

New Matches

Christy Erzinger/Abby
Megan Maxwell/Aimee
Amber Ibarra/Alexander
Rebecca Jerome/Alexis
Chynna Byrd/Alexis
Courtney Renner/Alexis
Rachael Berenz/Alexis
Jean Gebhart/Anessa
Brittany Brinkmann/Anna
Kimberly Isaak/ Arianna
Sara Zimmerman/Audra
Jake Augustine/Austin
Karleigh Zygmund/Austin
Joel Schoenborn/Austin
Kody Bolk/Austin
Wesley Farnsworth/Brad
Taylor Johnston/Brandon
Cali Oneil/Brandon
Jessie Gunderman/Brianna
Dolores Jorns/Candace
Brett Stuckel/Carlos
Meghan Maloy/Carrie
Joel Regnery/Chandler
Ashley Horstmann/Cheyenne
Chelsea Klein/Cheyenne
Kathryn Hovis/Chyna
Jacob Wagner/Collin
Kelsey McIntyre/Colten
Mallory Allgire/Colton
Courtney Ostendorf/Danielle
Bethany Droste/Dannielle
Erica Kaiping/David
Megan Miller/Dawson
Chloe King/DeaMontay
Ashley Smith/Deja

Erick Collier-Parks/DeRaiveon
Kaitlyn Fedak/Desmond
Ashley Schaefer/Destiny
Caitlyn Jacober/Devin
Clinton Michael/Devin
Jared Thouvenot/Devon
Taylor Isaacs/Donovan
Alex Benjamin/Duane
Don Marshall/Dylan
Megan Mosbacher/Elizabeth
Alexis Lehr-Kwarta/Emily
Breanna Owens/Emma
Alexandra Rohlfing/Emma
Sharon Boldt/Erika
Christina Durham/Feigh
Nick Hager/Frankie
Christopher Chandler/Gabriel
Austin Hilmes/Gavin
Hope Smith/Hannah
Stephanie Johnson/Haylie
Matthew Hellmann/Hunter
Katie Dauphin/Hunter
Brandi Pieper/Jacob
Kathy McHugh/Jada
Elijah Korneffel/Jake
Deidra Griffin/Jarrico
Daniel Lampe/Ja'Shon
Caitlin Owens/Jerrod
Morgan Barackman/Jessica
Cassi Martin/Joanna
Josh Steenbergen/Joey
Madison Dodd/Jordyn
Maggie Peterson/Jose
Shayna Busche/Kaitlyn
Lindsey Edley/Karla

Ashley Rickert/Katelyn
Alecia Williams/Katie
Lauren Falk/Kayla
Hayley Ellis/Kayla
Leslie Williams/Keelon
Rachel Lhamon/Kelsey
Eric Luster/Ke'Mon
Kevin Scharf/Kendric
Mishya Austin/Khnar
Crystal Duckett/Kyla
Joshua Reuss/Kyle
Adam Quitmeyer/Kyle
Brooke Oberto/Kylie
Karlie Knobloch/Kylie
Megan Crawford/Lacey
Jennifer Lenz/Lizzy
Jessie Haar/Luis
Laura Berry/Madelyn
Sarah Goforth/Madison
Amber Woody/Maisie
Keesha Dhaene/Makayla
Hayley Johnston/Mariah
Ryan Sleeper/Mark
Caitlin Nappier/Marlie
Lauren Werner/Mayson
Britt'nee Johnson/Michael
Kinsey Mordini/Michaela
Kimberly Wilson/Mikeia
Jarvis Robinson/Miles
Olivia Dosier/Morgan
Chelsea Bair/Nathan
Amanda Lovell/Noah
Caleb Freed/Otis
Ashley Frame/Paige
Brooke Lenhardt/Patrick

Susan Meister/Patricka
Molly Becker/Payton
Brittany Shroyer/Rachel
Alyssa Miles/Rachel
Arianne Gouveia/Raevynn
Brianna Whittington/Raine
Talyn Sands/Ralph
Haylee Artinger/Rebecca
Melissa May/Rebecca
Zachary Huels/Richard
Jordan Palmer/Riley
Kristi Tschudin/Riley
Mark Holmes/Ryan
Courtney Eschmann/Rylee
Paige Barker/Savannah
Ashley Fauke/Shandra
Abby Herzing/Shyanne
Danielle Thelen/Tabbitha
Abbie Rolland/Taylor
Taylor Scheibe/Taylor
Berit Ericson/Tiffany
Sean Pettiford/Tra Von
Scott Wuebbels/Trae'Veion
Shana Moore/Tremaya
Hailey Lowery/Trista
Courtney Harbison/Tyler
Laramie Rushing/Tyler
Dillon Painter/Tyler
John Hurst/Tyler
Andrew Baker/Valentino
Morgan Brown/Veronica
Bret Hanner/Xaviour



