

New Matches

Aaron/Taylor Brewer
 Abbigail/Hannah Alexander
 Abby/Larisa Maue
 Abby/Cassie Kaiping
 Adam/Ryan Burrow
 Adianna/Nicole Johnson
 Adriana/Katelynn Shields
 Aidan/Brittany Reinhardt-Killy
 Aimee/Amanda Blankenship
 A'Jeanna/Kelsey Thouvenot
 Alexander/Teresa Trame
 Alexandra/Lisa Tong
 Alexis/Charish Howard
 Alissa/Katie Kaempfe
 Alyssa/Katelin Wisdom
 Andrew/Shannon Connor
 Anna/Catherine Ward
 Anthony/Cameron Watters
 Anthony/Joshua Williams
 Antonio/Blair Rawlings
 Ashli/Courtney Drennan
 Austin/Amber Christ
 Austin/Zack Martychenko
 Beau/Charles Jackson
 Benjamin/Charles Costello
 Blake/Adam Eggerman
 Bo/Alexandra Rohlfing
 Brandi/Kandy Timmermann
 Brandon/Catherine Hawn
 Brandon/Joshua Springer
 Brendan/Rebecca Ries
 Brett/Doug & Jill Pierard
 Cade/Dave Merrill
 Caleb/Josef Freehill
 Callie/Katlyn Mohl
 Camille/Che' Rodgers
 Cash/Adele Cowell
 Cassidy/Taylor Tucker
 Celsey/Detri Holmes
 Chance/Steven Dorris
 Chandler/Haley Fisher
 Chelsey/Kelsey Renschen
 Chelsy/Sydney Weaver
 Cheyenne/Emily Sheehey
 Cheyenne/Alexis Zachry
 Chris/Charles Hawn
 Christian/Andrew Hamilton
 Christopher/Charles Brown

Clayton/Shayna Busche
 Connor/Allison Snodgrass
 Corey/Nick Grapperhaus
 Courtney/Kara Richeson
 Cra'Shay/Aliyah Jones
 Damian/Heather McCoy
 Daniel/Chris Crawford
 Daria/TaNay Morris
 Darrionna/Elicia Newman
 Davonta/Sydney Novsek
 DeAndrez/Patrick Moore
 Deja/Kelsey Jordan
 Delavan/Brian Rudd
 Demetrius/Andrew & Vereta Wadlow
 Denesha/Breanna Gafford
 Desire'/Elizabeth Schulte
 Destiney/Elizabeth Malom
 Devin/Chase Smith
 Devin/Nick Singsank
 Dillon/Thomas King
 Dionicio/Austin Fields
 Domonick/Nick Hager
 Donovan/Jennifer Lenz
 Duane/Terry Harrison
 Easton/Alexis Odenthal
 Eleicia/Teyroko Perkins
 Elijah/Megan Hrdlicka
 Elizabeth/Taylor Maglasang
 Elizabeth/Rachael Obernuefemann
 Emily/Mckenzie Daniels
 Emily/Lynsey Wehrenberg
 Emma/Maggie Zeisset
 Eric/Kyle Feldker
 Erikson/Cole Goldschmidt
 Eryka/Kelly Minor
 Ethan/Kaitlyn Carstens
 Ethan/Paige Donoho
 Ethan/Kaitlyn Skaer
 FreShon/Abbigail Askew
 Gavin/Taylor Caplinger
 Gavin/Alyssa Henke
 Gavin/Madeline Elbe
 Gideon/Anna Bullard
 Hakeem/Joey Mannino
 Hannah/Taylor Bertelsman
 Harley/Ciera Landolt
 Hayden/Courtney Lewis
 Heavenly/Alex Boker
 Heng/Alexandria Hoxworth

