

New Matches

Kayla Delahunt/Aaron
Victoria McDowell/Abigail
Ashley Villarreal/Abby
Nicole Rodenberg/Abby
Cambrin Loepker/Adrianna
Sara Butler/Alauna
Tara Benhoff/Alea
Bryanne Peters/Alema
Christopher Dall/Alex
Caitlin Huff/Alexandra
Ashley Otto/Alexis
Gina Sangiolo/Alicia
Miriam Phillips/Aliya
Amanda Koehler/Elizabeth
Chelsey Berkel/Alsea
Vickie Wilks/Alyssa
Connie Loyet/Alyssa
Anna Gordon/Amanda
Robin Smallmon/Amanda
Kelly Hamman/Anastasia
Duane Phillips/Andre'
Taylor Boyer/Andrew
Eric Pollmann/Andy
Zachary Huels/Anthony
Gage Harding/Anthony
Chad Quigley/Anthony
Jennifer Baldwin/Ariel
Courtney Renner/Armoni
Sam Foster/Ashley
Leann Voss/Audrey
Nathan Abernathy/Austin
Matthew Barrios/Austin
Shayna Busche/Austin
Megan Maxwell/Blake
Nathan Friz/Brady
Alexandria Hoxworth/Brandon
Blake Billhartz/Brandon
Katelyn Fuller/Brandon
Brett Stuckel/Brandon
Savannah Rush/Breanna
Kayla Kolb/Brendan
Alexandra Vecchio/Brenden
Kelsey Schmeink/Brianna
Rebecca Jerome/Brittany
Lauren Marquardt/Bryanna
Caleb Hicks/Caleb
Chelsie Burnette/Caleb
Johnson Stephanie/Carlos
Kimberly Le/Carrie
Julie Huelsmann/Chandler
Lisa Burhanna/Charles
Chad Grapperhaus/Charles
Lindsey Wiegmann/Chelsey
Elizabeth Timmermann/Cheyenne
Becky Brooks/Cheyenne
Alex Harres/Christopher
Meghan Maloy/Chyna

Miranda Lopez/Clayton
Tia Kelly/Cole
Brittany Seiffert/Collin
Caitlyn Jacober/Colten
Scott Wuebbels/Connor
Taylor Isaacs/Cortney
Katie Kreinberg/Cory
Rebecca Niemann/Crystal
Summer Elbe/Crystal
Cheryl Vandenburgh/Dae' Sheanna
Laura Lenington/Danielle
Samantha Crandall/Danielle
Javania Webb/Darriel
Stephanie Bommarito/Dawson
Ghillean Graber/DeaMontay
Kayla McClain/Deja
Sarah Kauling/DeJonshe'
Haylee Artinger/Demond
Alyssa Baumann/Destini
Lindsey Mandeville/Destiny
Anna Gager/Destiny
Garett Guthrie/Devin
Kylee Sachtleben/Deyai
Taylor Hunter/Duane
Ben Gummersheimer/Dylan
Emily Woods/Dylan
Rachel McAngus/Elizabeth
Morgan Goodwin/Emily
Kelsey Boeser/Emma
Jamie Shirley/Erica
Jami Drees/Erik
Rosemary Chapple/Erin
William Beck/Ethan
Nicholas O' Daniell/Evan
Ashleigh Hemker/Fallon
Christopher Simmons/Felix
Cassandra Sharp/Gabriel
Matthew Strubhart/Glenn
Joel McIntyre/Grant
Lauren Quisumbing/Gregory
Nicole Adams/Haley
Nicole Bolen/Hannah
Joanna Bratton/Hannah
Alyssa Banker/Hannah
Alissa Trickey/Hannah
Brittany Luchtefeld/Heng
Tahira Nash/Hollis
Colleen Thelen/Hunter
Danielle Bergman/Irene
Blair Grebe/Ivy
Carly Ripperda/Jack
Amy Ford/Jacklynn
Paige Russell/Jacob
Matthew Weaver/Jacob
Nick Backes/Jacob
Brittany Beard/James
Teresa Fite/Jamie

