris





# 2010 BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE



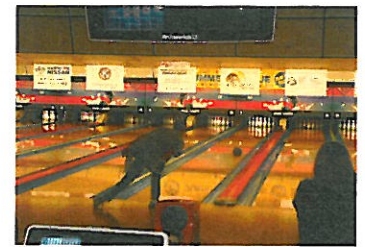
Our 26th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event has ended and Big Brothers Big Sisters is proud to announce that approximately \$39,000 were raised! We are currently collecting the monies and thanking those who helped make this fundraiser such a success! A special 'Thank You' goes to Celia Palmer and Gary Weaver, Co-Chairs for this year's event.

Thank you, also, to the Staff, Board Members, Todd Smith and Staff at Turner's Dual Lanes, Tom Breidenstein (Honorary Chair), and all who assisted prior to and during the event.



We would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors: Dr. Byron K. Byrd, DDS, DOT Foods, JLG Industries, and Main Line

broadcasting; our Business Sponsors: Allegany Dental Care, Bulldog Federal Credit Union, CertainTeed, Callas Contractors, The Kiwanis Club, Giant Foods, The Law Offices of Michael G. Day & Associates,

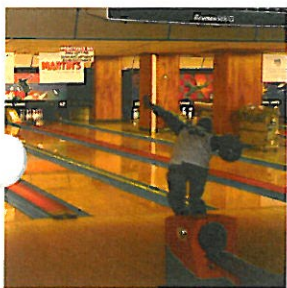


Tower Bank, and Volvo Powertrain; and our Helping Hand Sponsors: The Columbia Bank, McDonald's, PNC Bank, and Sheetz. Thank you, also, to all businesses and individuals who helped by sponsoring our event in one way or another.



We send a special congratulations to the Bowl For Kids' Sake Raffle winners, ticket numbers 1219, 494, and 483. First

prize was a 47" Flat Screen T.V., second prize was a Longaberger Large Picnic Basket, and third prize was \$250.00! The raffle contributed over \$2000 to Bowl For Kids' Sake!



Mark your calendars now, as our **2011 Bowl For Kids' Sake** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 10, 2011**. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event so successful and fun!





## Alsatia Mummies Parade We need your help!



This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to participate in the annual Alsatia Mummies Parade by creating a float to advertise the agency and its mentoring services. We are looking for individuals who would be interested in volunteering time and expertise for this project. If you are creative, have carpentry skills, etc., and are able to share your time, please give us a call! We would like to organize a team who can make this float possible!

301-739-4711



## A New Column.....

We have added a new column to our newsletter, called A 'Little' Thought! This column gives our enrolled 'Littles' (children) an opportunity to submit an article to be displayed. If your child or Little Brother/Sister would like to write an article for the newsletter, please call the agency office at (301) 739-4711, for more information. Otherwise, we will randomly approach or contact a 'Little' to submit an article, prior to the formulation of each newsletter. We would love to hear what our 'Littles' have to share!



## A 'Little' Thought...

My name is Brittany S. and I am ten years old. I am in the 4th grade at Winter Street Elementary School. I enjoy majorettes, pom poms, skating, and having fun with family and friends. I want to be a nurse when I grow up. My Big Sister is Lynne K. Lynne is very nice, kind, and we do a lot of things together. I look forward to her coming to get me every week! We enjoy hanging out together. We make crafts, visit the SPCA, go out for lunch, go to the park and the mall, and hang out at her house. She teaches me right from wrong, helps me with my behavior, and talks to me. Having a Big Sister is wonderful and I enjoy spending time with Lynne!

- Brittany S.

## Arby's Restaurant Fundraiser to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters



On May 3rd, the 2010 Arby's National Community Fundraiser has its kick-off across the country! The fundraiser will span through June 12, 2010. Customers are encouraged to donate \$1.00 to benefit their local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency. In return, customers will receive a \$1.00 coupon for a future Arby's purchase.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. would greatly appreciate any donations that could be made to support our agency and its mission!

Treat yourself and your family to an evening out at Arby's, while also supporting our agency!

If you are unable to participate but would like to make a donation to support the agency, please visit [www.facebook.com/arbysfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/arbysfoundation).

Your support would be GREATLY appreciated!!!!



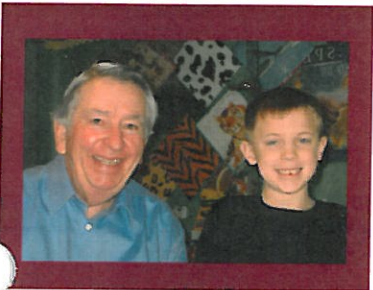
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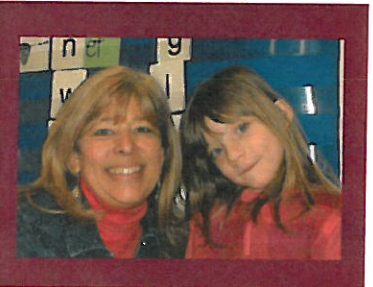
## New Matches:



**Faith Crumbly & Ke'Shae Chung:** Faith and Ke'Shae were matched on February 19, 2010, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Faith is an Editor with *Review & Herald Publishing Association*. Ke'Shae is in the 3rd grade.



**Carl Galligan & Trenton Spoonire:** Carl and Trenton were matched on February 24, 2010. Carl is a retired educator and Trenton is a 1st grade student at Fountaindale Elementary School.



**Michéle Stewart & Tiffany Cline:** Michéle and Tiffany were matched on February 25, 2010, at Bester Elementary School. Michéle serves as a Kindergarten Instructional Assistant for Bester Elementary School. Tiffany is a Kindergarten student.

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### **A Penny For Your Thoughts:** \*\*\*\*\*



**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew**

## Wishing Well

*Our thoughts and condolences to the following individuals for their recent losses:*

*Holly Luther in the loss of her great aunt*

*Phil Bennett in the loss of his uncle*

*Elaine Rose in the loss of her mother*

*Wishes for speedy recoveries to the following School-Based Mentors:*

*Marty Price in his foot surgery*

*Lois Dreisbach in her recent foot surgery*





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## Kudos:

Big Sister, Pam Saum, would like to congratulate Little Sister, Rayana Ford, on earning all A's and B's on her report card for Marking Period 2.

Big Sister, Arin Meinschein, wishes to congratulate her Little Sister, Paige West, on receiving the *Rising Star Award* for Algebra at Smithsburg Middle School.

Big Brother, Gary Naugle, would like to congratulate Little Brother, Cory Irvin, on making *Distinguished Honor Roll* for Marking Period 4.

School-Based Mentor, Trina Johnson, would like to congratulate Little Brother, Matthew Lookabaugh, for earning *Honor Roll* for Marking Period 2 at Eastern Elementary School.

School-Based Mentor, Marty Blake, would like to congratulate Little Sister, Skylar Heintzelman, for being selected *Good Citizen of the Month for January 2010*, at Eastern Elementary School.

School-Based Mentor, Holly Luther, would like to wish her Little Sister, Destene' Wise, a *Happy Birthday!* (3/1)

Congratulations to Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Member, Dr. Byron K. Byrd, on becoming a grandparent to twins!

Congratulations to School-Based Mentor, Susie Fisher, on becoming a new grandparent to twins!

Thank you to Antietam Valley Chapter, MIHC, for its recent monetary donation to the agency.

We would like to thank First Christian Church for its recent monetary donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Special Note:** If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the office: [mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org)








# May/June 2010



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

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June 16, 2010 -  
BBBS Picnic/Swim Event 


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June 20, 2010 -  
Father's Day

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June 21, 2010 -  
1st Day of Summer


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July 4, 2010 -   
Independence Day

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July 5, 2010 -  
BBBS office closed for July 4th holiday

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August 14, 2010 -   
BBBS group activity Suns Picnic/Game

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August 18, 2010 -  
First Day of School (WCPS)

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September 11, 2010 -  
'Biking Big For Littles'  
BBBS Motorcycle Ride and Raffle

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## Message from the Staff:

### YOU MATTER

When you're feeling down  
And life seems tough,  
Reach out and lend a hand.

When you feel alone  
And had enough,  
Reach out and lend a hand.

Whether it be a friend  
A spouse or stranger,  
A sister or a brother,

Just take a step  
Outside your world,  
And into that of another.

Lend a hand  
And share your heart,  
Recharge your strength within.

Remind yourself  
That you're worthwhile,  
And everyone will win.

For even though  
You're faced with struggles,  
Sadness, toil, and tatter...

There is no greater  
Gift to you,  
Than knowing that you matter.

~Tracy M.

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## Bowl For Kids' Sake Cups & T-Shirts!!

With the close of our Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraising event in April, we now have an extra supply of cups and BFKS t-shirts available, **at no charge**. If you are interested in stopping by our office or calling to request cups or t-shirts, please do so! These items will be distributed on a first-come-first serve basis! Our office hours are:

Monday-Thursday 9-5

Friday 9-4

Below are the items and amounts available:

### T-shirts:

Large - 6

XLarge - 22

XXLarge - 27

XXXLarge - 4

Cups: 142

(301) 739-4711







## Community-Based Mentoring Program

### New Matches:



David Kimmel & Matthew Schaefer: David and Matthew met on May 26, 2010. David is a Research Technician at SAIC. Matthew is in the seventh grade at Western Heights Middle School.

### Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

3 years:

Lynda Palmer & Kayla Ross

2 years:

Tiffany Bloyer & Andrea Makle  
Cathy Keyser & Ja'Nay Parker  
Gary Naugle & Cory Irvin

1 year:

Katrina Arndt & Andreamyanna Crawford  
Mark Feiser & Jessy Faith  
Ed Distad & Jonathan Crawford  
Dodie Waldron & Paige Drury



## Parents, Bigs/Mentors, & Littles...



For some, communication continues to be a struggle. PLEASE...if a BBBS caseworker contacts you regarding the status of a match, be sure to return the call or email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! The agency cannot justify allowing a match to continue without this required contact/supervision. In order to better ensure the safety of the children in our programs, it is very important that we be aware of the progress, concerns, and/or successes of each match!

In the near future, all Community-Based Mentoring Program participants will be receiving information regarding a new Communication Policy, as well as an updated Overnight Visitation & Out-of-Town Travel Policy.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!



### *A Penny For Your Thoughts:*

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*It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.*  
~Frederick Douglas





# THE 2010 SENSATIONAL SUMMER SPECIAL WAS A SPLASH!!!!



Despite the looming clouds and dreary rain that visited the afternoon of Wednesday, June 16th, the sun managed to make its presence for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Picnic/Swim Event, at Martin 'Marty' Snook Memorial Park, and set the stage for a truly wonderful evening! We were blessed with 103 guests, including Bigs, Littles, Parents, Staff, and Board Members. Thanks to Next Dimensions, the food was especially tasty and seemed to be enjoyed by all! Three Littles were awarded Avery Snyder Camperships to attend Antietam Recreation Summer Camp for two weeks, this summer. Those Littles were Cory Irvin (right), Joyce Anthony (not present), and Khalil Williams-Stoner (not present). Congratulations to all!



Swimming followed, with all guests joining at the pool for a splash of fun! It was exciting for the staff to see so many participants enjoying each other's company and taking the opportunity to share in conversation and a cool swim!

Thank you to all who participated!



## ~New Upcoming Event!!!!!!~

### 'Biking Big For Littles'

As you know, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc., is a non-profit organization that depends on the financial support of donors, grants, and fundraising as a means of supporting its mentoring programs. For this reason, we are hosting our **1st Annual Motorcycle Ride and Raffle** fundraiser! The event will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Municipal Stadium, in Hagerstown; the event is being co-sponsored by the Hagerstown Suns. Anyone who owns a motorcycle and enjoys riding in the wind is welcome and encouraged to participate! All participants will unite in a motorcycle ride from the stadium, and will depart at 11:00 A.M., for an approximately 1-1.5 hour scenic ride. Riders will return to the stadium to enjoy food, entertainment, and the chance to win some wonderful prizes! Thanks to the generosity of Board Member, Dr. Byron Byrd, **1st Prize will be a 2010 Ultra Limited Harley Motorcycle...shown below!**

### RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!!

You may contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters administrative office to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

Registration for the motorcycle ride will cost \$20 per person; passengers must also register and pay. This registration fee includes the ride, lunch, entertainment, and a Big Brothers Big Sisters temento pin. To register, please contact the office, as well!

All proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. Please tell your friends, family, and coworkers!!!!

~More information about the event to follow!





## Fun Riddles:

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
2. You can't keep this until you have given it.....
3. What word (all capital letters) can be written forward, backward, or upside down and can still be read from left to right?
4. The names of three trees are hidden in the sentences below. The letters are in consecutive order. Can you find them?

On this farm, we get ham from a hog any time. The farmer will help in every possible way. He faced two very similar choices, both bad.

ANSWERS: (1. a towel; 2. a promise;  
3. NOON; 4. mahogany, pine, larch)

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*We know you have something to say!!!!*



## Independence Day Trivia



1. What did the Second Continental Congress adopt on July 4, 1776?

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2. In what city did the Second Continental Congress meet to draft #1?

aahlpdihielp

3. Who was the primary author of #1?

mshtao fsorjneef

4. July 4th is a celebration of the U.S. declaring its independence from which country?

tgaer niibatr

5. Who wrote *The Star Spangled Banner*?

ifnsarc tcsot yke

6. According to legend, who sewed the first American flag?

ybset sosr

## *A 'Little' Thought...*

My name is Destene' W. and I am nine years old. My hobbies and interests include watching t.v., going to the pool, and playing games with my brothers and sisters. My Big Sister is Holly L. She is very nice to me and makes me feel special. She comes to visit me at school and we work on different arts and crafts projects and make different things. She also helps me with my school work whenever possible. I have learned how to be creative and she encourages me to do different things that I like to do. Holly makes me feel happy and safe. She makes me feel like a princess. I really enjoy the time I spend with Miss Holly and I hope that she will continue to be my Big Sister always!

~Destene' W.



## School-Based Mentoring Program



### New Matches:

~Awaiting New Volunteers~

# HELP!


*The 2010-2011 school year will soon be approaching and the School-Based Mentoring Program continues to be in TREMENDOUS 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. Maybe someone you know is working evening hours and has day hours to spare; maybe someone has recently retired and is looking for activities to fill his/her time; maybe a college student has available time between classes. Whatever the case may be, if he/she is a positive role model and enjoys children, we have the perfect opportunity for him/her!!!! We would love to add new mentors to our Big Brothers Big Sisters family! Please support us in this effort to provide healthy relationships for our community's youth.*

*One person CAN make a difference!*



### *Don't Lose Touch.....*

*With the summer months comes the time for vacations and events with family and friends. During this time, please be sure to keep in touch with your Big or Little!*

*School-Based matches are encouraged to maintain communication through writing, while Community-Based matches may continue to spend time together and/or maintain phone/email contact during busy times! In order for a relationship to remain successful, consistent communication is the Key! *

### Wishing Well

*Continued recovery wishes are sent to Board Member, Gary Weaver, with his current health issues.*

*Our thoughts and condolences are with Board Member & School-Based Mentor, Holly Luther, in the recent loss of her grandfather.*





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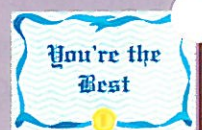
## Kudos:

Parent, Ms. Corean Freeman, would like to congratulate her daughters, Abigail and Hannah Frye, for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 3.

Big Brother, Gary Naugle, would like to congratulate Little Brother, Cory Irvin, on making the Honor Roll for Marking Periods 5 and 6, at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.

Thank you to Rich Hixon for the recent donation of a Diamondback mountain bike, which was given to a Little Brother.

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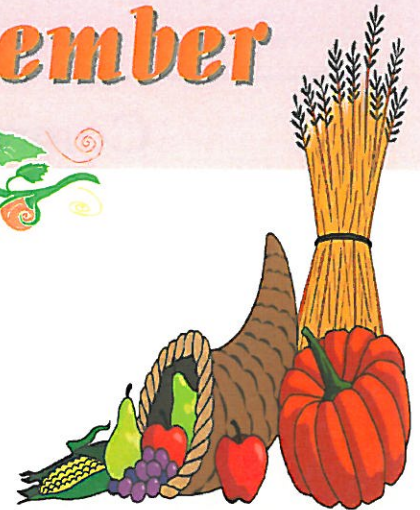






# July/August/September

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

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October 1, 2010 -  
End Of Marking Period 1 (secondary)  
2 1/2 hr. early dismissal

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October 15, 2010 -  
Association Day (No School)

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October 24, 2010  
*Get Your Groove On*  
BBBS Dance Fest

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October 29, 2010 -  
End of Marking Period 1 (elementary)  
2 1/2 hr. early dismissal

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November 1 & 2, 2010  
Professional Days (No School)

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November 24, 2010  
End of Marking Period 2 (secondary)

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November 25 & 26, 2010  
Thanksgiving Break (No School)

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November 29, 2010  
Professional Day (No School)

## Message from the Staff:

Be thankful for what you have;  
you'll end up having more. If  
you concentrate on what you  
don't have, you will never, ever  
have enough.

