



Brother/Sister Talk

First National Bank of Dennison is 2008 Presenting Sponsor

Big Brothers Big Sisters is happy to announce First National Bank of Dennison as this year's Presenting Sponsor of the year. Being a presenting sponsor helps the agency in many ways and we are grateful to First National Bank of Dennison. The dollars are used to build recruitment campaigns that enable the agency to match children on our waiting list. In return the presenting sponsor headlines every special event held in the year such as Bowl for Kids' Sake, the annual golf outing, and the Make a Difference Gala. We would not be able to do all the things we do without their support.

The next time you have banking needs check out First National Bank of Dennison. Let them know you appreciate their support of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A Few of our Matches...



AMACHI... People of Faith Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Big Brothers Big Sisters receives money (awarded by the US Health and Human Services Department) to help coordinate the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program aka AMACHI.

There are more than 50,000 incarcerated individuals living in Ohio. There are over 45,000 children (which is a conservative estimate) of incarcerated parents living in Ohio. The national average cost to incarcerate an individual for more than one year is \$35,000! The average cost for a child to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister for one year is only \$1000, which significantly drops after the first year of the match.

According to the Washington Institute on Public Policy: For every \$1.00 invested in Big Brothers Big Sisters, there is a \$3.28 savings to taxpayers. This is significant when you consider that children of prisoners are six times more likely than other children to be incarcerated at some point in their lives. Without effective intervention strategies, as many as 70% of these children will become involved with the criminal justice system (quoted from *Amachi: Mentoring Children of Prisoners in Philadelphia*, published by Public/Private

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Ventures and Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, June 2003, p.2 Original source: *Senate Report 106-404: Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 2001*, September 8, 2000, p. 56).

The statistics noted in this article are startling but intervention does make a BIG impact. If you know someone who would make a great volunteer in this or our traditional community based mentoring program please refer them today!

Remember our work is as elementary as putting a friend in a child's life and as essential as putting some hope in a child's future!



IMPORTANT: If you move or change phone numbers please remember to contact Big Brothers Big Sisters! We can't match you if we can't find you!



Recent Match Activities



Annual Fishing Outing

On Saturday May 10th, Big Brothers Big Sisters matches attended the annual fishing outing at the Atwood Yacht Club. The event was hosted by the Outreach Walleye Club and coordinated by Mike Loper. A mix of new and old matches attended the event, some of whom have attended this event every year for the past 7 years! Although the weather was a little on the cool side, we enjoyed the sunshine and blue skies. Everyone got to cruise the lake on a pontoon and each child was given fishing supplies and a fishing pole to take home donated by the Walleye Club.



The Outreach Walleye Club presented several prizes and certificates in various categories. Hope P. and Robert K. won the biggest fish award. Jessica B. and Robert K. caught the most fish; and Ashlee B. and Cory P. came in second; while Hope P. and Willie N. came in third. Also, every child received a small prize for catching a fish.

We enjoyed an amazing lunch of burgers, hotdogs, french fries, potato chips, and soda! Overall, it was a wonderful event.

Thanks to the Outreach Walleye Club for their generosity and dedication to Big Brothers Big Sisters and the children we serve!

Congratulations to the following Little who will be graduating this year!

Chris B. (Strasburg)



BOARD GAME NIGHT



At the end of March, a board game night was held at New Grounds Cafe for all of our matches. We enjoyed playing Uno Attack and air hockey; and there was plenty of laughter to go around. Special thanks to New Grounds for the use of their room and to all of our matches who attended the event.



MATCH SUPPORT REMINDERS

As you know communication is key in any relationship. Once a match is made, until the end of the first year, **monthly** contact

by the volunteer, parent/guardian, and child to the agency is required. It is essential to continue the communication between all persons involved in this friendship relationship. This support and communication is one of the reasons that Big Brothers Big Sisters is the top youth mentoring organization.

If the match continues beyond a year only **quarterly** updates are required. Of course you can contact us at any time. If issues and concerns are brought to the match support specialist's attention as soon as they come up it is very likely that we can work together to come to a solution.

Regular contact is so important not only with the agency but also between the child and volunteer. Please keep in mind that if there is a lapse in contact (3 or more months) between the volunteer and child the match may be terminated. Consistency is important. Big Brothers Big Sisters understands that situations do arise from time to time in which contact is more difficult. Communicating that to all parties of the match is critical at that point.

Finally, e-mail is a great tool for us at the agency. It allows us to get information out about last minute tickets that become available for our matches as well as maintain regular contact. If you have not already given your e-mail to your match support specialist please take a moment to do so. You can e-mail her at bbbsjen@tusco.net

Post it!
Upcoming Events...