Henry/Halie Parker
 Hope/Colette Huval
 Ignacio/Raul Chavez
 Inga/Sonia Shelby
 Isabella/Rachel Hampton
 Isabella/Paige Hoffmeister
 Isaiah/Kimberly Nalley
 Jack/Emily Rhodes
 Jacob/Brandon Book
 Jacob/Steven Schulteis
 Jacob/Stefan Menchaca
 Jacob/Samantha Gilmore
 Jacob/Eric Wright
 Jacob/Nick Osland
 Jada/Olivia Perez
 Jah-Lyle/Alex Sandheinrich
 Jaiaieas/Shaelyn Tate
 Jaliyah/Katherine Conder
 Jamiah/Christina Hamilton
 Jarrett/Ashley Rickert
 Jarrod/Raven Kohlenberger
 Jason/Reed Handlery
 Jayden/Cristina Canavan
 Jayna/Stacy Morell
 Jazmyn/Alexis Sauerwein
 Jermell/Brittany Bradley
 Jessie/Brianna Zimmermann
 Jimesha/Laura Lengyel
 Jon/Austin Martinez
 Jordan/Lauren Falk
 Jordan/Jessica Rakers
 Jordan/Steve Hoernis
 Jordan/Ally Pingsterhaus
 Joshua/Taylor Lundy
 Justin/Roszell Mosley
 Kaelan/Nicholas Laney
 Kaitlyn/Heather Woodrome
 Kaitlyn/Heather Powell
 Cassandra/Lydia Heimann
 Cassandra/Makala Boyles
 Katelyn/Alyssa Gerstenecker
 Katlyn/Madeline Schmitz
 Kayla/Megan Heaton
 Kayla/Judith Long
 Kaylee/Emily Becker
 Kaylie/Lauren Jones
 Keely/McKisa Fryer
 Kenzie/Amanda Gebke
 Ketric/Reginald Riddle-Young
 Keyion/Samuel Keck-Flory
 Kieran/Catherine Funderburk

Kijah/Leader Chang
 Kiya/Molly Rexilius
 Kristen/Laura Macke
 Kristin/Jorden Guldner
 Kristine/Ellen Toennies
 Kyle/Joseph Campbell
 Kyle/Christopher Isenhower
 Kyle/Devin Holt
 Kylee/Kyli Ferrero
 Kylie/Alyssa McCarthy
 Kyra/Paige Heimann
 Lace/Emilee Mosbacher
 Lamadj/Katherine Bennett
 Lauren/Kaitlyn Heise
 lauren/Kelsea Sparks
 Lauren/Megan Mayville
 Layne/Emileigh Ziebka
 Lee/Josiah Starkey
 Lexie/Kelli Klepac
 Lindsey/Jean Weier
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 Lyric/Ali Lakenburges
 Mackenzie/Paige Maue
 Maddy/Rose Knebel
 Maggie/Laura Jackson
 Makye/Jason Ellis
 Malijah/Kadeshah Nolan
 Martin/Tessa Amsden
 Matthew/Jay Hubert
 Megan/Alexandria Houston
 Megan/Jamie Vaught
 Melvin/Archie Smith, Jr.
 Michael/Jeff Schwierjohn
 Michaela/Laramie Rushing
 Miranda/Brooke Pondoff
 Miriah/Danielle Thelen
 Monica/Taylor Scheibe
 Montavis/Jerome Jackson
 Moshay/Jordan Mosley
 Mya/Stephanie Johnston
 Mya/Tatiana Wallace
 Neko/Katelyn Pohlman
 Nikoli/Shane Blick
 Oliver/Alec Trout
 Olivia/Lindsay Winkeler
 Orlon/Keresten Bobby
 Paige/Micaela Mytyk
 Paige/Elayna Blick
 Payne/Taylor Junker
 Quintin/Brittney Canada

Rachel/Lydia Kuhl
 Raeanne/Macie Guthrie
 Ralph/Corinne Goodall
 Rebekah/Megan Langenhorst
 Renata/Paige Barker
 Robbie/Taylor Nadler
 Robert/Taylor O'Connor
 Robert/Jacob Hall
 Ronnie/James Heafner
 Roy/Blake Nichols
 Ryan/Austin Bartle
 Sabrina/Jessica Fearn
 Salina/Kathleen DeFranco
 Samantha/Rahkel Martin
 Samantha/Lala Fornaszewski
 Savannah/Paige Russell
 Sean/Sam Hanna
 Shiana/Alyssa Madden
 Skylar/Erika Laux
 Sophie/Paige Wright
 Staneshia/Laura Szewczyk
 Stefanie/Logan McCray
 Stephanie/Megan Holl
 Steven/Ronald Seabaugh
 Steven/Kyle Fredrick
 Sydni/Cathlyn Clark
 TaCory/Whitney Canada
 Talmage/Mark Holmes
 Tandra/Alexis Fingerhut
 Tarik/Dillon Huegen
 Taylor/Jessi Ungerer
 Tevin/Lauren Weil
 Thomas/Caitlyn Gushleff
 Thomas/Tyler Wheelan
 Tiffany/Katelyn Fuller
 T'Keyah/Amber Turner
 Tommia/Sheila Mitchell-Hawkins
 Toni/Jennifer Hightower
 Tote'Nika/Marla Cleveland
 Trinity/Cami Bradley
 TuPac/Joel Sarmiento
 Valerey/Rochelle Henderson
 Veronica/Casey Schulte
 Veshawn/Karl McCoy
 Victoria/Brandi Miller
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 Zachary/John Hemann
 Zachary/Binca Aguayo