-- Oprah Winfrey

As we are approaching the season  
of Thanksgiving, we are reminded  
about how much we have to be  
thankful for, here at Big Brothers  
Big Sisters. We are surrounded by  
dedicated "Bigs" who choose to  
help us make a difference in the  
lives of the children in Washington  
County. Thank you for your  
support, dedication, and  
commitment. We couldn't  
possibly do what we do without  
you.

We also have many wonderful  
families that allow us the  
opportunity to be a part of their  
children's lives. Thank you for  
sharing the most precious gift you  
have-your children. We enjoy  
watching your children grow, just  
as you do.

Hopefully, each and every one of  
you will take the time to sit back,  
relax, watch the leaves change  
colors and fall, and be thankful for  
what you have!

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## Hey Kids!!!!

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to  
send our best wishes to all for a great  
2010-2011 school year! Work hard,  
stay focused,

And make yourself proud!

Be sure to notify the office of any  
significant achievements, as we would  
love to recognize our Littles'  
accomplishments in the newsletter!

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:

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If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some  
responsibility on their shoulders.

~Abigail Van Buren

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## Community-Based Mentoring Program

### **New Matches:**



Michelle Stouffer & Katey Lookabaugh: Michelle and Katey were matched on August 27, 2010. Michelle works as a Project Manager at Citi. Katey is in the 2nd grade at Eastern Elementary School.



Kiona Thomas & Jessica Schaefer-Coles: Kiona and Jessica were matched on September 14, 2010. Kiona is an Account Specialist with First Data and Jessica is in the 6th grade at Western Heights Middle School.



Robin Mancarus & Adrianna Taylor: Robin met Adrianna on October 1, 2010. Robin is a Dental Hygienist and Adrianna is in the 3rd grade at Greenbrier Elementary School.

**Volunteer today.....**



### Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



5 years:

Verna Brown & Alyssa House

4 years:

Naomi Doucette & Sadie Frederick

3 years:

Derek Belz & Dontre Nichols

Donna Mason & Leah Colvin

Darlene Faiola & Hannah Frye

2 years:

Susan Norris & Lachrishia Ross

Mark Feiser & Kwinton Faith

Shawn Maginnis & Arron Thompson

Bill Stachoviak & Gavin O'Brien

Arin Meinschein & Paige West

Caitlin Carter & Abigail Frye

1 year:

Keely Neubauer & Chelsea Ross

Tremecia Bryant & Erica Bowens

Kendra Norman & Mariah Ford

John and Shannan Thorhauer & Matthew Weaver

Danae Hart & Katie O'Brien

Bobby Cottle & Detryk Barbour

Lynne Kline & Brittany Summers





## 2010 Biking Big For Littles

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. launched its first *Biking Big For Littles*

The Kohls Crew who volunteered at the event.



The lucky winner of the 2010 Ultra Limited Harley Davidson motorcycle...Torin Gummel!

Fundraiser on Saturday, September 11, 2010! 73 riders gathered at the Municipal Stadium in Hagerstown, MD to participate in a 40+ mile motorcycle ride to support the



Bikers ready to roll!

agency. Riders came from areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. All biking participants received an agency pin and an American flag to display, in honor of the heroes, victims, and families who were impacted by 9/11. After returning from the ride, the bikers enjoyed a lunch, along with music provided by *Staff Infection* and *Hang Fire*. *Staff Infection* is a band consisting of staff members from the Washington County Board of Education and *Hang Fire* is a local bluegrass band. Both bands were wonderful and very much enjoyed! The Washington County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard performed, in honor of 9/11, with Dave

Reeder singing the National Anthem. Door prizes were announced at various times throughout the afternoon and raffle prize winners were drawn. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, \$250, was won by a Ruther Glen, VA resident and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, a 50" plasma flat screen television, was won by a Hagerstown, MD resident. 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a 2010 Ultra Limited Harley Davidson motorcycle, was won by a young gentleman from Glen Burnie, MD. He was extremely



Board Members: Ken Graber, Dr. Byron Byrd, and Ralph Mauriello

excited, and when contacted, arrived at the Municipal Stadium to claim his prize, just in time for a live interview by WAYZ! All in all, the event was a big success; it provided a great opportunity for individuals to join together to support a good cause...the children of Washington County! Thank you to all who participated and to all who made this event possible. We could not have done this without you!



Ladies and Gentleman, start your engines! Big Sister, Michelle Stouffer, announces the start of the ride!



Executive Director: Phil Bennett





## Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Leitersburg Cinemas!

Leitersburg Cinemas is hosting a *Frequent Movie Card* Fundraiser. When presenting this card at the cinema, \$1 of every movie ticket purchased is donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters. In addition, for the 5th visit to the cinema, a FREE popcorn is received. When the card is filled, a FREE movie is also offered. This theatre is now locally and independently owned, and the mission of the owners is to positively impact the community, while offering affordable entertainment for residents. If you are interested in receiving a Movie Card to support Big Brothers Big Sisters, please email your request to [mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org) or call the office at 301-739-4711.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL!

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES	TEACHER
MARKING PERIOD	SCIENCE
REPORT CARD	PENCILS
NOTEBOOKS	STUDENTS

D H M U G D T Y C X A P L Y B  
 F T A S T R A E G A U G N A L  
 F V R Y I A J L T C S Q X Z P  
 N M K C S C Y O T E W Z G S L  
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 U P S O C I A L S T U D I E S

## *A 'Little' Thought...*

*Where are our Littles? We need to hear from you!*

*We have been seeking out Littles to write articles for our newsletter; however, we have not openly received articles! Bigs and Parents...please encourage your Littles/children to write an article about their match or interest in having a Big. Tell us about an important event in your life, how your school year is going, etc. Bigs/Parents, feel free to assist or take part in writing an article.*

*Articles may be sent to:*

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## School-Based Mentoring Program

### New Matches:



Laura Horning & Tesa Cogar: Laura & Tesa were matched on September 29, 2010. Laura is a Clerk for the Maryland Circuit Court and Tesa is a 5th grade student at Bester Elementary School.

### School-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



#### 5 years:

Susie Fisher & Courtney Bumbaugh

#### 2 years:

Melissa Hammond & Joyce Anthony

Shanon Speak & Serenity Prather

Elaine Rose & Hayley Belair

Rowena Sallah & Marian Ward

#### 1 year:

Les Braun & William Valentine

Donna Staggers & Skyler Jenkins

Ash Azadi & Jordan Ekblad

Phil Bennett & Marqui Hoffman

Faith Crumbly & Ke'shae Chung

Carl Galligan & Trenton Spoonire

Michéle Stewart & Tiffany Cline

#### 4 years:

Joe Dill & Caleb Smith

#### 3 years:

Anne Wilson & Ty'shon Hopkins

Trina Johnson & Matthew Lookabaugh

Jean Holliway & Brian Brown

Lois Dreisbach & Nicole Prather

## *Big Brothers Big Sisters Cheers on the Hagerstown Suns!*

*Thanks to the nearly 50 Big Brothers Big Sisters participants who attended the picnic and Hagerstown Suns baseball game that took place at the Municipal Stadium the evening of Saturday, August 14, 2010. The event was a great success! Bigs and Littles gathered for a picnic, followed by a great baseball game...the Hagerstown Suns versus the Greensboro Grasshoppers.*

*Unfortunately, after the final inning, the score was 4-0, with the Greensboro Grasshoppers taking the win. Following the game was a beautiful display of fireworks, enjoyed by all! It is always so rewarding to see our Bigs and Littles joining together and sharing in great times!*





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## Kudos:

Congratulations to Little Brother, Caleb Smith, for receiving a Perfect Attendance Award for the 2009–2010 school year!

Congratulations and best wishes to Big Sister, Lacey (Deeds) Thompson, and her husband, Landy, who were married on August 7, 2010!

Congratulations to School-Based Big Sister, Heather Grove, on the birth of her son, Jacob Scott, on July 5, 2010!

Congratulations to Air Force Major, Jeffrey Dill, son of Big Brother, Joe Dill, on his recent promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, currently assigned in the Philippines!

Congratulations to School-Based Big Sister, Erica Moleskie, on her September 11, 2010 marriage!0

Thank you to Staples Distribution Center for the donation of \$250 gift cards!

Thank you to Mr. Mike Flynn for the donation of Washington Redskins tickets!

Thank you to Ms. Alice Sencindiver and Mr. James Speicher for their monetary donations to the agency!

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# Fall 2010 Newsletter

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

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December 23, 2010-January 2, 2011 -  
Winter Break

(No School and BBBS office closed)

BBBS voicemail will be checked regularly

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January 14, 2011 -

End of Marking Period 2 (elementary)

End of Marking Period 3 (secondary)

(2 1/2 hour early dismissal)

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January 17, 2011 -

Martin Luther King's Birthday

(No School)

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January 18, 2011 -

Professional Day

(No School)

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February 14, 2011 -

Valentine's Day

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February 20, 2011 -

BBBS Friends & Family Skate

-details to be announced-

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February 21, 2010

Presidents' Day

(No School)

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## Message from the Staff:

*This is just a little, but powerful,  
poem that we discovered on the  
internet. As the holidays are before  
us, may we ponder its words and  
strive to fulfill them all throughout  
the year...*

"At Christmas...

A man is at his finest towards  
the finish of the year;

He is almost what he should  
be when the Christmas

season's here;

Then he's thinking more of  
others than he's thought the  
months before,

And the laughter of his  
children is a joy worth  
toiling for.

He is less a selfish creature  
than at any other time;

When the Christmas spirit  
rules him he comes close to  
the sublime."

~Edgar Guest

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Big Sisters of Washington County

We have finally passed the 200 mark!!  
Thank you, thank you!

On November 11, 2010, our  
nation celebrated Veterans Day.  
As you enjoy the festivities of  
the holiday season, please  
remember to honor our military,  
both current and lost, and their  
families.

We owe our freedom to our  
dedicated soldiers!

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:

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*A hug is a great gift - one size fits all, and it's  
easy to exchange. ~Author Unknown*







## Community-Based Mentoring Program

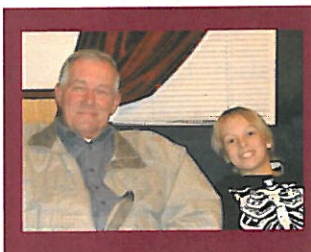
### New Matches:



Beverly Whitney-Pillow & Promise Boward-Ballance: Beverly and Promise were matched on October 24, 2010. Beverly works as a Medical Technician at the VA Hospital, in Martinsburg. Promise is in the 1st grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.



Tim and Jaye Gelwicks & Daniel Frederick: Tim and Jaye met Daniel on November 7, 2010. Tim is an Applications Engineer for Digital Receiver Technology, Inc., in Germantown, MD. Jaye is a self-employed Zumba Instructor. Daniel attends Salem Avenue Elementary School and is in the 5th grade.



Doug Gardenhour & Zachary Marsee: Doug and Zachary were matched on November 9, 2010. Doug is employed with Volvo. Zachary is in the 6th grade at Smithsburg Middle School.



Serena Bell & Jescel Brown: Serena was matched with Jescel on December 2, 2010. Serena is employed with the Montgomery County Government. Jescel attends Western Heights Middle School and is in the 6th grade.

### Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

#### 2 years:

Pam Saum & Rayana Ford

#### 1 year:

Basil Kuhn & Isaiah Bowens

Justine Shenk & Maekayla Sheridan

John and Tracy Zinaich & Henry McCormick

Stanley Stankovich & Antonio Vista





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### *A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*

*My last soccer game was on Saturday and we won the game! It was five against two. When it was half-time, we got fishes and a drink, and when the game was over, we got a necklace and on the back it said, "HAYSL" (under age 8). I was happy and our team was called *Green Dragons!**

*~ Trenton S. (School-Based Little Brother)*

*October 2010*

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*My Little Sister, Nikki, recently shared with me that she earned two incentives for good bus behavior in October. Nikki is in Ms. Kloos' fourth grade class at Salem Avenue Elementary School. She earned a bus safety award for October because she had no referrals for undesirable behavior. Nikki was also entered into a drawing with others who earned tickets for respectful and responsible behavior on the bus for October. She won the drawing and chose a celebrity word search book. A very proud Nikki also shared that she recently began playing the saxophone. Congratulations, Nikki ~ looks like you're off to a good start this school year!*

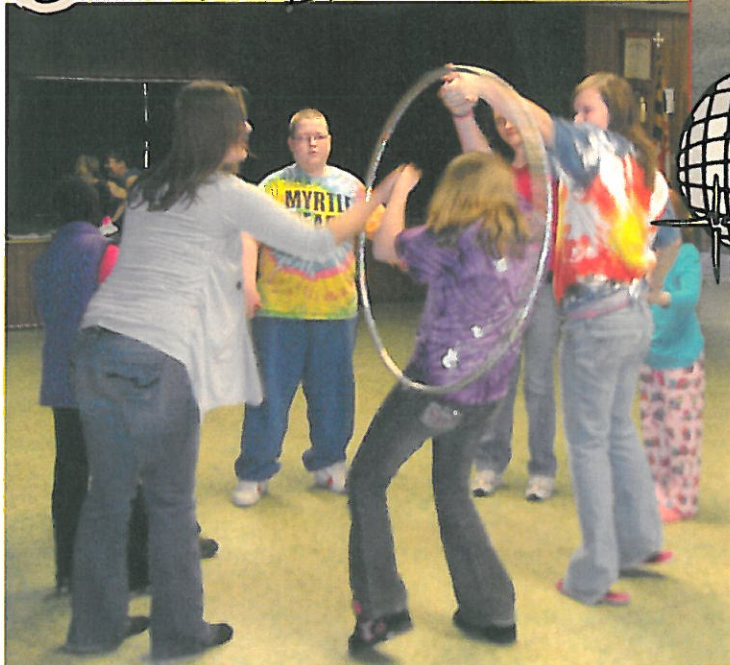
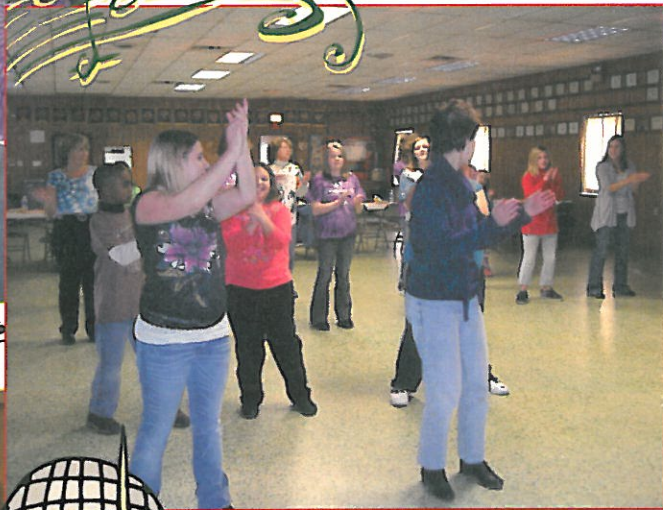
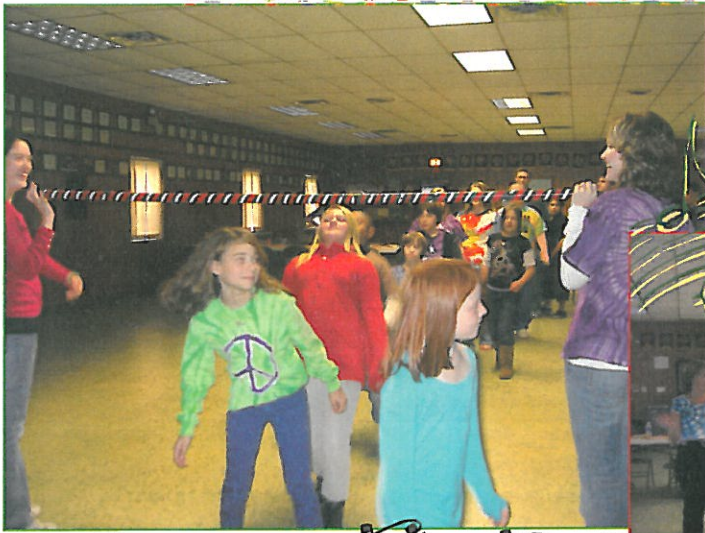
*~ Lois D. (School-Based Big Sister)*

*November 2010*



# What a Groovy Event!

Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted its first dance/social event on Sunday, November 7th. We invited our participants to join us in 'getting our groove on!' What an event! Both the children and volunteers seemed to have a WONDERFUL time, thanks to DJ Angela Kershner! The event took place at the Maugansville Ruritan. There were pizza, dancing, karaoke, and games. Most importantly, there was time for participants to join together for a few hours of fun! Thank you to all who were able to join us!





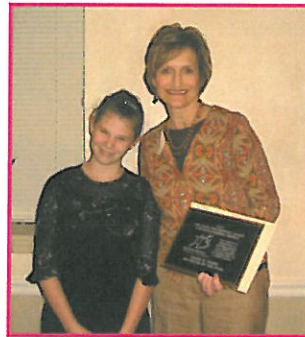
# Big Brothers Big Sisters 2010 Annual Dinner

Once again, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County hosted its Annual Dinner, on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The event, held at Dimensions Dining & Catering, honored those volunteers, business and corporate sponsors, and community supporters throughout the year. This year's dinner welcomed sixty-four guests. Several awards were presented in recognition of the generous patronage of local businesses/organizations in 2010. The highlight of the evening were the presentations of the following awards: Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year Award, Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year Award, and Board Member of the Year Award.