Josie Collett/Jarad
Ellen Prader/Jarrett
Kathryn Hovis/Ja'Shon
Ellen Lueking/Jasmin
Shonnetta Brown/Jasmine
Amber Abbott/Jenna
Abigail Adams/Jenna
Billie Jo Combs/Jennifer
Cody Hess/Jeremiah
Abby Herzing/Jerrod
Hope Smith/Jessica
Hailey Lowery/Jessica
Caitlyn Dunning/Jillian
Chris Pickett/Jonathon
Ryan Schooley/Jordan
Alex Goble/Jordan
Alex Benjamin/Jordan
Ashley Horstmann/Jose
Alexander Alvarado/Joseph
JoEtta Wagoner/Joy
Stephanie Toenjes/Kaila
Jordan Parker/Kaitlyn
Caitlin Richman/Kaitlyn
Brittney Denton/Kallie
Lexie Ruhl/Kapria
Lauren Kennedy/Karla
Danielle Langhauser/Kassandra
Sarah Polansky/Katelin
Jayna Brennan/Katelyn
Brooke Foederer/Kayla
Jennifer Smallwood/KayLynne
Joshua Strausbaugh/Keith
Kaleigh Caulk/Kelly
Courtney Carroll/Kenny
Jennifer Tucker/Kenya
Travis Albers/Kevin
Deidra Griffin/Khmar
Kelsey Staggs/Kieran
Chelsea Wooters/Kirsten
Paige Johnson/Kristine
Katie Fields/Kyah
Cassie Mashoff/Kylie
Abbie Richter/Kyra
Ciarra Yancey/Lakia
Ashley Bennett/Lanna
Amanda Dean/Larry
Brittany IM/Trae'Veion
Austin Jeanneret/Travis
Jason Rodriguez/Tyler
Emily Sheets/Tyler
Abbi Borkowski/Valerie
Jennifer Kim/Victor
Michael Bantz/William
Christopher Manning/Xavier
Andrew Woodrome/Xaviour
Tyler Voss/Zachary
Joseph McGee/Zander

Paul Mealus/Malachi
Kayla Washington/Marquis
Kimberly Wessel/Marybethany
Lauren Werner/Mayson
Mia Bilotti/Mia
Kelly Gilbreth/Michael
Adam Tiemann/Michael
Amanda Krausz/Michael
Kristi Tschudin/Michael
John Wurtz/Michael
Erica Kaiping/Miranda
Devin Jones/Monica
Cassandra Twardoski/Nathan
Matthew Blevins/Nicholas
Nicole Woolbright/Nicole
Tory Baillie/Noah
Callie Settles/Paige
Jennifer Conway/Patrick
Erin Brooker/Payge
Janice Caden/Rachel
Chelsey Harris/Raevynn
Christopher Chandler/Ralph
Mackenzie Martin/Raphael
Stacy Hodge/RaShawn
Kristen Hilmes/Rebekah
Luke Hartwick/Robert
Jenna Oplinger/Russell
Colin Artinger/Ryan
Rachel Kuhn/Rylee
Alexis Lehr-Kwarta/Sabrina
Chloe Howenstein/Samantha
Meghan Webb/Sarah
Laura Macke/Savannah
Sarah Schomaker/Sharese
Amanda Lutz/Shelby
Ellie Boyer/ShiKesh
Rachel Caldwell/Shirley
Andrea Rudanovich/Skylar
Brooke Wandling/Stephanie
Marisa Zelip/Talmage
Emily Costillo/Tambra
Amber Luck/Tara
Nancy Foster/Tatiana
Tina Herron/Taye
Amanda Kowalczyk/Taylor
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A Message from the CEO

Barbara Cempura

The economic downturn has adversely affected all Americans. Those who live in poverty have been among those most severely impacted. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we know that the families and children we serve will be even more vulnerable in these economic conditions than when they first reached out to us. Because these families will be stretched to make ends meet, it is imperative that we maintain focus on our community's children. We cannot fail them when our support is most needed.

As we begin 2009, I would like to share how we are responding to the economic challenge and are preparing to meet this critical need in a time of economic uncertainty and turbulence.

First, please know that there is good news for children in Southwestern Illinois. In 2008, Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers were matched with 1,008 children. We plan to match 1,112 children with mentors in 2009.

To ensure the sustainability of our program, we are working to stay the course with the underlying assumption that recovery may take a long time. We are determined to weather this downturn with our staff stable and highly motivated. Our

board of directors recently approved a three year business plan designed to focus on expanding services to those children in Southwestern Illinois who want and need a mentor. In 2009, we believe that our most important goals are assuring positive cash flow and maintaining our service levels for children. Investment in advancing growth must be bounded first by prudent financial management for the future.

To support 1,112 youth, 1,112 mentors and over 800 families of our youth, a significant amount of staff support is needed. In an effort to reduce expenses, the 2009 budget reflects no salary increases and a hiring freeze. Our dedicated and professional staff are committed to providing the highest level of quality services to the youth, mentors and families as we continue to match children with volunteers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, nationally and locally, is a strong organization that fills a critically important need for families and children. The support of our volunteers and donors will ensure that our youth are not left behind in these times of crisis. With the continued support of our funders and generous donors, Big Brothers Big Sisters will be stronger as the country emerges from this tough economic time.