SEPTEMBER

- September 1st- Labor Day-Office Closed
- September 5th- Office Closed due to Sat. event
- September 6th- Luau-St. Route 332 outside Carrollton (near Algonquin site) 5:00-10:00
- September 12- Office Closed due to Sat. event
- September 13- BBBS Subway Challenge Run- Dover Park 6:30 run time



JULY

- July 4th- Independence Day- Office Closed
- July 9th- Annual Agency Golf Outing at Green Valley Golf Club 8:30 a.m.
- July 6-11 Camp for ages 8-11- Camp Buckeye in Beach City
- July 13-18 Camp for ages 12-14- Camp Buckeye in Beach City
- July 18th- Swimming Party at Dover Pool 6:30-8:30
- July 26th- Charity BBQ Challenge at Adventure Harley Davidson 11:00-3:00



AUGUST



- August 2nd- BBBS Awareness Campaign- Tusc- Uhrichsville Water Park 12:00-2:00
- Harrison- McDonalds 12:00-2:00
- August 11th- Annual Recognition Dinner- Dutch Valley Restaurant 6:00-7:30

ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

We encourage everyone to attend our Annual Recognition Dinner. This allows us the opportunity to thank our volunteers, and sponsors for their dedication and support to our agency. This is a great chance for us to recognize you as volunteers. The sponsors who attend are also recognized. The dinner gives them a glance at the type of "family" we are, as well as the good that each of us involved is doing. This is a great event to meet other matches, staff, our board, and those who are kind enough to make financial contributions to our agency. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE A SUCCESS



PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES... Each year prizes are donated for the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake campaign from a variety of sources. Bowlers earn 1 prize ticket for every \$100 they raise in pledges. In addition during the event numerous trivia questions are asked for additional chances to win prize tickets. This year we had some great prizes for our participants to take a chance at. Below is a list of this year's winners!



WINNER'S BOARD

GRAND PRIZE-(Bowler who raises the most money in pledges)

Two round trip airline tickets to anywhere in the USA courtesy of AAA of Tuscarawas County and limo ride to the airport courtesy

WTUZ Radio

Patti DeVault (raised \$2,010.68)

ADDITIONAL PRIZE WINNERS

(From prize ticket chances)

Nintendo DS and Game (courtesy of WJER)- Mike Sommers

Outdoor wooden glider bench (courtesy of Buckeye Barns)-

John Ervin

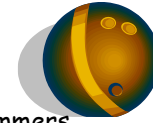
Nintendo Wii (courtesy of ENT Allergy & Sinus Center)-

Lori Lightell

Amusement park package (courtesy of WTUZ Radio)- Megan Ripley

Peek N' Peak golf package (courtesy of Peek N' Peak Resort & Spa)-

Mary Lou Devine



2008 BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE TOTALS

Holmes County Bowl:\$5,012.00
 Wayne County Bowl: \$2,537.00
 Carroll County Bowl:\$5,837.40
 Harrison County Bowl:\$5855.49
 Sugarcreek Bowl: \$4,694.80
 Corporate Bowl: \$24,468.13
 Cops for Kids, Tuscarawas County
 Community Bowl, TRA:\$10,801.75
 Church/Beauty Bowl:\$5,953.75
 Texas Roadhouse: \$662
 CPA Bowl:\$3657.55
 Sponsorships:\$17,900.00



SCHOOL BOWLS

Brown Local School: \$1,766.00
 Garaway Middle School: \$3,028.75
 Garaway High School: \$1,011.00
 St. Joe's Middle School:\$2,121.26
 Dover Middle School: \$3,915.00
 Conotton Valley High and Middle
 School:\$1,367.10
 Claymont School Bowl: \$2,234.38
 Indian Valley School and
 KSU Bowl: \$4,892.58

GRAND TOTAL:\$107,715.94

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Get to Know the Staff...

Debbie Ganyard joined BBBS in March of 2007 as the

Enrollment and Match Specialist for the five counties that we serve. By interviewing our potential Bigs she finds it a privilege to meet people who take the time to make such an impact on children's lives.

Debbie is originally from Akron and is a graduate of the University of Akron with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She has had experience working for Tuscarawas Job and Family Services as well as in Tuscarawas County Juvenile Court. Before joining BBBS she was employed with New Philadelphia City Schools working with special needs children.

Debbie and her daughter Kaylie live in New Philadelphia. You can contact her at bbbsdebbie@tusco.net.

Jen Erb became a part of the staff at BBBS in June of 2007 as the Match Support



Specialist where she supervised the matches in Wayne, Carroll and Harrison Counties. At the beginning of 2008, she also took on the matches from Tuscarawas and Holmes Counties.

Jen grew up in Sugarcreek and currently resides in Ragersville. She majored in Social Work and minored in Psychology at Eastern Mennonite University where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in April of 2007. She gained experience with BBBS while doing her practicum at Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Harrisonburg and Rockingham County in Virginia.

Jen is enjoying the opportunity of getting to know the volunteers, children and parents who are a part of the program and being able to see the impact that Bigs have on their Littles. Feel free to contact her at bbbsjen@tusco.net

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2007-2008

**School Based Mentoring
Wraps Up Another Year**

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. 2007-2008 marked another successful year for the Big Brothers Big Sisters School Based Mentoring program. We were happy to have the opportunity to serve the following school Districts this year: **Brown Local** (High School and elementary), **Claymont** (High School, Eastport and Trenton), **Dover** (High School, Dover East and Dover Avenue), **Tusky Valley** (High School and Middle School), and **Wooster** (High School and Kean



Elementary) and look forward to another great year in the fall! Thanks to all the school personnel, volunteers, children, and staff who made this program possible!



Please give to United Way
Please support the United Way-They support BBBS!