Congratulations to those recipients!



The 2010 Big Brother of the Year Award was presented to Gary Naugle. Gary has been involved with the agency for 22 years, mentoring several Little Brothers during that time. He met his current Little Brother, Cory Irvin, in the School-Based Mentoring Program in 2007 and the two transferred to the Community-Based Mentoring Program the following year. During their time together, they have attended football and basketball events and a Maryland Symphony Orchestra concert. Cory experienced three 1sts while sharing time with Gary: his 1st Orioles game, 1st train ride, and 1st visit to Taco Bell! Gary has even assisted Cory with school projects. He is often proud to report that Cory has made Honor Roll and even Distinguished Honor Roll! Gary is such a modest, easy-going, and amazing individual, and his impact as a mentor is even more amazing!



The 2010 Big Sister of the Year Award was presented to Susan Fisher. Susan was matched in the School-Based Mentoring Program in February 2006, with 3rd grader, Courtney Bumbaugh. The two continue to meet in school, with Courtney now in 8th grade. They share a genuinely trusting relationship, as Susie has a true compassion for her Little Sister. They have eaten lunch together, played card games, made crafts and holiday cards, and practiced math facts. Currently, they spend time reading from an inspirational book, learning methods for dealing with peer pressure, time management, and other skills for fostering positive growth. Susie's meetings with Courtney always seem filled with life lessons. Courtney has expressed her true appreciation for her Big Sister, who is a genuinely kind and warm-hearted individual whose positive influence and giving nature are examples for all!



Celia Palmer was the recipient of the 2010 Board Member of the Year Award. Celia joined the Board of Directors in June 2008. As a board member, she not only serves as the Chair of the Personnel Committee, she has also chaired the Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraising Event for 2010 and has agreed to continue her position for the coming year. Celia currently also serves on a newly formed Board Development Committee. In her personal life, she is President of Antietam Electric. Celia is a very dedicated, determined, and organized individual who has a true passion for the work she does. Her productivity and service are highly valued by her fellow board members and staff. It is with great honor that Celia serves as a Board Member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.



# 2010 Annual Holiday Dinner...A Magical Evening

This year's Annual Holiday Dinner, held on Monday, December 6th, at Otterbein United Methodist Church, proved to be a very entertaining and fun-filled evening for all! Once again, a buffet-style turkey dinner was provided by GT's Catering...serving 97 guests. The food was absolutely DELICIOUS! Entertainment was provided by Shane Izer, *The Balloon Guy and Magician Extraordinaire*, who seemed not only to create laughter for the children, but the adults, as well! *Degrees of Friendship* were also awarded to various volunteers in honor of their years of dedicated mentoring service to their Littles.

## Associate of the Art of Friendship (2 years):

Tiffany L. Bloyer	Shawn M. Maginnis
Caitlin Carter	Arin E. Meinschein
Nancy J. Detrich	Susan A. Norris
Melissa A. Hammond	Pamela S. Saum
Angela R. Heare	Robin A. Shusko

## Bachelor of the Art of Friendship (4 years):

Rebecca A. Barber	Donna M. Mason
Susan M. Fisher	Lynda L. Palmer
Jean Holliday	Lacey A. Thompson

## Master of the Art of Friendship (7 years):

Mary D. Rogers



The evening ended with a special visit from, none other than...Santa Claus! What a wonderful way to celebrate this Holiday Season! Thank you to our Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the magic they create! We truly enjoyed sharing the evening with our volunteers, 'Littles', and families!

**Happy Holidays to All!**







Are you a Zumba® fan or have thought about trying Zumba® but don't know how to get started???...we have two opportunities for you thanks to a licensed Zumba® Instructor and Big Sister *Jaye Gelwicks!*

1. Saturday, January 22, 2011: Zumba® class and a fundraiser

**Location:** Ballet and All That Jazz (18703 Crestwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD-off of Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Time:** 10:30-11:30a.m.

**Cost:** \$5.00 (all Bigs/Littles are free—however; if you plan to attend, you still must RSVP to [zumbajaye@yahoo.com](mailto:zumbajaye@yahoo.com) by January 15, 2011)

All Littles must be at least 12 years of age and attend the session with their Big.

Bring a friend, plan to have fun and support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD.

*Portion of proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD.*

2. Saturday, February 12, 2011: Begins a Zumba® four week session

**Location:** Ballet and All That Jazz (18703 Crestwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD-off of Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Time:** 10:30-11:30a.m.

**Cost:** \$20 in advance or \$7 drop-in fee applies.

*Pre-registration via email is required for either event.*

If you would like to attend the fundraiser and/or the four week session, please email Jaye at [Zumbajaye@yahoo.com](mailto:Zumbajaye@yahoo.com), by January 15, 2011 to reserve your spot. When emailing Jaye, please include your name and your Little's name and age.

If a Big or Parent signs up for the four week session, the "Little" (12 years of age and older), is free with the coupon below. In order to receive this free offer, a Big or Parent must pay for the four week session by January 22, 2011. **Space is limited, so don't delay and reserve your spot!!**

Tell a friend or family member. Don't delay, email Jaye today-let's make 2011 more FUN, FIT and FAB!! To learn more about Zumba® and the benefits it can have for you please check out Jaye's profile at [www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com), enter under the Find Instructor tab: Jonnetta Gelwicks.

***BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS COUPON***

***BIG or Parent signs up for four week session***

***"Little" (12 years old or older), is FREE!***

***SHOW THIS COUPON AND BRING CONSENT/WAIVER FORM SIGNED BY PARENT OF "LITTLE"***



## School-Based Mentoring Program



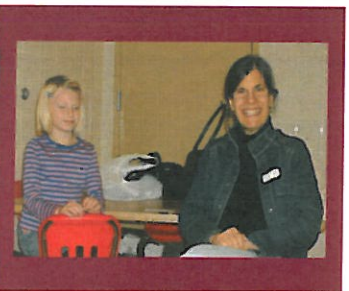
### **New Matches:**



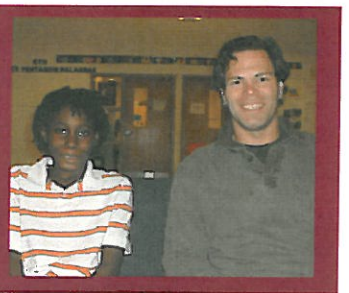
Marsha Jackson & Nyasia Twyman: Marsha and Nyasia met on October 21, 2010. Marsha is the Marketing & Communications Director for Community Foundation of Washington County, MD, Inc. Nyasia is a 3rd grader at Fountaindale Elementary School.



Erica Moleskie-Boozel & Brooklyn Jenkins: Erica and Brooklyn were matched on October 28, 2010, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Erica is a Cosmetologist at Avenue West Salon and Brooklyn is in the 2nd grade.



Shirley Lamdan & Madisyn Wilson: Shirley and Madisyn met on November 10, 2010. Shirley is an Independent Insurance Broker and retired Educator. Madisyn is a 1st grade student at Pangborn Elementary School.



Christopher Schlotterbeck & Dayshawn Weedon: Chris and Dayshawn were matched at Pangborn Elementary School on November 30, 2010. Chris is the Pastor for Hub City Vineyard Church. Dayshawn is in the 4th grade.

## School-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

2 years:

Kathy Geer & Destiny Weedon





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## Kudos:

A special thank you to the Wal-Mart Foundation for its generous monetary donation.

Thank you kindly to Two-Top Ruritan for its recent monetary donation.

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## Community-Based Mentoring Program



### New Matches:



Holly Luther & Destene' Wise: Holly and Destene' were initially matched in the School-Based Mentoring Program and transferred to the Community-Based Mentoring Program on February 17, 2011. Holly works for the Washington County Health Department, as a Community Health Educator, and Destene' is in the fourth grade at Fountaindale Elementary School.

### Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

#### 7 years:

Virginia Coleman & Tori Pyron  
Janet Slack & Brandy Faith  
John Jolicoeur & Dylan Morgan

#### 2 years:

Steven Brown & Kaden Snyder  
Angela Heare & Breanna Campanelli

#### 6 years:

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

#### 1 year:

Terry Stone & Izabell Knode



To all Community-Based  
Bigs and Parents:

The office occasionally receives free tickets to various events in the community and the best way to pass these opportunities on to the children in our program is through email. We would like to have current email addresses for all of our volunteers and parents. If you would like to share your email address with us, please send your email address to [crystal@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:crystal@bbbswcmd.org).

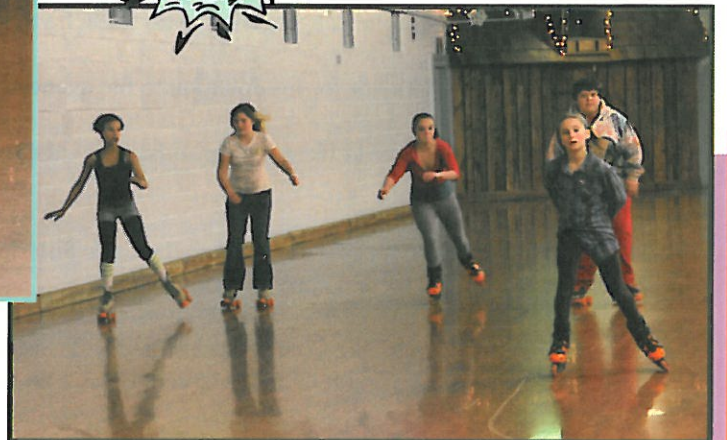
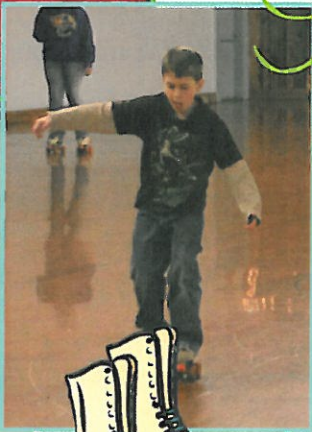
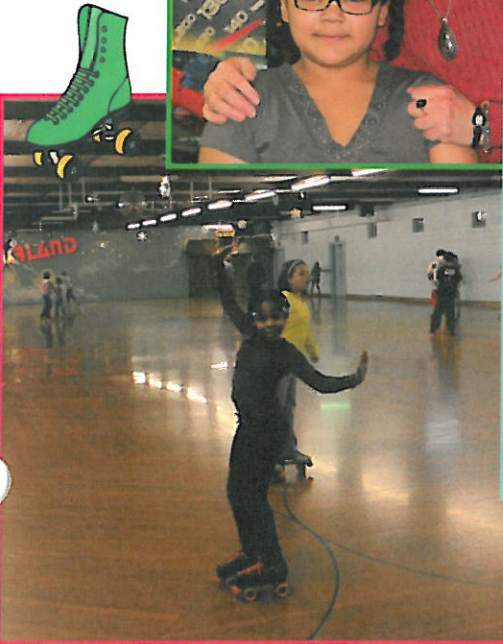
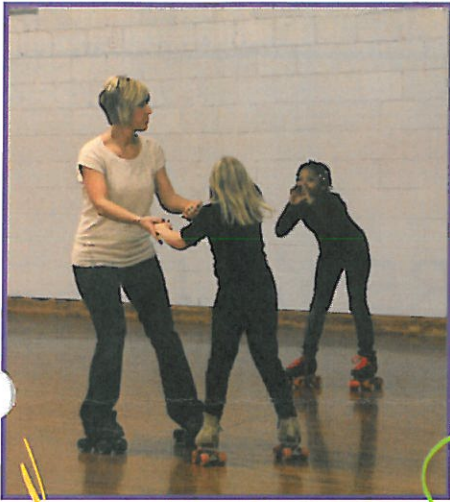
### ***Big Brothers Big Sisters & The Leitersburg Cinemas***

Leitersburg Cinemas is hosting a *Frequent Movie Card* Fundraiser. When presenting this card at the cinema, \$1 of every movie ticket purchased is donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters. In addition, for the 5th visit to the cinema, a FREE popcorn is received. When the card is filled, a FREE movie is also offered. This theatre is now locally and independently owned, and the mission of the owners is to positively impact the community, while offering affordable entertainment for residents. If you are interested in receiving a Movie Card to support Big Brothers Big Sisters, please email your request to [mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org) or call the office at 301-739-4711.



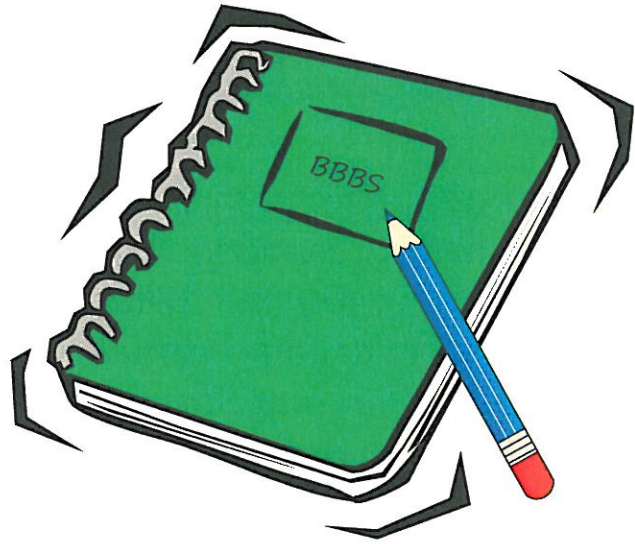
# Rolling With Big Brothers Big Sisters...

*On Sunday, February 20, 2011, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted a Friends and Family Skating Party at Starland Roller Rink. The event took place from 5:00—7:30 p.m. What a blast!!!! Nearly 100 people attended the event and everyone seemed to have a great time! Thank you to Barb Donaldson and Starland for allowing the event to take place! To all who attended...thank you for joining us for an evening of fun!*





*Calling all Bigs & Littles, both matched and waiting.... We need articles for the newsletter! We want to hear what you have to say. Please contact us at 301-739-4711 or email us at [tracy@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:tracy@bbbswcmd.org) to submit a small article to be displayed in a newsletter. We know you have something to say!*



*A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*

**Bigs & Littles...WHERE ARE YOU?**

### *Kudos:*

We would like to thank Big Sister and Certified Zumba instructor, Jaye Gelwicks, for coordinating a Zumba fundraiser to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

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

Thank you to the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for the donation of its *Angel Series* concert tickets and to the Discovery Station for donating admission tickets good for one adult & one child.

A special thank you to Hoffman Chevrolet Cadillac and Hoffman Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge for their generous donations made to the agency.

Thank you to Tom Breidenstein for purchasing and donating two bicycles to Littles in our program.

We would like to thank Concordia Lutheran Church for its continued support by making Christmas a special time for a family in our program. It is wonderful of the congregation to do so each year!

Thank you to Col. Ronald Taylor for his donation to the agency.

Big Brother, Gary Naugle, would like to congratulate his Little Brother, Cory Irvin, for making the Distinguished Honor Roll for the third marking period.

Big Sister, Katrina Arndt, wants to congratulate her Little Sister, Andreyanna Crawford, for working hard and bringing up all of her grades to A's & B's for the second marking period.

Big Sister, Elaine Rose, would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Hayley Belair, for being pictured in the newspaper on January 23, 2011, as a participant in an Ornament Class with Girls, Inc. Elaine would also like to congratulate Hayley for receiving a certificate for excelling in the area of self development for Marking Period 2.





# WANTED

**BOWLERS!**



**Bowl For Kids' Sake**  
fundraiser

to support

**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Washington County, MD**

...providing mentoring services to  
children in Washington County

A team  
may  
include  
1-6  
players  
\*\*\*\*  
1 team  
per lane

The more  
money a  
team  
member  
raises, the  
more  
prizes  
he/she is  
eligible to  
win!

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

(11 a.m. - 5 p.m.)\*\*\*\*Turner's Dual Lanes

Support our children.....simply gather a group of friends, call the office to sign up for a lane(s) & request sponsor sheets, have each team member raise at least \$30 in sponsors, and join us at Turner's Dual Lanes to bowl one game!

That's all it takes!

It's a great and easy way to give back to the community!

Our children need YOU!!!!