Inside:

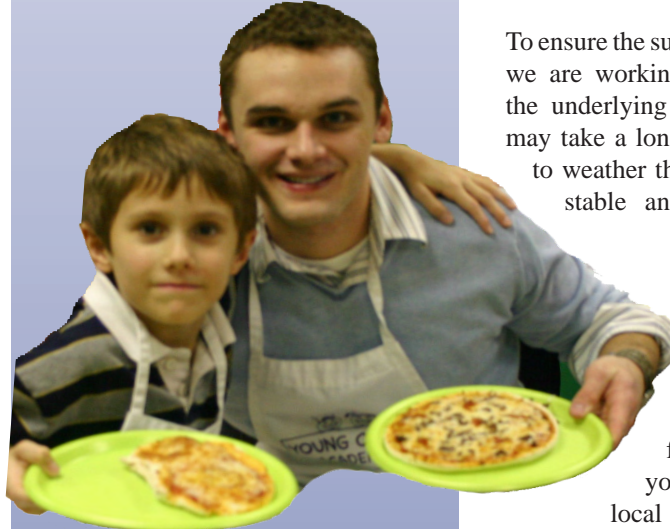
School Mentoring

2009 Board of Directors Announced

Events Committee Organized

Cookin' up fun ~

Young Chefs Academy



Big Brother Daniel Elchert with Little Brother Gage.

Bowl For Kids' Sake

If you care about kids and can spare a little time for fun, then Bowl for Kids Sake is right up your alley! Bigs, Littles, local businesses, churches and community leaders have been raising

money for Big Brothers Big Sisters by asking friends and family for pledges. It's easy to participate - just register to bowl, take a sponsor sheet, sign up pledges and turn in your sponsor sheet when you bowl. Get two free games of bowling, free shoe

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To participate call Summer at 398-3162



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February -**
16 - Ask a friend to be a Big and mentor a child - right now more than 130 boys are waiting.
19 - Allsup - Bowl For Kids' Sake
 Bel-Air, Belleville - 3:00 pm
- March -**
7 - Bowl For Kids' Sake - St. Clair Bowl, Fairview
 3:00 pm
8 - Battle of the High Schools - Bowl For Kids' Sake
 St. Clair Bowl, Fairview - 2:00 pm
14 - Bowl For Kids' Sake - Bowl Haven, Alton
 2:00 pm or 4:00 pm
15 - Valmeyer & Waterloo Battle of the High Schools
 West Park Bowl, Columbia - 1:00 pm
17 - Ask a friend to be a Big and mentor a child
21 - Battle of the Banks - Bowl For Kids' Sake
 St. Clair Bowl, Fairview - 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm
21 - Cops for Kids - Camelot Bowl, Collinsville
 1:00 pm or 3 :00 pm
27 - Bowl For Kids' Sake - Bowland, Granite City
 7:00 pm
28 - Bowl For Kids' Sake - St. Clair Bowl, Fairview
 1:00 or 3:00 pm
- April -**
4 - Bowl For Kids' Sake - St. Clair Bowl, Fairview
 1:00 or 3:00 pm

Bowl

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 rental, free Dominos pizza and a chance to win great prizes. For more information about Bowl For Kids Sake, contact Summer at 398-3162 or e-mail summerl@peaknet.net.

Special thanks to **Brian Cox at Xerox/Metro Documents Center in Collinsville** for assisting us by donating the printing of our Bowl For Kids Sake sponsor sheets.



Events Committee

Just for fun!
 Do you need ideas and activities to do with your Little?

Like most of our volunteers you would probably agree that more planned activities would be a welcome addition to your mentoring resources. Plus you get to hang out with other Bigs, share some good times and make some new friends.

Theresa Cavalier, a Big Sister for many years, has volunteered to serve as the chairperson for this group. If you are interested in serving as a committee member please contact Taressa at 398-3162 or email taressah@peaknet.net for more information.

Cops For Kids

The 20th Annual Cops For Kids is scheduled on Saturday, March 21st at Camelot Bowl in Collinsville. The goal for the 2009 Cops For Kids is to raise \$25,000 according to Co-Chairman, Chief Jim Bedell, Edwardsville Police Department; Chief John Betten, O'Fallon Police Department and Chief Scott Williams, Collinsville Police Department.

All area law enforcement organizations are invited to form teams of five members and come out to bowl for kids throughout Southwestern Illinois. This is a fun event that raises money to ensure all children who want and need a mentor will have one. For information contact Barbara at 618 398-3162 or email bbbsbell@peaknet.net.