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A Message from the CEO

Barbara Cempura

The 2011 federal budget that was recently passed included many cuts to programs for children and families. The cuts that will be effective October 1, 2011 included funding for Mentoring Children of Prisoners through the Department of Health and Human Services. The cuts mean that our agency will lose \$226,000 in Mentoring Children of Prisoner grants. We will be unable to enroll, match and support 130 children affected by incarceration. Without funding, it will be very difficult to support the children currently matched with a Big Brother or Big Sisters.

to costs for future generations in incarceration, educational remediation and other economic consequences. While we recognize that spending in the federal budget must be decreased, we believe cutting funding for Mentoring Children of Prisoners is short-sighted. The loss of funding for the agency will be difficult to deal with but for the children who want and need a mentor, the loss of funding could result in their not reaching their potential to become contributing members of our community.

In the next few months, we will be asking individuals and businesses throughout Southwestern Illinois to consider investing in the future of children affected by incarceration. Despite these funding cuts, these at-risk youth want and need positive role models and mentors. We are committed to making that happen.

Our program has proven, evidence-based outcomes for children who face adversity – educational success; higher aspirations; and avoidance of risky, delinquent behaviors. Cutting funding for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program now will lead

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CC Food Marts helped us to recognize Volunteer Appreciation Month using their signs!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In observance of the enormous value volunteers provide through organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois National Volunteer Week is celebrated every April. The 2011 theme, “Celebrating People in Action”, honors individuals who take action and solve significant problems in their communities. The value of a volunteer hour during 2010 was estimated to be \$21.36 an hour according to the Washington, D.C.-based Independent Sector. The Independent Sector web site says, “The estimate helps acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference.” America was built on ordinary people banding together to do extraordinary things. That spirit still sustains the nation. *We thank our volunteer Bigs, board members, donors and event participants for helping change children's lives.*

Interested in volunteering as a Big Brother, Big Sister or at an event? Call Darrell at 618 398-3162 for more information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April -**
- 1 - 30** Borders Book Drive
 - 24** HAPPY EASTER
 - 27 - 30** FIRST Robotics Championship - Edward Jones Dome - FREE event.
 - 28** Big Bro's Recruitment BBQ
 - 29, 30** Spring Open Houses - HBA Event
 - 30** Bass Tournament
- May -**
- 1** Spring Open Houses - HBA Event
 - 6 - 8** Spring Open Houses - HBA Event
 - 30** MEMORIAL DAY
- June -**
- 2** Agency Picnic
 - 13** Sisters of Swing Ladies Golf Scramble



~ THE BIG MOVE ~

Home Builders Association Open Houses

Looking to make a "Big Move" into that new home you've always wanted? Don't miss the "Big Move" Homes on Parade. Visit over 30 brand new homes throughout St. Clair & Monroe Counties with the most wanted floor plans and features.

HBA has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters on this event and donations are being accepted at the door of each home to support the program.

This is a two weekend event April 29 - May 1 and May 6 - 8. Hours are Friday 4 - 8 pm, Sat. 11 - 6 pm and Sunday 11 - 6 pm (Sun. May 8 is 12 - 4 pm).

For Event Details Visit

www.localbuilderevents.com

KLONDIKE KLASSIC

Thank you **Holland Construction** for hosting the Klondike Classic to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters in February. The tournament raised \$18,775 and the money will be used to recruit, train and match children who are waiting to meet their Big Brother or Big Sister.