Call (301) 739-4711



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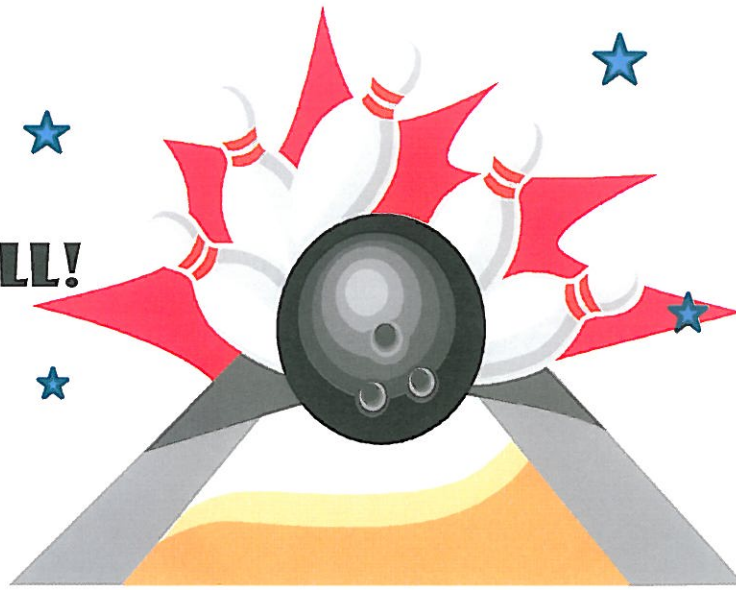
**TEN PIN ★**

**★ GUTTER BALL!**

**★ DEAD WOOD!**

**★ SPARE!**

**★ STRIKE!**



## **BIGS & LITTLES APRIL ACTIVITY**

### **GOING BOWLING IN APRIL**

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 10, 2011

During the Agency's annual fundraising event  
Bowl for Kids' Sake

**WHERE:** Dual Lanes Bowling Alley

Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**RSVP:** Reserve your space with Stacey

301-739-4711

Shoes and Lane included

**PRIZES \* LOADS OF FUN\* FOOD**

**&**

**TIME WITH YOUR LITTLE OR BIG**

\*\* Supervision of children is required at all times\*\*

**This event is free to all matches and children currently on the waiting list.**



## School-Based Mentoring Program



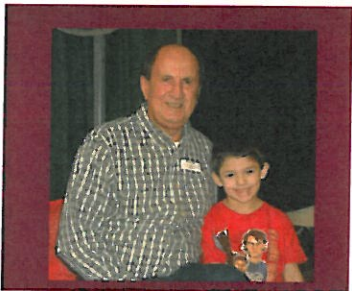
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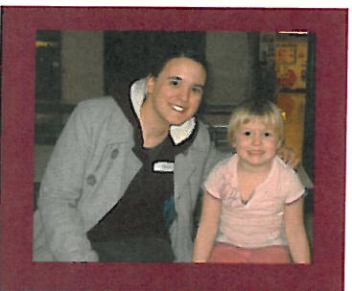
Marty Blake & Kaia O.: Marty and Kaia met on December 22, 2010. Marty is a Dental Hygienist and Kaia is a second grade student at Eastern Elementary School.



Lauren Fitzgerald & Alexandra Davis: Lauren and Alexandra were matched on January 6, 2011, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Lauren is a student at Shepherd University and Alexandra is in the second grade.



Joe Dill & Jessen Navarro: Joe and Jessen were matched on February 15, 2011. Joe is retired and Jessen attends Kindergarten at Bester Elementary School.



Diane Wallech & Brianna Strite: Diane and Brianna met on February 24, 2011, at Bester Elementary School. Diane is a Teller with Tower Bank and Brianna is a Kindergartner.



Don Wilson & Cory Ridenour: On March 1, 2011, Don and Cory were matched at Pangborn Elementary School. Don is retired from the Washington County Board of Education and Cory is in the first grade.



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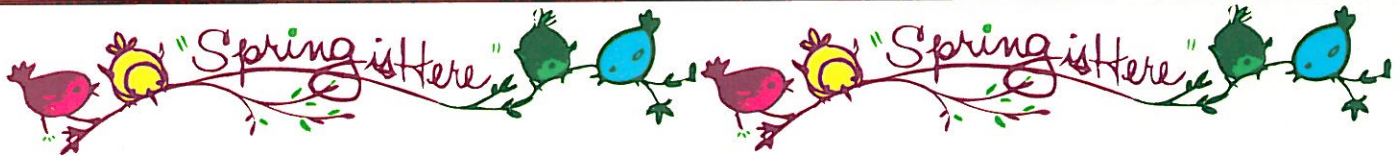
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become a volunteer, donate to a good cause,  
offer a meal, give a compliment, say hello, share a smile,  
call a friend.....not just one day...everyday!*

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# Big & Little Bits



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

## Calendar of Events:

August 13, 2011 -

Orioles Road Trip



BBBS Group Activity

(see enclosed flier)

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August 24, 2011

1st day of School

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September 5, 2011

Labor Day

No School

BBBS office closed

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September 23, 2011

1st day of Autumn



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October 7, 2011

End of Marking Period 1 (secondary)

2 1/2 hour early dismissal

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October 21, 2011

Association Day

No School

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October 28, 2011

End of Marking Period 1 (elementary)

2 1/2 hour early dismissal

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October 31, 2011

Halloween/ Professional Day

No School

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November 1, 2011

Professional Day

No School

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## ~Newsletter Title~

**Congratulations to Big Sister, Becky Barber!**

In our last newsletter, we asked each of you to send ideas to us regarding title suggestions for our newsletter. We received a total of thirteen ideas! Our Board of Directors voted, and '*Big & Little Bits*' was chosen!

Thank you, Becky, for the wonderful idea!

Thank you to all who participated; your suggestions were awesome!

## Welcome!

Hi,

My name is Deborah Gober and I am the new Program Manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. I am so excited about joining the BBBS team and look forward to meeting each of you as I am about in the community and at schools.

While I come to this position with more than 22 plus years in the human service arena, I am most anxious to listen to your thoughts and ideas as we seek to provide many new programs, as we grow!



The staff would like to welcome Deborah to Big Brothers Big Sisters! We look forward to working with you!



*Welcome*

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:

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No road is long with good company.

~Turkish Proverb



# Community-Based Mentoring Program



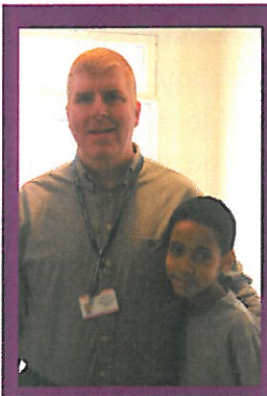
## New Matches:



**Erica Moleskie-Boozel & Brooklyn Jenkins:** Erica and Brooklyn transferred from the School-Based Mentoring Program to the Community-Based Mentoring Program on March 21, 2011. Erica is a Cosmetologist with Avenue West Salon. Brooklyn is in grade 2 and attends Fountaindale Elementary School.



**Eric and Kristyn Whitman & Hunter Streets:** Eric and Kristyn met Hunter on March 22, 2011. Eric is a Government Consultant for NJVC and Kristyn is a licensed home day care provider. Hunter is a 1st grade student at Salem Avenue Elementary School.



**Joseph Artman & Detryk Barbour:** Joseph and Detryk were matched on March 24, 2011. Joe is an Evidence/Fleet Manager for the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Detryk is a 5th grader at Bester Elementary School.



**Rebecca Chlebowski & Alexis Fischer:** On April 7, 2011, Rebecca and Alexis were matched. Rebecca is employed as a Division Manager for Tyler Mechanical Contracting, Inc. Alexis attends Rockland Woods Elementary School and is in grade 5.





## Community-Based Mentoring Program



### New Matches Continued:



**Kiona Thomas & Erica Bowens:** Kiona and Erica were matched on April 8, 2011. Kiona is a Relationship Manager with First Data and Erica is a 7th grade student at Western Heights Middle School.



**Justin Godfrey & Mark Varga:** On April 8, 2011, Justin and Mark were matched. Justin is employed with the United States Navy. Mark is a 3rd grade student at Hickory Elementary School.



**Johnny and Raven Hernandez & Quintin Rice:** Johnny and Raven met Quintin on May 3, 2011. Johnny is employed as an Engineering Electrician with the United States Navy and Raven is employed as a nurse with Cumberland Valley Veterinary Clinic. Quintin is a 3rd grader at Bester Elementary School.



**Jennifer Mills & Kylie Flannery:** Jennifer and Kylie were matched on May 19, 2011. Jennifer is a Cook with the United States Navy and Kylie is a 5th grade student at Pangborn Elementary School.

~Call us today to learn how to become a~  
**Big Brother or Big Sister!**





## Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



### 5 years:

Becky Barber & Sarah Stanton

### 4 years:

Lynda Palmer & Kayla Ross

### 3 years:

Tiffany Bloyer & Andrea Makle  
Dave Collins & Jordan Billman  
Cathy Keyser & Ja'Nay Parker  
Gary Naugle & Cory Irvin

### 2 years:

Debbie Abt & RaShaun Harris  
Katrina Arndt & Andreyanna Crawford  
Ed Distad & Jonathan Crawford

### 1 year:

Jamie Cannon & Jasmyne Kelley  
David Kimmel & Matthew Schaefer

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### *Message from Crystal Davis.....*

As my journey with Big Brothers Big Sisters came to an end, I was left with many good thoughts, new friends, and wonderful memories. Thank you to everybody for the small tokens of appreciation and the well wishes as I embark on the next chapter of my life.

To all the Parents/Guardians...I appreciate your willingness to share and trust me with your most precious gifts--your children. Watching your children grow and being a part of their lives has been a remarkable experience for me.

To all the Littles...it has been such an adventure to watch you change over the past 11 ½ years. Please continue to make choices that lead you down the path of success. I know each one of you will go on to do amazing things in your lives. You have much to be proud of!

To all the Bigs...your dedication and commitment are amazing. I have met so many volunteers during my time that put their heart and soul into their match and that is to be commended.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is fortunate to have you as part of their family. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce you to some wonderful children in our community. You really do make a difference.

It has been a privilege to know each and every one of you and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives!!

~Crystal Davis



# School-Based Mentoring Program



## **New Matches:**



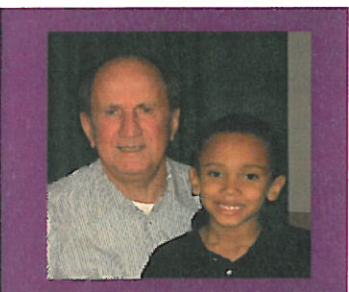
**Joni Bittner & Imani Sampson:** Joni and Imani met on March 17, 2011, at Pangborn Elementary School. Joni is retired from the Washington County Government. Imani is a 3rd grade student.



**Rhonda Grossnickle & Rachel Kline:** Rhonda and Rachel met on March 22, 2011, at Lincolnshire Elementary School. Rhonda is a stay-at-home mother and Rachel is in the 4th grade.



**Nancy Wallech & Joseph Wolfe:** Nancy and Joseph reopened their match on March 23, 2011, at Bester Elementary School. Nancy is retired and Joseph is in the 5th grade.



**Joe Dill & Dalvontae Snowden:** Joe and Dalvontae were matched on April 19, 2011. Joe is retired and Dalvontae is a Kindergartner at Bester Elementary School.



**Ava-joye Burnett & Taylor Dorm:** Ava-joye and Taylor met at Fountaindale Elementary School on April 27, 2011. Ava-joye is a news reporter for WHAG News and Taylor is a 5th grade student.



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## *A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*

Hi, my name is Maekayla. My Big Sister's name is Justine. We both like reading, going to the park, going to the pool, and playing tennis.

At Bowl For Kids' Sake, you can bowl against other Big Brothers or Big Sisters.

Justine and I are really good at bowling. I bowl in a league on Saturdays.

We hope you enjoyed our story about Bowl For Kids' Sake!

~Little Sister, Maekayla S.

~Big Sister, Justine S.

Nikki P., a 4th grade student at Salem Avenue Elementary School, has let her character shine through lately-and has been recognized for it in various ways.

The Red Ribbon Award was presented to Nikki at *Girls, Inc.*, in April. This award is given every couple of months to one person per grade. The award was based on Nikki's sweet, caring ways, her willingness to help staff and others when she saw a need, and standing up for others. Her picture was put on the wall to commemorate the occasion.

Nikki was also chosen to receive a gift card from the *Dress Barn* so that her mom could shop there for Mother's Day.

Lastly, four girls and two staff from *Girls, Inc.* were chosen to celebrate Easter at the *White House*, in Washington, D.C. What an honor! Nikki was delighted at the prospect of possibly meeting some of the Obama family. There were eggs to decorate, face painting, music, and lots of activities to participate in while at the *White House* event. They came home tired but happy after a long day of festivities.

I am so proud of you, Nikki. You have matured and continue to evolve into a person that I am glad to know and spend time with. I hope you continue on your path of compassion and academic achievement.

~Big Sister, Lois D.

### My Trip to the Zoo

There were two buses that took us to the Baltimore Zoo and there were like 100 people going on the trip. We got to have a turkey sandwich, cookies, chips, an apple, and some apple juice. There was a *Kids Zone* place where they had goats and they had brushes to pet the goats. Then, when we went to the barn slide, we had to go up some steps to go down the slide. When you go around it, there is a door. When you go in there, there are some steps. When you go up there, you see a barn owl. Then, there was a tree slide we saw, and when you go up the steps, there is a slide, and when you go down it, you go really fast. Then, there were more steps in it that take you all the way down to the bottom of the tree. We saw some lions and one lion was yawning. We went to the chimpanzee forest, and when I looked to the left, there was a chimpanzee climbing on the ceiling. We then went to the penguin place and I saw a penguin swimming really fast. We went to this cave, and when I went the whole way through it, there was a waterfall. The water was almost up to ten inches and I saw an otter swimming really fast! Then, we went to the cheetahs and I saw this cheetah that kept coming to the glass. My group was laughing when the cheetah kept coming to the glass. There was this cheetah that kept going back behind the weeds because he was scared. Next, we went to the elephants and I saw this elephant that was picking up some grass and eating it. We then went to the giraffes and I saw a giraffe eating hay. There was a giraffe that was peeking over the wall and he stuck his black tongue at me! My friend stepped in the giraffe's slobber! We went to the rhinos, ostriches, and zebras and I saw these rhinos eating grass. I also saw two zebras playing around and the one fell on the ground because the other zebra was pushing the zebra that fell. We went to the baby owls and there was this girl that was standing there holding an owl and the girl made the owl fly. We went to the deer section and I saw this deer drinking water. There was this one deer that was climbing rocks. I also saw polar bears and I saw this one polar bear dancing, and he was shaking his head.

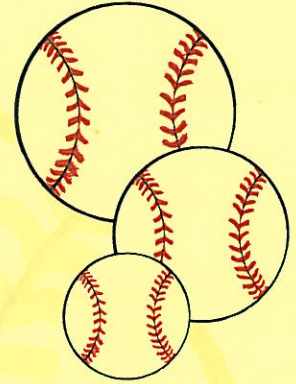
~Little Brother, Trenton S.



Join  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
for an



**Orioles**<sup>TM</sup>  
**Road Trip!**



**Who:** Matched Bigs, Matched Littles, Waiting Littles accompanied by one adult ONLY  
(includes both Community-Based & School-Based participants)

**When:** Saturday, August 13, 2011

**Meeting Place:** Municipal Stadium Parking Lot - a bus will depart @ 4:30 p.m.

**Game Time/Location:** 7:05 p.m./Oriole Park @ Camden Yards (Baltimore, MD)

**Baltimore Orioles vs. Detroit Tigers**

This event is at no cost to participants; however, the group bus will only seat **55** passengers. Attendance will be on a **first-come-first-serve** basis.

**R.S.V.P.s will be accepted**  
**beginning Monday, July 25, 2011 and ending Wednesday, August 10, 2011.**  
(to ensure that all fliers have been received and equal opportunity is provided)

Drinks only will be provided, upon arrival at the park.

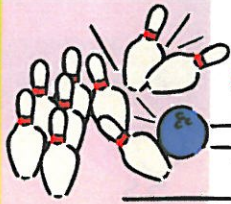
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or

Email [tracy@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:tracy@bbbswcmd.org)







## 2011 Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser Results

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. held its annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at Turner's Dual Lanes. The event took place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 73 teams, consisting of business members, friends, volunteers, families, and supporters gathered for a game of bowling. Each bowler raised at least \$30 in sponsors and received a Bowl For Kids' Sake cup and t-shirt for participating! With the support of our bowlers and local businesses, our agency was able to raise slightly above \$33,000!

The following sponsors also contributed:

### Corporate Sponsors (\$1,000):

Dr. Byron Byrd  
DOT Foods  
JLG Industries  
Keystone RV Wholesalers  
Tower Bank

### Business Sponsors (\$500):

CertainTeed  
Giant Foods  
Volvo Powertrain  
Michael G. Day & Associates

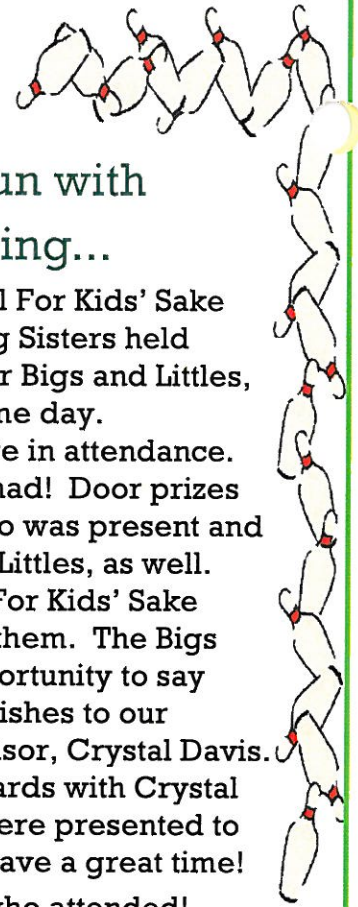
### Helping Hand Sponsors (\$250):

Allegany Dental Care  
Bulldog Federal Credit Union  
Callas Contractors  
Centra Bank  
Columbia Bank

Thank you to our bowlers and sponsors for your support! We truly appreciate all you do! Thank you, also, to Todd Smith and the Turner's Dual Lanes staff. This event would not be a success without you!