BIG News

Fall - 2009

The Newsletter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois

A Message from the CEO

Barbara Cempura

With only 12 weeks before Christmas, many of the 287 Little Brothers and Little Sisters are wishing for a special present – a Big Brother or Big Sister. Eric, age 9, is one of those children. He wants a Big Brother who can help him raise his batting average when baseball season starts next year. Eric is a fun loving, active boy who asked for a Big Brother who likes the outdoors.

The agency is working in several ways to recruit new volunteers – especially men, as more than 200 boys are enrolled and not matched with a Big Brother. Thanks to a grant from the T. Boone Pickens Foundation, recruitment efforts are underway at Scott Air Force Base. Recently, three of our Bigs set up a recruitment table at the entrance of the BX.

I appreciate the work of CMSgt Sheila Ford, AIC Dan Williams and Cheryl Bievenue in talking to BX shoppers. In just an hour and a

half, six individuals signed up to volunteer. Our goal is to recruit 35 new military volunteers by December 31.

We are excited about receiving a federal grant from Health and Human Services. Representative Jerry Costello announced the \$94,550 grant award to mentor children of prisoners. Part of the grant will fund a recruitment coordinator position with a focus on recruiting males to be matched with Little Brothers like Eric.

Staff are available from Big Brothers Big Sisters to speak about volunteer opportunities to community service groups, churches, college classes and businesses. Contact Missy Athmer at missya@peaknet.net or 618 398-3162 to schedule a speaker.

My hope is that Eric will have a Big Brother by Christmas. That would be his best present!

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Tri-Cities  All-Star Kick-off



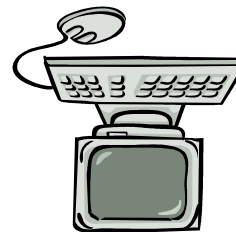
The Tri-Cities United Way Campaign Kickoff Celebration was held on September 10. The baseball-themed rally was held at SWIC's Sam Wolf Granite City Campus and showcased the winning efforts of United Way's many affiliates including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois. The morning's events proved once again that United Way-supported charities hold a major stake in the lives of Metro East residents. Each agency had a baseball card fashioned featuring their volunteers and current stats. Big Brother Chuck Whitehead and Little Brother Kiefer are featured on our agency card. If you or your company would like to invite a speaker to come to your business to talk about the benefits that a United Way agency provides to our area, please contact Barbara at 398-3162.

Combined Federal Campaign

Federal employees who participate in the CFC can designate their contribution to help us provide a mentor to children who want and need one. Please ask your friends and coworkers who are federal employees to consider designating Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois to receive their contribution. Our CFC number is 60665.

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Learn about how our volunteers are making a difference and discover fun ways that you or your company can get involved. Sign up to receive our monthly eNews at www.bbbsi.org and let us deliver a little fun to your inbox.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October -

16 - Ask a friend to be a Big and mentor a child.
Right now more than 200 boys are waiting.

18 - Match Event - Godfrey Corn Maze 2:00-4:00 pm

22 - Readers' Choice Awards Banquet - 7:00 pm
Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

31 - Happy Halloween!



November -

17 - Ask a friend to be a Big and mentor a child.

26 & 27 - Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

December -



6 - Agency Holiday Party - 2-4 pm
Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville



25 - Merry Christmas
Office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Organize Your 2010 Bowl For Kids' Sake Teams

Activities Committee Members Needed

We're looking for Bigs to participate on the Activities Committee. Your mission will be to create fun experiences for community-based matches once a quarter. The group will meet at least four times per year to brainstorm match activities and ensure that our social events are successful. Please contact Taressa at 398-3162 or taressah@peaknet.net to volunteer.



The next time you go grocery shopping, you can support Big Brothers Big Sisters just by using an Schnucks eScrip card at the checkout counter. Schnucks will contribute 3% of your purchases to Big Brothers Big Sisters every time you shop and swipe your eScrip card.

Our services at this agency are made possible not only by the many volunteers who donate their time, but also by those who make monetary contributions which support recruiting, training and supporting matches. With Schnucks e-scrip, it's never been easier to pitch in.