MATCHES ANNIVERSARIES

One Year

- Aaron Alexander/Adam
- Pierre Smith/Akeem
- Malissa Montgomery/Andrea
- Judy Glynn/Anessa
- Ashley Staggs/Carolyn
- Kristen Robertson/Cerria
- Doris Smith/Corteisha
- Amber Newingham/Dalisa
- Mike Marchal/Derrez
- Samantha Schafer/Destiny
- Daniel Elchert/Gage
- Casey Zaring/George
- Tim Fritz/Glen
- Walter Borja/Jacob
- Breshawn Jeffery/Ja'Kayla
- Julie Pietroburgo/Jatonya
- Phil Kershner/Jeremiah
- Michael Boyd/Johnny
- Matthew Jones/Jonathon

Jennifer Scheuchner/Kayla

- Kevin Shaholli/Kyle
- Andrew Briesacher/Kyle
- Maurice Murray/Markel
- Abigail Ernst/Matthew
- David Daab/Matthew
- Tim Stine/Quincy
- Caitlin Owens/Ricky
- Jonathan Sprehe/Ryan
- Emily Maue/Shawnee
- Tia Starr/Tyrone
- Jacqueline Bassler/Tyrone

Two Years

- Matthew Osborne/Brandon
- Florence Terry/Brittany
- Laurie Frey/Heaven
- Nicholas Besse/Jerry
- Courtney Loschen/Litisha
- Adam Gabany/Lucas
- Derek Velazco/Michael

- Sara Woodside/Nia
- Kara Singsank/Shelby
- Christine Bounds/Trane'
- Forrest Farr/William

Three Years

- Chris Word/Cortez
- Melody McClellan/Destiny
- Essie Rice/Drekia
- Cheryl Timmermann/Erika
- George Mumphard/Fernandez
- Cheryl Bievenue/Mary
- Doreece Lawrence/Samietrius

Four Years

- Scott Toennies/Alex
- Conrad Steinhoff/Gino
- Ninette Bush/Naudia

Five Years

- Jen Flanagan/Darlene

Seven Years

- Tiffany Rattermann/Nick

Overwhelming Generosity

We are truly grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people. Although the recent economic downturn that has adversely affected so many, the spirit and goodwill has shined brightly across Southwestern Illinois.

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosts an Adopt-A-Family program, so that the neediest families in our program will have gifts to open and food to share during the Holiday season. Considering the current economic climate that we are facing, we expected donor turnout to be low this year. The Belleville News-Democrat and the local Chambers of Commerce published a notice about the program. In just a matter of a weeks more than 42 families, individuals and businesses called to ask how they could help.

As a result, 376 children and parents experienced the friendship and generosity of a community this holiday season. On behalf of our board of directors, staff and the families we serve, we would like to thank everyone who participated. It's great to know that the people that live and work in Southwestern Illinois continue to be so generous.

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| Ron Seabaugh | First State Bank |
| Jeff Stricker | Greenville School District |

2009 Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors

School Mentoring Program

In 2008, 667 children were matched in the school program thanks to the partnerships with our schools. Children from these schools are enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters:

- Abraham Lincoln Elementary
- Aviston Elementary
- Beckemeyer Elementary
- Belle Valley North
- Bluffview Elementary
- Breese Elementary
- Carlyle Elementary
- Carlyle Junior High
- Coolidge Middle School
- Douglas Elementary
- Ellis Elementary
- Emge Elementary
- Germantown Elementary
- High Mount
- Millstadt Elementary
- New Baden Elementary
- New Baden St. George
- Rogers Elementary
- Signal Hill
- Trenton Elementary
- Trenton St. Mary's

We appreciate the outstanding volunteers from these high schools who serve as mentors to the younger students:

- Belleville East High School
- Belleville West High School
- Carlyle High School
- Central High School
- Granite City High School
- Mater Dei High School
- Valmeyer High School
- Valmeyer Junior High School
- Waterloo High School
- Wesclin High School

- Valmeyer Elementary
- Wesclin Junior High
- Waterloo Junior High
- Whiteside Elementary
- Whiteside Middle School
- West Junior High School
- Zahnaw Elementary

We could not provide Big Brothers Big Sisters services to the students without a close working relationship with the faculty and staff at each of the schools. We appreciate their partnership in our efforts to provide mentors for every child who wants and needs one.

Young Chefs Academy Recipe for Success!



At left, pictured is Big Brother William Beck with Little Brother Ethan

Picture a joyful kitchen, full of inspired children creating culinary masterpieces and filling the space with laughter and learning... That's what some of our Bigs and Littles are experiencing at the Young Chefs Academy.

The key ingredient at the YCA is teaching children the joy and value of cooking that will result in a healthy relationship with great tasting food choices, along with enhancing math and reading skills that will last a lifetime. If you are a Big and are interested in participating, please contact Taressa at 398-3162 or email taressah@peaknet.net. Space is limited.

Young Chefs Academy is graciously donating these classes to BBBS.