Next year's Bowl For Kids' Sake will be held on **Sunday, April 22, 2012**. Please mark you calendars!

We hope you can join us!



## A Big Day of Fun with a Little Bowling...

In conjunction with the Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser, Big Brothers Big Sisters held a Group Bowling Activity for Bigs and Littles, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., the same day. Thirty-four participants were in attendance. What a wonderful time we had! Door prizes were won by each Little who was present and lunch was provided for the Littles, as well. Everyone received a Bowl For Kids' Sake cup and t-shirt to take with them. The Bigs and Littles also had the opportunity to say their good-byes and best wishes to our previous Casework Supervisor, Crystal Davis. We shared cupcakes and cards with Crystal and balloons and flowers were presented to her! Everyone seemed to have a great time!

Thank you to all who attended!

## Biking Big For Littles Fundraiser

Big Brothers Big Sisters is hosting its 2nd *Biking Big For Littles* Fundraiser on September 25, 2011, from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Williamsport Red Men. Currently, raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$10 each. By purchasing a raffle ticket, you are entered for a chance to win a 2012 Wide Glide Harley Davidson motorcycle or \$12,000 cash! You may contact or visit the agency office to purchase tickets: 301-739-4711;

1135 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Tickets for the motorcycle ride will soon be available for purchase.

Please join us in supporting the children within our community!





## Big Brothers Big Sisters and The Hagerstown Suns

On May 27, 2011, Big Brothers Big Sisters joined together for a picnic and Hagerstown Suns game, at the Municipal Stadium. The Hagerstown Suns played against Asheville and 53 Big Brothers Big Sisters participants were in attendance. Little Brother, Marqui H. pitched the first ball of the game! Big Brother, Dave Collins and Little Brother, Jordan B. were honored the privilege of viewing the game from box seats! What a view! With 9 sets of Suns game tickets and a \$50 Dine & Dash Card, donated by James Speicher, the agency initiated a drawing for these tickets to those Bigs and Littles in attendance. Congratulations to the following ticket winners:



Little Sister, Kylie F; Little Sister, Nicole P; Little Brother, Zachary M.; Big Sister, Danae Hart, Big Sister, Jennifer Mills; Big Sister, Janet Slack; Big Sister, Michelle Stouffer; Big Sister, Kristyn Whitman; and Big Brother, Phil Bennett. The big winner of the \$50 Dine & Dash Card was Big Sister, Anne Wilson. Congratulations to all!

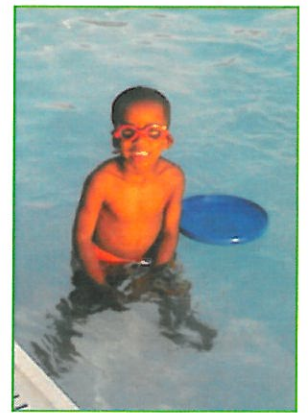


The evening began with great weather; however, it ended in a FLASH...a flash of lightning, that is! A severe storm passed through, scattering people everywhere! Unfortunately, the game was suspended, with the score being 8-6, in favor of the Suns. The game resumed the following day, with the Suns winning, 8-6. Way to go, Hagerstown Suns!!!!

Thank you to all who attended!



Big Brothers Big Sisters held a Swim Event at the Martin Snook Memorial Park on Wednesday, June 29th, and what a *SPLASH* it was!



Thank you to the parents, volunteers, children, and families who provided the amazing snacks! Everything from fresh watermelon to delicious brownies were shared! Everyone seemed to enjoy the swimming and the weather was beautiful! It was so exciting to see the gathering of Bigs, Littles, and families! We couldn't have asked for a better evening! While our past few swimming events were cancelled due to rain and thunderstorms, luck was on our side for this one! Thank you to all who attended and made this event a success!





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*Remember...it is never too late to make a difference...  
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offer a meal, give a compliment, say hello, share a smile,  
call a friend.....not just one day...everyday!*

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# Big & Little Bits




Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

- \*\*\*\*\*
- October 28, 2011: End of Marking Period 1 (elementary)/  
2 1/2 hour early dismissal  
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- October 31, 2011: Halloween/ Professional Day/ No School  
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- November 1, 2011: Professional Day/ No School   
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- November 8, 2011: Election Day  
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- November 10, 2011: BBBS Annual Dinner 6:00 p.m.-?  
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- November 11, 2011: Veterans Day  
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- November 23, 2011: End of Marking Period 2 (secondary)  
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- November 24, 2011: Thanksgiving Day/ No school  
BBBS office closed   
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- November 25, 2011: No school  
BBBS office closed  
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- November 28, 2011: Professional Day/ No school  
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- December 5, 2011: BBBS Christmas Dinner 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
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- December 21, 2011: Hannukah begins   
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- December 22, 2011: Winter begins  
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- December 25, 2011: Christmas Day   
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- December 23 - January 2, 2012: Winter Break/ No school  
BBBS office closed   
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- January 1, 2012: New Year's Day  
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- January 3, 2012: Students return to school  
BBBS office reopens



## Message from the Staff:

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping  
 a present and not giving it.

~William Arthur Ward

What an appropriate quotation for the season of giving and Thanksgiving! Take a moment to think about this....what was the last favor or act of kindness that someone did for you? Did you take the time or even remember to say thank you? So often, we take for granted the kindness of others.

Yet, it is so important to show appreciation for the time that others give to us and it only takes a brief moment to say thank you, share a hug, or even a simple handshake. While we would like to think so, kindness is not mandated; it is optional.

Genuine kindness never expects anything in return; however, that kindness should always be appreciated. Therefore, always take the time to say thank you...not just on Thanksgiving Day, or the holidays, but EVERYDAY! To encourage this, we at Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to, once again, say thank you to our Bigs, Littles, parents, sponsors, donors, Board Members, and friends. We could NOT do what we do without YOU!

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:



Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. ~Author Unknown



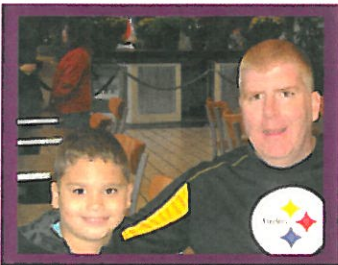
## Community-Based Mentoring Program



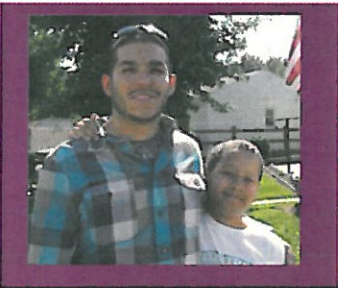
### New Matches:



**Verna Brown & Jesscoya Kline:** Verna and Jesscoya were matched on September 25, 2011. Verna is an Emergency Management Agency Coordinator for Washington County. Jesscoya is an 8th grade student at Boonsboro Middle School.



**Joe Artman & Tyrec Russ:** Joe and Tyrec met on October 8, 2011. Joe is employed as an Evidence Technician for the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Tyrec attends Eastern Elementary School as a 5th grader.



**Ryan White & Darrius Marcum:** Ryan and Darrius were matched on October 8, 2011. Ryan is a Navy Veteran and currently studying Environmental Science at Frederick Community College. Darrius attends Greenbriar Elementary School and is in the 4th grade.

## Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

### 6 years:

*Verna Brown & Alyssa House*

### 5 years:

*Naomi Doucette & Sadie Frederick*

### 4 years:

*Derek Belz & Dontre Nichols*

*Donna Mason & Leah Colvin*

*Darlene Faiola & Hannah Frye*

### 3 years:

*Susan Norris & Lachrishia Ross*

*Shawn Maginnis & Arron Thompson*

*Bill Stachoviak & Gavin O'Brien*

*Arin Meinschein & Paige West*

*Caitlin Carter & Abigail Frye*

### 2 years:

*John & Shannan Thorhauer & Matthew Weaver*

*Danae Hart & Katie O'Brien*

### 1 year:

*Michelle Stouffer & Katey Lookabaugh*

*Beverly Whitney-Pillow & Promise Boward-Ballance*





# Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Christmas Dinner

**When:** Monday, December 5, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Elks Lodge  
11063 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742

**'Littles' are paid for by the agency.** Each Big and Board Member is responsible for paying for his/her meal and any family members. You may pay upon arrival the evening of the dinner.

**Cost: \$10.75 per person; Children 3 years and younger are free**

The Dinner is limited to Big/Little matches and Waiting Littles in the Community-Based and Site-Based Mentoring Programs. Littles who are unable to attend with a Big may be accompanied by one adult guest.

Families of Bigs and Board members are invited to attend.

The evening will include a Picnic Buffet (hamburgers and hot dogs, broasted chicken, corn, macaroni and cheese, vegetable tray, pretzels, cake, coffee, and fruit punch). Entertainment will be provided by *Barbara Ingram School For The Arts*, and there will be a visit from Santa Claus for the children.

**RESERVATIONS: We need to know the number attending!**

**PLEASE call the office at 301-739-4711, or email ([mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org)), no later than Monday, November 28, 2011 and let us know who will be attending.**

We must hear from you by the deadline or we will be unable to accept your reservation. Please include the names of those who will be attending, along with each child's age.

Naughty or Nice ?



# Site-Based Mentoring Program

## New Matches:

*No new matches at this time...*



**Please note that, in the anticipation of future growth in program development, the School-Based Mentoring Program title has been changed to the Site-Based Mentoring Program.**

## Site-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

### 5 years:

Joe Dill & Caleb Smith

### 4 years:

Trina Johnson & Matthew Lookabaugh

Jean Holliday & Brian Brown

Lois Dreisbach & Nicole Prather

### 3 years:

Elaine Rose & Hayley Belair

Rowena Sallah & Marian Ward

### 2 years:

Heather Grove & Mayetta Joyner

Les Braun & William Valentine

Donna Stagers & Skyler Jenkins

Phil Bennett & Marqui Hoffman

Carl Galligan & Trenton Spoonire

### 1 year:

Laura Horning & Tesa Cogar

Chris Schlotterbeck & Dayshawn Weedon

Marty Blake & Kaia Owens

Shirley Lamdan & Madisyn Wilson

Diane Wallech & Brianna Strite

Don Wilson & Cory Ridenour

Rhonda Grossnickle & Rachel Kline

Joe Dill & Dalvontae Snowden

Ava-joye Burnett & Taylor Dorm



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Washington County, MD, Inc. is  
ALWAYS in need of volunteer  
mentors!!!!!! If you are  
interested, please contact us at  
(301) 739-4711.



**We need your help!**

## ATTENTION ALL LITTLES & PARENTS:

WHAG News offers a contest opportunity to children in grades 3-5! One of our Littles could win a chance to assist in delivering the weather forecast on television!

The opportunity is called '*Kids Cast*'.

If you can draw a picture that includes the television station, WHAG, you may be the next winner!

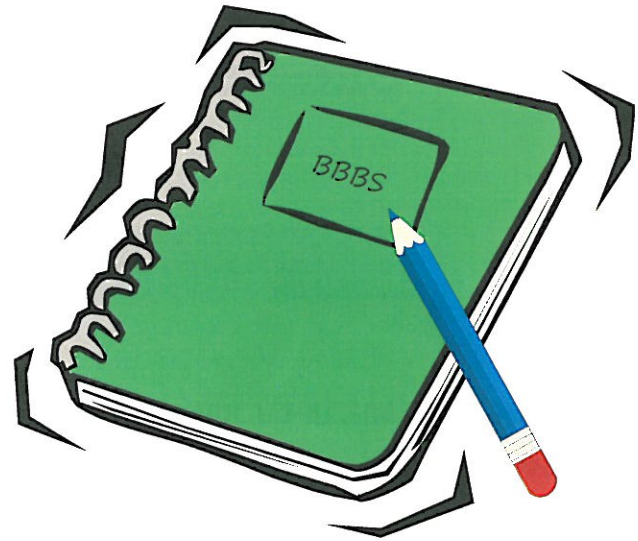
For more information, visit [your4state.com](http://your4state.com) and click on **FUN**, then click on **Contests/Promotions**.

We would LOVE to see one of our Littles on television!!!!!!





*Calling all Bigs & Littles, both matched and waiting.... We need articles for the newsletter! We want to hear what you have to say. Please contact us at 301-739-4711 or email us at [tracy@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:tracy@bbbswcmd.org) to submit a small article to be displayed in a newsletter. We know you have something to say!*



### *A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*

*Bigs and Littles....we need to hear from you! Sadly, we have no stories or articles to share!*



### **Kudos:**

Big Sister, Cathy Keyser would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Ja'nay P., for being elected the President of Student Government at Western Heights Middle School! Way to go, Ja'nay!

Big Sister, Donna Staggers would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Skyler J., on her excellent effort during her first marking period as a sixth grader at E. Russell Hicks Middle School! Great Job, Skyler!

#### **Thank you to the following for their recent donations.**

- Discovery Station for its donation of Admission tickets
- Nancy Gormley for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets
- Mike and Debbie Flynn for the donation of two Washington Redskins tickets and parking permit
- Cheryl Brown for her donation of \$50
- RCI Inmate Communications Committee for its contribution of \$86.75
- The Center for Business and Training for its very generous monetary donation

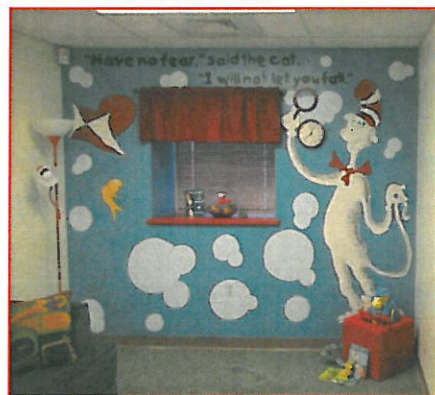
A special thank you to Alan Gober for his consistent support and participation in various Big Brothers Big Sisters projects and events....You are very appreciated!





# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. participates in the United Way Day of Caring

On Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Big Brothers Big Sisters participated in the United Way Day of Caring. Our agency volunteered to complete a painting project for *Safe Place Child Advocacy Center*. Our team included Phil Bennett, CEO; Verna Brown, Board President; Deborah Gober, Program Manager, Tracy Mumma, Site-Based Program Coordinator; Stacey Keefer, Administrative Financial Officer; and Alan Gober, Deborah's husband. The team painted a conference room and also created and painted a wall mural with the theme of 'The Cat in the Hat'. We had a great time completing the assignments! Thank you, United Way and Safe Place, for the opportunity!



# Movie Night... a big success!

On October 20, 2011, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted a *Movie Night*, for Bigs and Littles, at the



Leitersburg Cinemas. The event began with pizza for all and a time for socializing. Each match chose their movie of choice and then proceeded to the theatres. The movie of the night seemed to be '*Dolphin Tale*', with the majority of our 38 participants viewing this. The reviews from all were wonderful...some even admitted to crying!

Other movies of interest were '*Money Ball*' and '*Real Steel*', which also received great reviews!

Thank you to the Leitersburg Cinemas for a wonderful event! Everyone seemed to have a nice time and even requested the activity again!





*Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Washington County, MD, Inc.  
to share its Annual Dinner with  
a special guest*



*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. holds an Annual Dinner each November. This dinner is designed to honor and thank all volunteers, donors, and sponsors for their support throughout the year. During this event, the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year are also announced and recognized with special plaques. It is traditional that the Little Brother and Little Sister of these recipients be present to also share their appreciation for the wonderful support they have received from their Bigs.*

*This year, Degrees of Friendship will also be announced. These degree certificates recognize volunteers for the number of dedicated years they have served with the agency. Traditionally, these awards were presented at our annual Christmas Dinner.*

*We are proud to announce this year's guest speaker as Ms. Karen Mathis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Ms. Mathis was a former Big Sister and joined BBBSA in 2009, as President and CEO. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Central European and Eurasian Initiative (CEEI) Institute, a non-profit agency that offers post-graduate legal education, in Prague. Ms. Mathis also served as president of the American Bar Association, during which time she developed the Youth at Risk program. She has practiced law for 34 years and is a director on the Board of Volunteers of America. Ms. Mathis graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Denver and received her law degree from the University of Colorado Law School. We are very honored to have Ms. Karen Mathis speak at our Annual Dinner!*

*To those who have received an invitation to the Annual Dinner, we hope you are able to join us for a wonderful evening!*

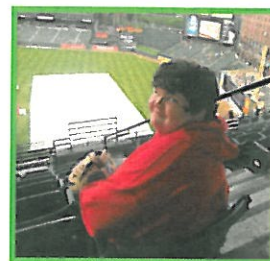


## Big Brothers Big Sisters visits Camden Yards!

August 13, 2011 was a very rainy and dreary day; however, that did not prevent Big Brothers Big Sisters from taking a road trip, by bus, to Baltimore to enjoy an

**Orioles™**

Orioles game at Camden Yards. 29 participants attended, despite the rain and gloom, and by the start of the game, the rain had stopped! The game involved the Baltimore Orioles versus the Detroit Tigers.