To acquire your Schnucks eScrip card, please contact your match support specialist or e-mail missya@peaknet.net. Be sure to include a mailing address and phone number.

Golf Tournaments ... Up To Par

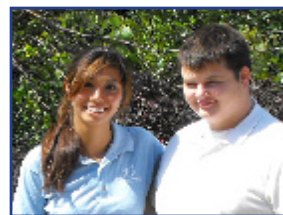
The Clinton County Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, July 31 at Governors Run Golf Course in Carlyle and had a terrific turnout. Since Big Brothers Big Sisters program started in Clinton County in September 2001, over 325 children have been served. Special thanks to Jeff and Alicia Stricker and Bruce and Cindy Benhoff for serving as the tournament organizers. A total of 34 teams participated in the event. **Thank you to the tournament sponsors: Mike Donnewald Foundation, Manpower, Excel Bottling Company, K&J Chevrolet, The Maschhoffs and Jim & Jean Vogt.**

The 19th Annual Allsup Classic on August 17th was a great success thanks to event sponsor Allsup Inc. and corporate sponsors: **Secure Data, Inc., The Lowery Group, Northwestern Mutual, Financial Shares Corporation, DATAMAX, Marble Leadership Partners, Inc., Ron and Jean Buerges, Robert Bridges, Landshire Sandwiches and Farmer's Market.** Twenty-five teams played a very fast tournament and most teams finished play before an intense storm hit St. Clair Country Club at 4:35 pm with rain, thunder and lightning. Thanks to committee chairman, Dave Bollone, and members, Dan Allsup, Rebecca Ray, Glenn Albers, Al Orelt and Doug Peters for putting together a great tournament.

On August 28, 22 teams teed off at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course in the Third Annual Ameren Classic. We appreciate the support of Ameren for this event as well as these corporate sponsors: **Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors, J.F. Electric and Imaging Center of Southern Illinois.** The teams played through a bit of mist and light rain for about 30 minutes late in the day and finished play in record time. Thanks to the leadership of committee chairman, Rich Conner, the tournament was a great success.

Funds raised from these three tournaments will support 100 matches for one year. It is an amazing thing that happens when people come together to play golf, have fun and support Big Brothers Big Sisters. We appreciate the efforts of all the committee members, golfers and sponsors who participated in

AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteers



Diana Padilla and David Bell volunteered at Big Brothers Big Sisters from June to August as VISTA summer associates. They assisted with golf tournaments, house raffle and office tasks.

Jeff Brandt is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer and recent University of Illinois graduate, working at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois as a marketing and public relations intern. He writes and edits copy for the agency website, print and e-newsletters, press releases, and other promotional materials. An Alton native, Jeff is a passionate fiction writer and film enthusiast.



2009 HOUSE RAFFLE

Thank you to the 2,507 individuals who participated by purchasing a raffle certificate. The money raised will be used in St. Clair, Madison, Clinton and Monroe counties to recruit, screen and train volunteers to be matched with children in need of positive role models. Thanks to your generous support thousands of children have had a positive role model in the past 29 years.



Pat Smoker (far left) and Brian Rauk (far right) are pictured receiving their house raffle winnings from Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Support Specialist Virginia Berry. The pair split the \$99,000 cash prize.

2009 Winners!

Pat Smoker, Freeburg
Larry J. Pickett, Troy
Dennis G. Allen, Fairview Heights
Michael H. Major, Collinsville
Pamela Newland, St. Jacob
Jimmie R. Lawler, Granite City
Ronald Ahrens, O'Fallon
Robert Henderson, Dupo
Clarence Dohrman, Belleville
Aubrey Rogers, Shiloh
Rickey Mowrer, Swansea
Robert Hurst, Belleville
Angelo Leoni, Belleville
Karen Buchheit, Belleville
Betty Kueker, Maryville
James McAnulty, O'Fallon
Dorothy Starzyk, Edwardsville
Teresa Schaefer, Belleville
Sandy Reynolds, Miami, FL
Sherry Evans, Belleville
Ann Bergmann, Freeburg
Susan Press, Belleville
Karen Kabacinski, Cypress, TX