The evening began with a ceremony for the induction of 2 individuals into the Orioles Hall of Fame: Rickie Bancells and Mike Bordick. While the game proved very interesting and action-packed, the Orioles lost 6-5. Despite the loss, it was a fun evening for all!

Thank you to all who attended!

## Biking Big For Littles Fundraiser

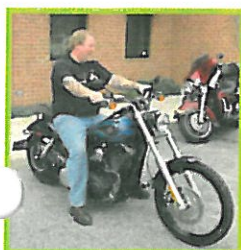


Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. held its 2nd *Biking Big For Littles* fundraiser on Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Williamsport Red Men. A motorcycle ride, consisting of 42 riders and 16 passengers, departed the Red Men at 10:30 a.m. Live entertainment was provided by 'Staff Infection', a band consisting of previous and current Washington County Board of Education staff. They were truly enjoyed by all, as was evident by their dance partners! Shane Izer,

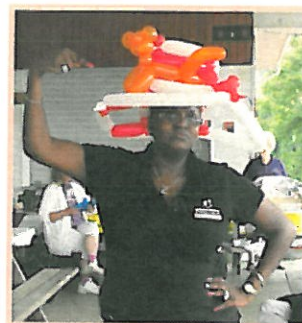


The Balloon Guy and Magician Extraordinaire, was also in attendance...to entertain the children...and adults! Food was provided, and a 50/50, along with several prizes, was available. The biggest prize of all was the choice of a 2012 Wide Glide Harley Davidson motorcycle or \$12,000 cash. Congratulations to Mr. Lewis Rhoades, of New Bloomfield, PA! He chose the

motorcycle! 3 Little Sisters were also given the opportunity to take a motorcycle ride. What fun we had! The event raised a total of \$14,843. Thank you to all who supported the agency and/or participated in the event!



Lewis Rhoades  
(above, right)





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# Big & Little Bits

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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## Calendar of Events:

February 14, 2012: Valentine's Day  
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February 20, 2012: Presidents' Day  
No School  
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February 29, 2012: BBBS Friends & Family Skate Party  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
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March 9, 2012: 2 1/2 hour early dismissal  
End of Marking Period 4 (secondary)  
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March 11, 2012: Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Set your clocks forward 1 hour!  
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March 17, 2012: St. Patrick's Day  
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April 3, 2012: Primary Election Day  
No School  
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April 4, 2012: End of Marking Period 3 (elementary)  
School in Session  
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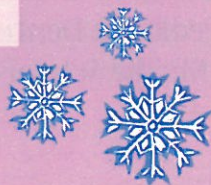
April 8, 2012: Easter  
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April 5-9, 2012: Spring Break  
No School  
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April 10, 2012: Professional Day  
No School  
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April 22, 2012: Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser (BBBS)  
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April 27, 2012: 2 1/2 hour early dismissal  
End of Marking Period 5 (secondary)



## Message from the Staff:



As many of you already know, Big Brothers Big Sisters depends on the support of the community in order to provide mentoring services to our children. Without the dedication of volunteers, our service would not be available! January is designated as National Mentoring Month and, this year, January 26th, was 'Thank Your Mentor' Day. We at Big Brothers Big Sisters, along with our Littles, would like to take this opportunity to, once again, say thank you to our wonderful crew of Bigs! We couldn't possibly express how truly grateful we are for the time and commitment you provide! One person is all it takes to make a difference...It's not too late for those of you who aren't involved to make a New Year's Resolution to become a mentor!

Call today...301-739-4711!

We have children who are waiting for YOU!

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:



*He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.*

~Sunshine Magazine

## Very Important Update:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. is excited to announce that our website has been updated and improved! In addition, our newsletter will now be displayed on our website! Thank you so much to *Rainfire Solutions (Eric, Patrick, and Sam)* for all of your hard work and MANY hours of time dedicated to making this website possible!

Check it out! [www.bbbswcmd.org](http://www.bbbswcmd.org)

We will continue to mail our newsletter to all volunteer and family program participants; however, in an effort to "GO GREEN," we ask all other individuals to PLEASE visit our website for all upcoming newsletters. PLEASE send your email address to us if you would like to receive our newsletter via email. Our email address is [mentor@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:mentor@bbbswcmd.org). To all of our donors, sponsors, etc., please be sure to send us your email!!!!



## Community-Based Mentoring Program



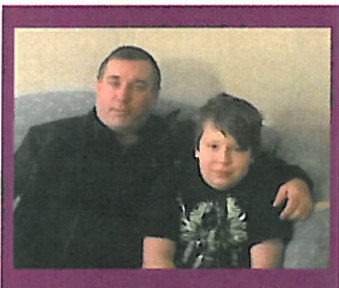
### New Matches:



**Heather Lowery & Brooklyn Jenkins:** Heather and Brooklyn were matched on November 1, 2011. Heather is an Executive Assistant for *Preferred Arbor Care, LLC*. Brooklyn attends Eastern Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade.



**Valeria Schmidt & Mariah Ford:** Valeria and Brooklyn met on November 5, 2011. Valeria is the Pastor for *St. Paul's United Church of Christ* and Mariah is a 7th grade student at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.



**Jim Mills & Brandon Frame:** On December 3, 2011, Jim and Brandon were matched. Jim is the Senior Director of Human Resources for *Jen-esis Corporation*. Brandon attends Eastern Elementary School and is in the 5th grade.



**Julia Anderson & Fayth Hull:** Julia and Fayth were matched on December 3, 2011. Julia is a sales representative for *Abraham Linc* and Fayth is a 1st grader at Bester Elementary School.



**Melanie Schlossberg & Victoria Billman:** Melanie met Victoria on January 7, 2012. Melanie is a Pediatric Dentist for *Crestwood Dental*. Victoria attends E. Russell Hicks Middle School and is in the 8th grade.



# Site-Based Mentoring Program



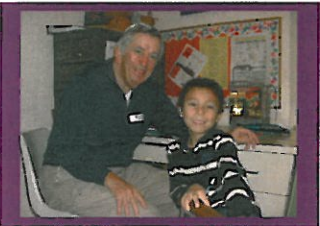
## New Matches:



**Chris Schlotterbeck & Sean Wachter:** Chris and Sean were matched on November 2, 2011, at Fountaindale Elementary School. Chris is a Pastor for *Hub City Vineyard Church* and Sean is a 2nd grade student.



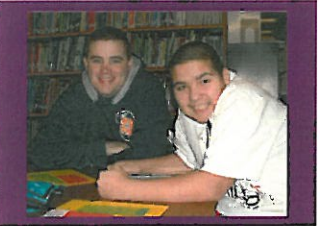
**Kathy Geer & Jada Talbott:** Kathy met Jada at Pangborn Elementary School on November 3, 2011. Kathy is an employee with *Washington County Public Schools* and Jada is a 3rd grade student.



**Carl Galligan & Chris Sokolowski:** Carl is a retired educator and Chris attends Fountaindale Elementary School as a 2nd grade student. The two met on November 18, 2011.



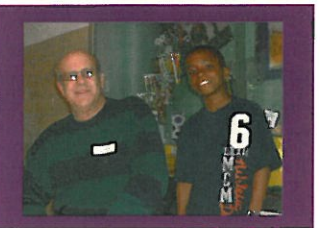
**Anne Wilson & Makayla Johnson:** Anne and Makayla were matched on December 5, 2011. Anne is a school counselor for *Washington County Public Schools* and Makayla attends 4th grade at Bester Elementary School.



**Robert "Robbie" Veil & Robert Campanelli:** Robbie and Robert were matched on December 14, 2011 at E. Russell Hicks Middle School. Robbie is employed as a TLC Resident Aide for *Emeritus at Hagerstown* and attends Hagerstown Community College. Robert is a 7th grade student.



**Ashlyn Long & Shana Cosia:** Ashlyn and Shana met on January 30, 2012 at Ruth Ann Monroe Primary School. Ashlyn is a sales associate for a local business and a student at Hagerstown Community College. Shana is a 1st grade student.



**Wayne Mullendore & Tyiree Hodge-Allen:** Wayne and Tyiree were matched on February 9, 2012. The two met at Fountaindale Elementary School, where Tyiree is a 5th grade student.



# 2011 Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Dinner

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. held its Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The event took place from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown Hotel & Convention Center. We were honored to have Mr. Max Miller as our guest speaker. Mr. Miller is the Chief Administrative Officer and General Council for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He spoke eloquently on the topic of the new Big Brothers Big Sisters brand "Start Something" and what it means to become involved with the agency. He also shared an inspirational video, in which National Bigs of the Year and their Littles shared their stories. Washington County Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards were also presented, along with Board Member of the Year Awards. This Year, Big Brothers Big Sisters presented a President's Award to the Washington County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding support to the agency in offering meeting locations, etc. Sheriff Douglas Mullendore was in attendance to accept this award on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. Several Big Brothers and Big Sisters were also recognized for their dedicated years as volunteers by being presented *Degrees of Friendship*.

*Associate of the Art of Friendship* Degrees (2 years) were awarded to the following: **Debbie Abt, Katrina Arndt, Steven Brown, Heather Grove, Danae Hart, Rowena Sallah, Justine Shenk, Donna Staggers, John & Shannan Thorhauer,** and **John & Tracy Zinaich.** *Bachelor of the Art of Friendship* Degrees (4 years) were awarded to **Derek Belz, Leslie Braun, Darlene Faiola, and Cathy Keyser.** *Master of the Art of Friendship* Degrees (7 years) were awarded to **David Collins and Janet Slack.** There were a total of 78 guests in attendance. What a wonderful evening for our Board Members, staff, volunteers, and guests to spend time together becoming acquainted and sharing their stories and experiences!



Shawn Maginnis received the 2011 Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year Award. Shawn has been involved with the agency for more than 3 years. He was matched with his Little Brother, Arron, in January 2008, in the Site-Based Mentoring Program. They developed such a strong bond that the two decided to transfer to the Community-Based Mentoring Program in September of the same year! Arron described Shawn as fun to be around and hang out with. "I am better when I am around him and he makes me care about things that I never cared about before." Shawn has always been a great advocate for Arron and more than willing to go the extra mile! Shawn is an ordinary man who is extraordinary as a Big Brother! Arron is very fortunate to have him in his life!



The 2011 Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year Award was presented to Elaine Rose. Elaine became involved with the agency in 2002, as a Board Member, serving as the Board President in 2007 and 2008. She became a mentor in the Site-Based Mentoring Program in 2003, during which time she was matched with a Little Brother in Kindergarten. The two developed a truly wonderful relationship; however, in March 2007, her Little Brother moved. Elaine was devastated! In 2009, she decided it was time to share her compassion and heart with another student. She was then matched with a Kindergarten Little Sister, at Salem Avenue Elementary School. Hayley and Elaine continue to meet each week, reading, making bracelets, shopping with play money, and even visiting the school's Book Fair together. When asked what her favorite part of their visits are, Hayley replied, "Everything!" Elaine is a true inspiration!



Michelle Stouffer was presented with a Board Member of the Year Award for 2011. She is employed as a Project Manager with *Citi* and first became involved with the agency when she volunteered to become a Big Sister in 2010. In August of that year, she was matched with her current Little Sister, Katey, who is now 8 years old. In January 2011, Michelle became a Board Member and Chair of our 2nd *Biking Big For Littles* Fundraiser. She also serves as Board Secretary. Michelle has been very involved in supporting the agency and has developed a wonderful relationship with her Little Sister. The two often attend group activities together and Katey always seems to enjoy their time. Thank you, Michelle, for being such a great example for Big Brothers Big Sisters!



A second Board Member of the Year Award for 2011 was presented to Jim Holsinger. Jim is employed with the *Washington County Sheriff's Department*, serving the areas of Community Relations and Crime Prevention, and is the Supervisor for School Resource Officers. He became involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters as a Board Member in January of 2011 and has served as Chair of the Marketing Committee. Jim has been stellar in leading the agency in terms of best strategies for marketing and in coordinating those efforts in the most effective manner. He is a strong advocate for the mission of the agency...providing mentors to the children within our community! We are very honored to have Jim as a representative for Big Brothers Big Sisters!



# *Big Brothers Big Sisters Friends and Family Skate Party*

Where: Starland Roller Rink  
800 Park Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

When: Wednesday, February 29, 2012  
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

All Littles will be admitted free to the event and will receive a \$5 food voucher to be used at the snack bar!

The cost for all others is \$3.00 per person.  
(includes skate rental)

Feel free to invite your friends and family to the skate party, as well!

Please RSVP to the office (301-739-4711)  
by Monday, February 27, 2012  
with the number of individuals who will be attending!

*Our appreciation goes to Barb Donaldson, owner of  
Starland, for making this activity possible!*





# Bowlers

# WE WANT YOU

## RAFFLE PRIZES!

1st Prize:  
iPad 2

2nd Prize:  
Longaberger Large  
Stow Away Basket

3rd Prize:  
\$250 Cash

# B O W L

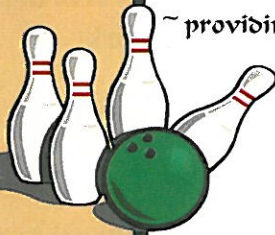
## FOR KIDS' SAKE

### Fundraiser

### to support

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD

~ providing mentoring services to children in Washington County



## Sunday, April 22, 2012

(11 a.m.- 5 p.m.)\*\*\*\*Turner's Dual Lanes

Support our children.....simply gather a group of friends, call the office to sign up for a lane(s) & request a sponsor sheet for each team member, have each team member raise at least \$30 in sponsors, and join us at Turner's Dual Lanes to bowl one game! Those individuals who raise at least \$200 in sponsors will be entered in a drawing to win \$500!

Be sure to bring sponsor sheets with you the day of the event!

A team may  
include  
1-6 players  
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1 team  
per lane

That's all it takes!

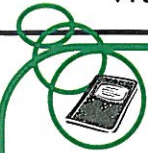
It's a great and easy way to give back to the community!

Our children need YOU!!!!

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## *A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*



My Little Brother, Dontré N., age 11, recently received a \$25 Walmart gift card from his grandmother. He was insistent that he not spend the money on himself, but rather, buy presents for children in need. Dontré's mother gave him an additional \$10, and we went to Walmart to buy the gifts. Dontré spent \$35 on presents for children who otherwise might not have received anything this year. I just wanted to recognize Dontré for his warm heart and giving nature. He should be commended!

Thank you,  
Derek Belz (Big Brother)

Awesome Job, Dontré! Big Brothers Big Sisters is so proud of you!

## **Kudos:**

### **Congratulations to the following:**

Big Sister, Elaine Rose would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Hayley B. for recently doing a great job in school, as noted by her teacher. She has been turning in her homework consistently and is very dependable! Also, excellent job with the school Veteran's Day musical in which she sang! Awesome work!

Big Sister, Lois Dreisbach would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Nicole P. for being recognized as an October Citizen of the Month at Eastern Elementary School! Way to go!

Big Sister, Jean Holliway would like to congratulate Little Brother, Brian B. for being recognized as a November Student of the Month at Salem Avenue Elementary School. Good job!

Big Sister, Verna Brown would like to congratulate her Little Sister, Alyssa H. for making the Honor Roll for Semester 1 at Boonsboro High School. Super effort!

Previous Big Sister, Ava-joye Burnett would like to congratulate Little Sister, Taylor D. for making the Distinguished Honor Roll for Marking Periods 1 & 2! You rock!

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### **Special Thank Yous to the following:**

The Rotary Club of Long Meadows Foundation for its donation of \$800

Staples Distribution Center for its donation of gift cards totaling \$125

Walmart Foundation for its donation of \$1,000

The Mathias Washington County Charitable Trust for its generous donation to our activity account

Col. Ronald W. Taylor for his very kind donation

Mike & Debbie Flynn for their donation of 2 Washington Redskins game tickets and parking pass







**Mary Mulligan & Abigail Frye:** On January 28, 2012, Mary was matched with Abigail. Mary is a Dance Instructor for *Ballet and All That Jazz*, a part-time sales associate for a local business, and a student at Hagerstown Community College. Abigail is a 6th grade student at Western Heights Middle School.

## Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries



### 7 years:

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

### 3 years:

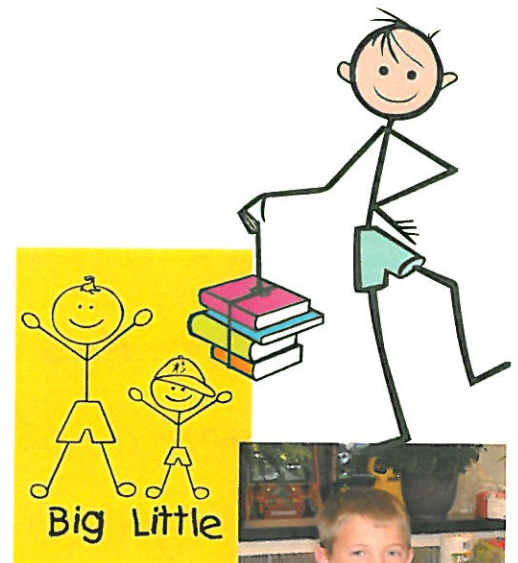
Pam Saum & Rayana Ford  
Steven Brown & Kaden Snyder

### 2 years:

Justine Shenk & Maekayla Sheridan  
John and Tracy Zinaich & Henry McCormick  
Angela Heare & Breanna Campanelli

### 1 year:

Doug Gardenhour & Zachary Marsee  
Serena Bell & Jescel Brown



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offer a meal, give a compliment, say hello, share a smile,  
call a friend.....not just one day...everyday!*

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

# Big & Little Bits



## Calendar of Events:

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**August 8, 2012** ~ BBBS Swim Party  
(details in flier)



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**August 12, 2012** ~ Back to School Event  
(details to follow)

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**August 22, 2012** ~ 1st Day of School



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**September 3, 2012** ~ Labor Day  
No School (BBBS office closed)



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**September 22, 2012** ~ 1st day of Autumn

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**October 5, 2012** ~ End of M.P. 1 (middle school)  
2 1/2 hour early dismissal for all students

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**October 19, 2012** ~ Association Day  
No School



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**October 31, 2012** ~ Halloween

## Message from the Staff:

Hello to all! Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. has undergone many changes the past several months, and we have a great deal to share! First and foremost, we have concluded the final stages of implementing a new on-line data system, AIM, that will allow us to document casework information directly into our computers. Not only will this allow for greater efficiency and time management in maintaining regular contact with our matches, it will also allow for improved statistical data to better reflect the true value and success of our mentoring programs. We are excited to become better acquainted with and adapted to this system over the next several months!

Several changes have also occurred with staffing. While we are sadly saying good-bye to 2 of our wonderful staff members, Deborah Gober, Program Manager and Stacey Keefer, Administrative Financial Officer, we are warmly welcoming 2 new staff, Jennifer Carbaugh, Fund Development Coordinator, and Christie Simmons, Caseworker. (see insert)

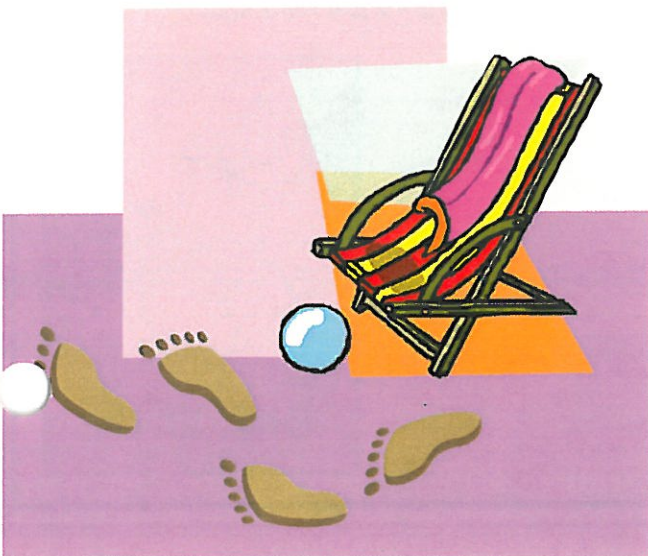
It has been a busy time here at Big Brothers Big Sisters, and we are positively embracing the changes! We hope you will, as well!

## A Penny For Your Thoughts:



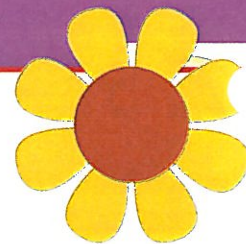
“A little boy was asked how he learned to skate. He replied: ‘Oh, by getting up every time I fell down.’”

—Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter, January 1971





## NEW MATCHES



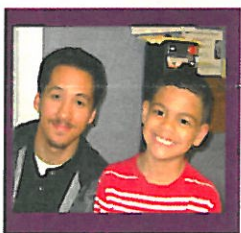
### Community-Based Mentoring Program:



**Kathleen Butler & Jennifer West:**  
Kathleen and Jennifer met on 3/20/12. Kathleen is retired from Real Estate and Jennifer is an 8th grade student at Smithsburg Middle School.



**Larry and Meagan Rhodes & Blaise Sweeney:**  
Larry and Meagan met Blaise on 3/28/12. Larry serves in the U.S. Navy and Meagan is an Insurance Biller. Blaise is a 5th grader at Fountain Rock Elementary School.



**Caesar Smith & Franklin Laws:**  
Caesar and Franklin were matched on 5/8/12. Caesar is a student at Hagerstown Community College, studying Biology, and Franklin attends Fountaindale Elementary School as a 2nd grader.



**Elaine Rose & Hayley Belair:**  
Elaine and Hayley transferred their Site-Based Mentoring match on 5/21/12. Elaine is an Administrative Specialist. Hayley will attend Winter Street Elementary School as a 4th grader this school year.



**Les Braun & William Valentine:**  
Les and William transferred their Site-Based Mentoring match on 6/19/12. Les is retired and William is a 7th grade student at E. Russell Hicks Middle School.



**Amber Grimes & Oriana Braxton:**  
Amber and Oriana met on 6/27/12. Amber is employed with the Washington County Government and Oriana attends Fountaindale Elementary School as a 5th grader.

### Site-Based Mentoring Program:



**Safiatu Barthley & Taylor Resto:**  
Safiatu and Taylor met at Pangborn Elementary School on 2/14/12. Safiatu is a hair stylist and Taylor is in the 5th grade.



**Kris Pearl & Tiffany Cline:**  
Kris and Tiffany were matched on 4/16/12. Kris is a teacher and Tiffany is a 3rd grader at Bester Elementary School.

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# Welcome, New Staff!



Mrs. Jennifer Carbaugh began employment with Big Brothers Big Sisters on June 15, 2012, as the **Fund Development Coordinator**. Her responsibilities include identifying and securing new funding sources for the agency, along with managing current fundraisers. She comes with 15 years of experience in the areas of management, sales, and marketing. Jennifer was raised and currently resides in Hagerstown, MD. She has been married for 13 years to her high school sweetheart, and they have 3 beautiful children together! Shopping, watching baseball, and spending time with family are her favorite hobbies! Welcome aboard, Jennifer!



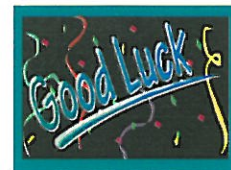
Mrs. Christie Simmons, the new Caseworker for the Community-Based Mentoring Program, joined Big Brothers Big Sisters on July 16, 2012. Born and raised in Rochester, NY, she currently resides in Martinsburg, WV, with her husband, Brandon, and 2 children, Brandon and Braelyn. She and her husband celebrate their 7 year anniversary this September! She attended Roberts Wesleyan College, in Rochester, where she completed the Organizational Management Program, and has 6 years of casework experience with YWCA. Christie's interests include swimming, traveling, and spending time with her family. Welcome, Christie!

## A Sad So Long...



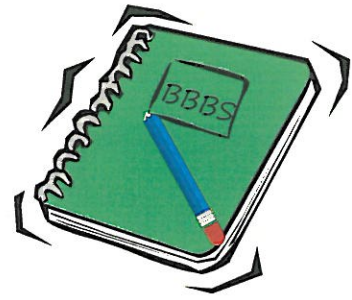
After 15 years with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc., Stacey Keefer, Administrative Financial Officer, will be leaving the agency on July 27th in order to further pursue her career. Stacey has been a truly dedicated employee who has put her heart into the organization and played a tremendous role in leading our agency in the direction of success. She has grown with the agency and become so much more to the staff, Board, and affiliates than simply a co-worker and employee. She has become a true friend and one who genuinely believes in the mission of the organization. While she will be missed very much, we wish her the best as she embarks on her new journey!

On May 11, 2012, we said our good-byes to Deborah Gober, Program Manager and Caseworker for the Community-Based Mentoring Program. Deborah served as a great resource for the agency and played a key role in supporting the agency through various projects and transitions. While we were sad to see her leave, circumstances required that she return to her home state of Georgia. Best of luck to Deborah in her future endeavors!





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## A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...

In June, my Big Sister, Mary Teal Mulligan, was in the *Miss Maryland* pageant. That week, we made a poster for her to surprise her when she came back from the first day. I went to the pageant Saturday. Her mom, dad, and I went to a cookout to celebrate all the girls who tried out for *Miss Maryland*. The bus came and Mary Teal was the most beautiful one!

That night was finals. I was so happy and nervous because they were calling the top ten who made it. Mary Teal was in the top ten, which was very good! She did her great tap dance moves and got fifth place (4th runner-up), which means she made the top five! We were so proud of her!

I really enjoyed spending time with Mary Teal's family that week. I love being Mary Teal's Little Sister because she teaches me things that I would never have been told if she weren't there! Mary Teal Mulligan is the BEST sis ever!

Love, Abby



## Kudos:

### Special Thank Yous to the following:

Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary for its donation of \$685.00

Washington County Government Employees Casual Day Donation of \$345.00

Concordia Lutheran Church of Hagerstown for a donation of \$1,202.00

James Speicher for a donation of 17 Hagerstown Suns tickets and a donation of \$50.00

Barb Donaldson for the donation of the skating rink for our group event and Free Admission tickets for Starland Roller Rink

Big Sister, Mary Mulligan and family for their support in promoting the agency through the Miss Washington County and Miss Maryland pageants



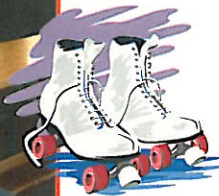


# What Have Our Bigs & Littles Been Doing?

## Skating.....



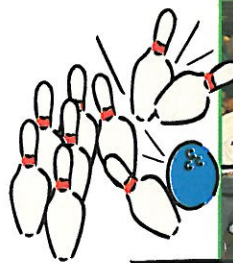
On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., Big Brothers Big Sisters participants joined together at Starland Roller Rink for a Family Skate Party. What a fun evening we had! 64 individuals were in attendance. Kudos to all of our Bigs, Littles, and families who braved the roller rink, whether able to skate or not! From the Hokie Pokie to the Limbo, whether simply watching or actually participating, there was much laughter and good times had by all who attended! Thank you to the family members who joined us for the evening! It was nice to see so many people enjoying one another's company! As always, thank you to Barb Donaldson and her staff for always being so pleasant and accommodating! The pictures say it all!



## Bowling.....

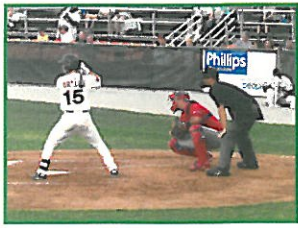


Between 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2012, the Day of our annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser, Big Brothers Big Sisters held a Bowling Party for Bigs and Littles. With 53 participants, the party proved to be a huge success! Each Little, along with his/her Big or parent, received a free t-shirt, along with a Bowl For Kids' Sake cup and giveaway coupons. Every Little Brother and Little Sister in attendance also received a door prize and a free meal. Two free bowling games were offered to each team, and everyone seemed to have a "ball!" While some bowled a high score with nothing but the support of their team, others opted for the bumpers to gain success! Whatever it takes! The name of the game was having fun, and that we did!





# Baseball.....



Thursday, June 21, 2012, a group of 43 participants joined Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Municipal Stadium, for an evening with the Hagerstown Suns. The evening began with a picnic at 5:30 p.m., followed by the game at 7:05 p.m. The food was great and the weather extremely HOT; however, we survived the evening without a thunderstorm! The Hagerstown Suns battled the Lakewood BlueClaws, with the Suns unfortunately losing 5-3. Our very own

**Little Sister, Nicole Prather,** threw the ceremonial first pitch of the game! Way to go,

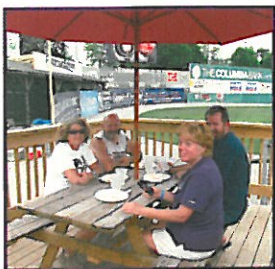


Nicole! It was a very special event in which many matches were able to join together for one of America's favorite past times!

Thank you to all who attended!



*Play Ball*



# The Results Are In For Our 2012 Bowl For Kids' Sake!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. held its annual Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Turner's Dual Lanes. The event spanned from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with **60 teams** participating. Teams consisted of business members, friends, volunteers, families, and supporters who all gathered in support of the children in our community. Each bowler raised at least \$30 in sponsors and received a Bowl For Kids' Sake cup, t-shirt, and drink for participating in the event! With the support of our bowlers and local businesses, Big Brothers Big Sisters was able to raise **\$29,630.00!** A truly heartfelt thank you to our bowlers and sponsors for their support! We truly appreciate all you do! Thank you, also, to Todd Smith and the Turner's Dual Lanes staff. This event would not be a success without you! Stay tuned for next year's Bowl For Kids' Sake event date! We hope you are able to join us!

The following sponsors contributed:

### Corporate Sponsors (\$1,000):

- Dr. Byron Byrd
- Campbell Insurance & Investments
- DOT Foods
- JLG Industries

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- The Law Office of Michael G. Day & Associates
- Giant Foods
- Susquehanna Bank
- Volvo Powertrain

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- Callas Contractors
- Centra Bank
- McDonald's
- Patriot Federal Credit Union
- Sheetz



Congratulations to the raffle winner of the Apple Ipad 2....**Mr. Rich Zeger!**





# Big Brothers Big Sisters *Swim Party*

**Who:** Bigs & their families, all matched and waiting  
Littles & their families (Community & Site-Based),  
Board Members & their families

**When:** Wednesday, August 8, 2012  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Martin "Marty" Snook Memorial Park  
Swimming Pool (located off Halfway Boulevard)

We are inviting all families who attend to bring a  
snack/dessert to share with the group!

Drinks will be provided by the agency.

(There will not be a meal.)

Please join Big Brothers Big Sisters for an evening  
filled with great families and lots of fun!

We **MUST** know of your attendance plans! **PLEASE R.S.V.P.**  
on/before Monday, August 6th, by calling the agency office at  
**301-739-4711** or emailing **tracy@bbbswcmd.org**. Please be  
prepared with the **names** of those individuals who will  
be attending and the **snack/dessert**  
you would like to bring.





# Community-Based Mentoring Program Anniversaries

## 8 years:

Janet Slack & Brandy Faith

## 6 years:

Becky (Barber) Shollay & Samantha Stanton

## 5 years:

Lynda Palmer & Kayla Ross

## 4 years:

Dave Collins & Jordan Billman  
Tiffany Bloyer & Andrea Makle  
Cathy Keyser & Ja'nay Parker  
Gary Naugle & Cory Irvin

## 3 years:

Deborah Abt & RaShaun Harris  
Katrina Arndt & Andreyanna Crawford  
Ed Distad & Jonathan Crawford

## 2 years:

Jamie Cannon & Jasmyne Kelley

## 1 year:

Kiona Thomas & Erica Bowens  
Jennifer Mills & Kylie Flannery



## KUDOS

*We have so many congratulations to share from the past several months!  
Such hard work from so many!*

Excellent Job to **Little Sister, Mayetta J.**, for making Honor Roll several marking periods and being chosen as a "Rising Star" at Western Heights Middle School this past school year! ~Big Sister, Heather G.

Congratulations to **Little Sister, Hayley B.**, for the many A's and B's she earned this past school year!  
~Big Sister, Elaine R.

Awesome work to **Little Sister, Katey L.**, for receiving all A's on at least one report card this past school year!  
~Big Sister, Michelle S.

Super Job to **Little Sister, Jada T.**, for not only improving her spelling this past school year, but also achieving A's on her year-end reading and math assessments! ~Big Sister, Kathy G.

Congratulations to **Little Sister, Skyler J.**, for receiving a 95% on her Unit 14 math test! ~Big Sister, Donna S.

Way to go, **Little Brother, Brian B.**, for being chosen Student of the Year for your 5th grade class at Salem Avenue Elementary School! ~Big Sister, Jean H.

A huge acknowledgment to **Little Brother, Blake L.**, for graduating from North Hagerstown High School!!!!  
~Big Brother, David S.

Best wishes to **Little Sister, Kayla R.**, who has recently turned 18 and will be moving onward from the Community-Based Mentoring Program!

Congratulations to **Little Sister, Nicole P.**, for throwing the ceremonial 1st pitch at the 6/21/12 Hagerstown Suns game! ~Big Sister, Lois D.

Best wishes to **Big Sister, Becky (Barber) Shollay**, on her recent marriage!

Kudos to **Big Sister, Mary Mulligan**, on being chosen Miss Washington County 2012 and being selected 4th runner-up for the 2012 Miss Maryland pageant!



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# Big & Little Bits

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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February 2013 Edition

## Calendar of Events:

February 17th ~  
BBBS Friends & Family Skate Party  
5:00-7:30 p.m.  
Starland Skating Rink

February 18th ~  
Presidents' Day ~ No School

March 8th ~  
2 1/2 hr. Early Dismissal  
(End of Secondary MP 4)

March 27th ~  
(End of Elementary MP 3)

March 28th-April 2nd ~  
Spring Break - No School

April 21st ~  
BBBS Bowl For Kids' Sake  
11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Turner's Dual Lanes

April 26th ~  
2 1/2 hr. Early Dismissal  
(End of Secondary MP 5)

## Leadership Message

It is with great pleasure that we bring you another edition of **Big & Little Bits**. It is a very exciting time for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. (BBBSWC). The agency is happy to welcome Thomas Kline as the new Chief Executive Officer. Tom brings a wealth of knowledge in health and human services and public administration. He comes to us from the Washington County Office of Community Grant Management (formerly Washington County Community Partnership for Children & Families) where he worked closely with the Local Management Board (LMB) for the last nine and a half years, most recently serving as the LMB Manager. Tom has a reputation for being community-minded and a strong collaborator. He is a graduate of the XXII class of Leadership Washington County. His proudest achievement was being named the 2006 recipient of the Family Partnership Award by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health for his work with families of children with special needs.