Kathleen Morio, Mascoutah
Joan M. Gettys, Belleville
Ron Beckmann, Bartelso
Esterlene Blackburn, Swansea
Thomas Montgomery, Swansea
Sandra Jones-Bequette, Waterloo
Gregg Ponder, Hammond, IL
Shannon Gergen, O'Fallon
Robert L. George, O'Fallon
Ruth A. Sunde, Airway Hgts, WA
Mary J. Neal, Troy
Rebecca Dale, Edwardsville
Aubrey W. Mear, Belleville
Rhonda Niles, St. Jacob
Carol Stock, Lebanon
Mary A. Barger, Belleville
Bob Polka, Fairview Heights
Fred J. Hess, St. Louis, MO
Donna Billhartz, New Baden
Donald W. Granger, Caseyville
Jackie Odom, Collinsville
Walter D. Minton, Shiloh

Special thanks to **FULFORD HOMES & Rice Sullivan & Co. LTD,**
Certified Public Accountants for sponsoring the raffle.

MATCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 year

Randi Senciboy/Adam
Kylie Sweatt/Adriana
Morgan Veath/Ana
Corine Inman/Anna
Brandon Maus/Austin
Andrea Wolfe/Brittney
Jo Ann Baker/Brooke
Hollie Lucas/Chance
Wils Hawn/Chris
Alexis Beckman/Claire
Douglas Schilling/Colby
Amy Eagan/Courtney
Jarrid Kraft/Damian
Cassandra Robinson/Danielle
Amy Faus/Dawson
Tabitha Yancey/Desarac
David Miller/Devan
Madeline Beckmann/Ethan
Doris Ritchey/Gabrielle
Lauren Mersinger/Harley
Mary Kelley/Heaven-Leigh

Chelsea Caldwell/JaTe'a
Zach Byrd/Jeremy
Jamie Seiffert/Krislyn
Amy Burns/Lindsey
Kaitlyn Heise/Michaela
Rena Wiegand/Renee
Amanda Grasher/Samantha
Kara Richeson/Samantha
Laura Roider/Samantha
Robin Walker/Shania
Kailee Diak/Shawna
Kentecia King/Tashae
Kirby Matthews/Zachary

2 years

Taylor Doyle/Abbie
Martin Culp/Andrew
Paula Dahlem/Ashli
Jillian Lucas/Courtney
Angela Coleman/Gloria
Mike Palmer/Jacob
Chelsea Maloney/Jayce

Better Business Bureau Award



The Better Business Bureau will soon present its prestigious TORCH Award to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois. On October 30, the agency's efforts to improve the lives of children will be recognized at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. Big Brothers Big Sisters wowed the awards committee with its commitment to business ethics and customer satisfaction and will receive a crystal trophy to commemorate the achievement. BBBS is one of 12 organizations from the Greater St. Louis area to receive the award this year.



Thank you to Dr. Gail Meese and the staff at **Advantage Chiropractic** in Belleville for hosting a Christmas in July toy drive to benefit children in our program.

Thank you to **Home Depot** in Belleville Crossing for providing the supplies and their talent to build a raffle drum used for our 2009 Fifteenth Annual House Raffle drawing. Pictured with the drum are **Home Depot** associates William "Mr. Bill" Ries and Stewart Gilmore.



Thanks to Dan King, Connie Lanaghan, and Becky Jennings from Camp Ondessonk. They made it possible for three Little Brothers to attend summer camp in Ozark, IL. The boys received Msgr. Fournie Campership scholarships, which paid for their tuition, sleeping bags, camping supplies, flashlights, mosquito nets, and camp spending money.

Lunita Allen/Jimesha
Paul Abert/Joe
Mark Milton/Jordan
Valerie Korte/Kaila
Patricia McDonald/Ka'mya
Maggi Rippelmeyer/Lauren
Sandra Pietroburo/Mercedes
Lassandra Acquaye/Talia
Erika Pierce/Tatyana
Debra Jung/Taylor
Crystal Tucker/Tierra

3 years

Kathy Miller/Alissa
Terry Duncan/Anthony
Tom O'Leary/Chandler
Bethany Phillips/Hope
Kathy Roche/Hunter
Judy Barud/Jacob
Kimberly Sletten/Kelly
Willie Lott/Patrick
Valerie Johnson/Rashae

James Moore/Robert
Duane Olson/Scott
Laketia Beasley/Shannon

4 years

LaTasha Roberson-Guifarro/Brandy
Michelle Bowman/Paula

5 years

Victoria Larson/Megan

6 years

Bethany Goff/Robyn

7 years

Phyllis Brooks/Andrea
Kimberly Franklin/Ja'Dora

8 years

Randy Stedman/Diondre