It is the beginning of a new year and one of BBBSWC's resolutions is to recruit more mentors. We currently have 70 children on our waiting list. We are committed to serving all of these children. The mission of BBBSWC is to help children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with mentors. The agency primarily serves at-risk children and youth from single-parent families. The Board and staff of BBBSWC are passionately committed to fulfilling the agency's mission, but we cannot do this without mentors! We have begun to implement a recruitment plan with the goal of recruiting 125 mentors over an 18-month period! The agency looks forward to working with our community partners to reach this goal.

As many of you know, January was National Mentoring Month. The Board of Directors and staff of BBBSWC would like to extend a very special thank-you to all of our dedicated mentors! Each and every one of you is making a difference.

Finally, fund development is essential for the operations of BBBSWC. We are in the process of preparing for **Bowl for Kids' Sake**, our most lucrative fundraiser. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Turner's Dual Lanes. If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities or in putting a team together, please contact BBBSWC.

### *A Penny For Your Thoughts:*

"A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself."

- Oprah Winfrey



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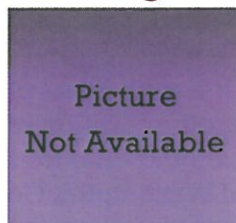
## NEW MATCHES



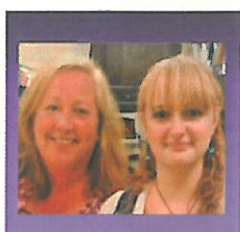
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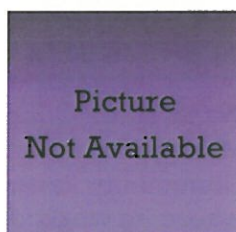
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**Little Brother:** Sean Cook  
**Match Date:** 8/18/12



**Big Sister:** Sonia Alencherry  
**Little Sister:** Brittany Summers  
**Match Date:** 12/4/12



**Big Sister:** Virginia Coleman  
**Little Sister:** Toriana Pyron  
**Match Date:** 8/22/12 (reopened)



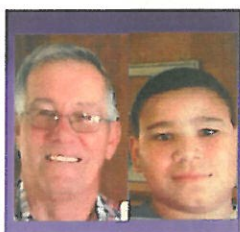
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**Match Date:** 12/5/12



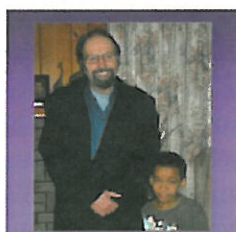
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**Little Sister:** Alexis Fischer  
**Match Date:** 8/23/12



**Big Sister:** Anita Kay  
**Little Sister:** Janavya Hart  
**Match Date:** 1/28/13



**Big Brother:** Doug Gardenhour  
**Little Brother:** Derek Gordon  
**Match Date:** 8/29/12



**Sports Buddy Big:** Don Wilson  
**Sports Buddy Little:** Cory Ridenour  
**Match Date:** 2/6/13



**Big Brother:** John Pavelchak  
**Little Brother:** Blaine Ashworth  
**Match Date:** 8/30/12



**Big Sister:** Beverly Whitney-Pillow  
**Little Sister:** Infinite Smith  
**Match Date:** 9/21/12

#### LOOKING FOR BIGS!

If you know someone who would be a fantastic mentor, please refer him/her to us! We currently have 3 programs:

- 1) **Site-Based:** 45-60 minutes each week in school with your Little
- 2) **Community Based:** 3-5 hours a week "out and about" with your Little
- 3) **Sports Buddies:** 1-2 meetings per month at a sporting event with your Little (NEW PROGRAM)

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING????

**Current Active CB Matches:** 52  
**Little Brothers Waiting:** 23  
**Little Sisters Waiting:** 9





# NEW MATCHES

## Site-Based Mentoring Program:



**Big Brother:** Carl Galligan  
**Little Brother:** Tra'von Allen  
**Match Date:** 10/23/12  
**School:** Fountaindale Elementary



**Big Sister:** Veronica Burnside  
**Little Sister:** Cayden Rickett  
**Match Date:** 12/12/12  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



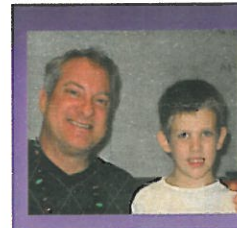
**Big Sister:** Tracey Miller  
**Little Sister:** Heavenly Gossard  
**Match Date:** 10/24/12  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



**Big Sister:** Kristin Rolfs  
**Little Sister:** Madison Moats  
**Match Date:** 12/13/12  
**School:** Lincolnshire Elementary



**Big Sister:** Pam Kunkle  
**Little Sister:** Cassidy Lewis  
**Match Date:** 10/24/12  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



**Big Brother:** Arnold Crouse  
**Little Brother:** Jarrett Shiver  
**Match Date:** 12/20/12  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



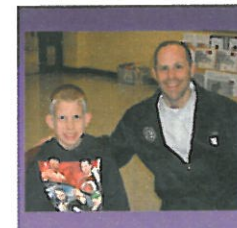
**Big Sister:** Ginny Emerson  
**Little Sister:** Maria Printz  
**Match Date:** 11/1/12  
**School:** Fountaindale Elementary



**Big Sister:** Kim Seliga  
**Little Sister:** Hannah Shiver  
**Match Date:** 1/10/13  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



**Big Sister:** Elaine Rose  
**Little Sister:** Trenisha Roberson  
**Match Date:** 11/28/12  
**School:** Fountaindale Elementary



**Big Brother:** Thomas Dahbura  
**Little Brother:** Gavin Shiver  
**Match Date:** 2/5/13  
**School:** Maugansville Elementary



**Big Sister:** Necole Parker  
**Little Sister:** Jada Swan  
**Match Date:** 11/29/12  
**School:** Bester Elementary

## WHAT'S HAPPENING????

Current Active Matches: 24

Little Brothers Waiting: 22

Little Sisters Waiting: 12





# An Amazing End to 2012!

WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO!!!!!!

What a busy end to 2012 we have had! Thank you to all of our Bigs and Littles who have made 2012 such a BLAST! On August 8, 2012, Big Brothers Big Sisters held a *Swim Party* at Marti Snook Park, with 55 people in attendance. The weather was beautiful, thank goodness, and all who attended seemed to have a 'splashing' good time!



Little Sister, Skyler Jenkins  
*Swim Party*

That same month, on the 12th, the agency hosted its first *Lookin' Cool For Back To School* event, at Studio B Salon and Spa, on Northern Avenue in Hagerstown. 25 Bigs, Littles, and parents attended for the opportunity for Littles to get a free haircut, manicure, or skin care consultation in preparation for the new school year ahead. Parents and Bigs were also given the opportunity to receive a free skin care consultation. Each Little who attended received a goody bag filled with school supplies for a jump start on the new year! Thanks to Cristy Tritle, Owner of Studio B, staff, and Jessie Kretzer, Arbonne regional Vice-President, who were the catalysts for making this event possible. Thanks to Ms. Tritle, a gift basket valued at \$523.00, filled with Arbonne products and gift certificates for various Studio B services, was raffled.... the winner was Mrs. Joan Bennett! What a lucky lady! From the raffle proceeds, Ms. Tritle awarded Big Brothers Big Sisters a check for \$254.15. Thank you, Cristy Tritle!



Little Brother, Blaise Sweeney  
&  
Big Couple, Larry & Megan Rhodes  
*Lookin' Cool For Back To School*

On October 28, 2012, the agency held a *Lunch & Movie* event at the Leitersburg Cinemas. 43 participants joined us for an afternoon together to enjoy the movie, *Here Comes The Boom*. The movie was a hit and the afternoon, a success, despite the arrival of Hurricane Sandy!

2012 closed with the agency's annual *Christmas Dinner*. The event was held at the Elks Lodge on December 12th, with a record 103 individuals in attendance! The *Hagerstown Children's Theater* performed and was outstanding! From the group songs and acts to the individual solos, a sense of holiday spirit was brought into the room. The adorable costumes, including a Christmas tree, reindeer, and snowman certainly put a smile on everyone's face!



Hagerstown Children's Theater  
*Christmas Dinner*

We would also like to welcome aboard 2 additional part-time staff members, who joined our team in August 2012. Janet Slack is our new Bookkeeper. Janet was a former Board Member and is currently matched with a Little in the Community-Based Mentoring Program. She has been matched with her Little Sister, Brandy, for 9 years!

Mary Teal Mulligan is our new Receptionist who also serves as a Big Sister to her Little Sister, Abigail. The two have been matched for 1 year. It is truly wonderful to have Bigs onboard as staff members.....they are two amazing individuals who genuinely understand and embrace the purpose and value of mentoring!

A very special **THANK-YOU** to  
**Hub Labels, Inc.** for partnering with  
**Maugansville Elementary School** and  
**Big Brothers Big Sisters** and allowing  
employees to serve as mentors to students  
during the workday! You are amazing!



Mary Teal Mulligan  
Receptionist



Janet Slack  
Bookkeeper



Calling all Bigs & Littles...to submit a small article for a newsletter, please send the article to [tracy@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:tracy@bbbswcmd.org) or the agency mailing address.



## *A 'Little' Thought or a 'Big' Story...*

Me and Amber met on June 27, 2012. Our first outing was *Friendlys*. You could pick whatever you wanted on your ice-cream. Amber got Oreos and hot fudge. Then, I, Oriana, got vanilla ice-cream with whipped cream, a cherry, and gummy bears!

For the next outing, we went to the park and found a Chinese lantern plant.

Our third outing was taco night. That was my favorite thing we did. We made tacos and we could put anything on them!

Another fun thing we did was go skating. I learned how to spin on skates. Next, we are going to the pool! We will tell you how that goes!

~Little Sister, Oriana & Big Sister, Amber      ~submitted August, 2012

## *A Little Congratulations!*

Big Sister, Janet Slack would like to congratulate Little Sister, Brandy Faith for making the Honor Roll for Marking Periods 1 & 2!!! Super Job!

Big Sister, Lynda Palmer would like to congratulate Little Sister, Alexis Fischer on becoming a member of the Color Guard at Western Heights Middle School, on advancing to the Merit Reading group at school, and on being nominated for the National Middle School Honor Society! Lynda is so proud of you and encourages you to keep up the good work!

Big Sister, Elaine Rose would like to congratulate Little Sister, Hayley Belair on her A+ Book Report, her positive efforts in school, and her dedication and effort in playing the trumpet!

Ms. Watson & Big Brother, Ed Distad would like to congratulate Little Brother, Jonathan Crawford for making the Honor Roll and having Perfect Attendance for Marking Period 1 and for admittance to the AVID Program at school!

Ms. Watson and Big Sister, Katrina Arndt-Schwarzenegger would like to congratulate Little Sister, Andreyanna Crawford for Perfect Attendance for Marking Period 1!

Big Brother, Gary Naugle would like to congratulate Little Brother, Cory Irvin for achieving the Honor Roll for Marking Period 1!

Ms. Funk and Big Brother, Carl would like to congratulate Little Brother, Trenton Spoonire for making the Honor Roll for Marking Period 2!



## OUR 2012 ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

On November 15, 2012, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. hosted our *Annual Appreciation Dinner* to honor the volunteers in our programs. The event was held at *Fountainhead Country Club*. Guest speakers included President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Charles Pierson and Washington County Public Schools Educator, David Warrenfeltz. Mr. Pierson highlighted the importance of mentoring children, while Mr. Warrenfeltz spoke on behalf of the launching of our new *Sports Buddies* Program.

Three annual awards were presented during this event, in honor of three very special individuals.

The *2012 Meyer Berkson Big Brother of the Year Award* was presented to **Derek Belz**, who has been matched with Little Brother, Dontre' Nichols, for more than 5 years.

The *2012 Alice Sencindiver Big Sister of the Year Award* was presented to **Rebecca Shollay**, who has been matched with Little Sister, Sarah Stanton, for nearly 7 years.

The *2012 Board Member of the Year Award* was presented to **Verna Brown**, who is currently matched with two Little Sisters, Alyssa House (8+ years) and Jesscoyia Kline (1+ years). Verna recently completed a two-year term as Board President and has become a new member of our Heritage Committee.

The *2012 President's Award* was presented to *State Farm Insurance* for its support of and commitment to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc., through our Bowl For Kids' Sake and Swing For Scholarships fundraisers. Thank you, Thank you!

*2012 Degrees of Friendship* were also presented, in recognition of years of service as a Big Brother or Big Sister. These awards were presented to the following:

*Associate of the Art of Friendship (2 Years)* – Serena Bell, Jamie Cannon, Carl Galligan, Doug Gardenhour, Laura Horning, Mirley Lamdan, Chris Schlotterbeck, Michelle Stouffer, Kiona Thomas

*Bachelor of the Art of Friendship (4 Years)* – Tiffany Bloyer, Angela Heare, Shawn Maginnis, Arin Meinschein, Susan Norris, Pamela Saum, Anne Wilson

*Master of the Art of Friendship (7 Years)* – Lois Dreisbach, Kathy Geer, Elaine Rose

*Doctor of the Art of Friendship (10 Years)* – David St. Clair

*Distinguished Honors* – Edward Distad (26 Years), Gary Naugle (24 years)

In addition to the honorable awards that were announced, a new video was premiered. This video was created to promote the agency through the use of interviews conducted with various Bigs, Littles, Board Members, and community supporters who spoke eloquently and from the heart about their involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the impact of mentoring. Thank you to Mr. David Dulls and his Antietam Cable crew for their tremendous efforts in making this video possible!



**2012 BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR**  
**Derek Belz**  
(with Little Brother, Dontre' Nichols)



**2012 BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR**  
**Rebecca Shollay**  
(with Little Sister, Sarah Stanton)



**2012 BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR**  
**Verna Brown**  
(with Little Sisters, Alyssa House & Jesscoyia Kline)



## Kudos...

### Special Thank-Yous to the Following:

- ~Maryland Symphony Orchestra for donating angel coupons for the Sunday MasterWorks performances
- ~Concordia Lutheran Church for adopting and providing for 2 of our families this past Christmas
- ~Sonic for also adopting and supporting a family for Christmas
- ~Walker Performing Arts and the Hagerstown Children's Theater for their generosity and outstanding performance at the BBBS Christmas Dinner
- ~Mr. James Speicher for the donation of Hagerstown Suns tickets and a Cluggy's gift card
- ~Mrs. Diane O'Connell for the donation of children's gifts during the holiday season
- ~Mr. Mike Flynn for the donation of 2 Redskins game tickets and a parking pass
- ~Ms. Cristy Tritle, Owner of Studio B Salon & Spa, and her staff for assisting with and providing services for the 2012 BBBS *Lookin' Cool For Back To School* event
- ~Mrs. Jessie Kretzer, Arbonne regional Vice-President, for also assisting with and providing services for the *Lookin' Cool For Back To School* event
- ~All individuals who participated in interviews for the creation of an agency video to highlight the significance of mentoring our youth

## MONEY TALK

Fund Development Report

Sunny Friday, September 28, 2012 at Black Rock Golf Course, our *Swing For Scholarships* Fundraiser teed off! This first year event teed off great, with a total net of \$10,535.65, 48 golfers, and over 60 sponsors. A wonderful day of laughter, memories, and fundraising it was! We send a special Thank-You to Black Rock Golf Course, golfers, sponsors, volunteers, Board Members, and staff for a very successful event.

Mark your calendar for **September 20, 2013** at Black Rock Golf Course!

**BOWL**  
FOR KIDS' SAKE

**2013**

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BOWLING? MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE **2013 Bowl For Kids' Sake** Fundraiser ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, FROM 11:00 A.M.-5 :00 P.M., AT TURNER'S DUAL LANES. WE ARE SUPER EXCITED THIS YEAR FOR THE EVENT; THERE WILL BE MANY, MANY SURPRISES!!!!!! SPONSOR THIS FANTASTIC EVENT TODAY! GET YOUR BOWLING TEAM TOGETHER! WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE BOWLING ALLEY!

Our first annual *Individual Giving Campaign* will kick off in March 2013! This particular fundraiser will target individuals of our community to donate to our organization. If you know of someone who may be interested in making a donation, please contact Jennifer Carbaugh at 301-739-4711 or [j.carbaugh@bbbswcmd.org](mailto:j.carbaugh@bbbswcmd.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, MD, Inc. was recently awarded funding via the following grant opportunities:

- Staples Foundation ~ \$3,500 for the implementation of an upcoming new program (S.O.A.R.)
- Community Foundation of Washington County, MD, Inc. ~ \$5,000 for the Site-Based Mentoring Program



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Stacey Humelsine  
Trina Johnson  
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### 2013 Heritage Members

Tom Breidenstein  
Verna Brown  
Ralph Mauriello  
Elaine Rose  
Alice Sencindiver

*Remember...it is never too late to make a difference...become a volunteer,  
donate to a good cause, offer a meal, give a compliment, say hello,  
share a smile, call a friend...not just one day...everyday!*

**start something**