2011 Board of Directors

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Welcome Shay Brown
Shay joined our staff as a **Match Support Specialist**. She currently resides in St. Louis, MO. She is a native of Marianna, AR. She is the youngest of 12 children. She graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a Bachelors of Arts degree. She has also studied Child Psychology at Chicago State University. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Association of Speech and Dramatic Arts. She worked previously as a Foster Care Case Manager for Missouri Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis, MO. and the Arkansas Department of Human Services. She came to Big Brothers Big Sisters to continue her mission of "working to save our children".

Welcome Jessica Schuette
Jessica joined Big Brothers Big Sisters at the beginning of January as the **Community Partnership Manager**. She graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business Marketing from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2010. Jessica planned events for SIUE's Campus Activities Board for three years. She interned with Big Brothers Big Sisters for two years. She currently resides in Venedy with her parents and brother.

Welcome Nancy Rivera
Nancy joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in March as the **Office Manager**. She has over 30 years of financial and business administrative experience. Nancy lives in Belleville with her husband Vince. She has two sons Todd and Shaun. Todd and his wife Leslie live in Freeburg with her granddaughter, Taylor 11 and grandson, Owen 6. Shaun and soon to be daughter-in-law Zareth live in Overland Park, Kansas.

STAFF TRANSITION

We said good bye to our recently retired Office Manager, **Terri Hoff**, who is having fun with grandchildren and her family. We will miss her smile and sense of humor. Terri was the "engine" who kept us on track and made sure the dollars and cents were all in the right places. We wish Terri happy times with her family.

Thank you to the following buisnesses for your recent support and in-kind contributions to the agency: **Border's Books** - Book Drive; **The Girl Scouts** - Easter Baskets; **Commerce Bank** - Cardinal's Baseball tickets; **Korein Tillery** - Cardinal's Baseball Tickets; **Maxwell's Restaurant** - dining benefit. Granite City orthodontist **Dr. J. Bauer** and **Dr. Hewlitt**.

HATS OFF!

Several schools including **Aviston Elementary, Columbia Elementary, Douglas Elementary, Valmeyer Elementary, Whiteside Elementary School, Middle and Jr. High schools, Waterloo Jr. High, Waterloo High School, Zanhov Elementary, Rogers Elementary, and Gardner Elementary** recently participated in hat day fundraisers. Students and staff from each of these schools helped to raise over \$2,500. Pictured above are members of the Whiteside Jr. High student council who orgainzed a Hat Day at their school to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters.



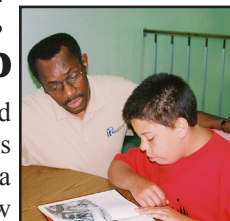
Celebrating 10 YEARS Friendship

"Being a busy single mother, I was introduced to Big Brothers Big Sisters by my son's counselor at school. I decided this would be a great opportunity for him to learn some new skills from someone besides me. It wasn't too long after I signed him up that Kiefer was matched with a gentleman named Chuck. Having Chuck serve as Kiefer's Big Brother has truly been a blessing. I don't know what I would have done without all of his support to encourage Kiefer to make postive choices," said Ann Harris, Kiefer's mom.

"I remember our first meeting. I was so much looking forward to meeting my Little Brother Kiefer I was excited and eager to get the relationship going. Yet, the normal anxiety was there wondering if we would relate well to each other. Through the relationship I'll remember the gratification of having a small role in bringing joy to, and positively impacting, another life while gaining further insight about myself and the human conditions of our time," said Chuck Whitehead, Big Brother.

"I really have enjoyed the time we spent together. I have so many great memories, I will especially remember the good times we had going to the movies and then going to one of our favorite restaurants to eat & talk. Chuck is a really neat guy and I know that he cares about me and I know we will keep in touch," said Kiefer, Little Brother.

"I have had the pleasure to watch as Kiefer grew from a small boy and into a happy young man. Embracing new challenges and focusing on his values which included attending school regularly and making his studies a priority. Chuck has been patient and understanding while instilling the importance of good decision making. It is wonderful to know that Kiefer has the skills he needs to succeed," said Ms. Virginia, Match Support Specialist.



MATCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 Year

- Abby/Ashley Villareal
- Alex/Adam Conrad
- Allieanna/Jennifer Gowin
- Alyssa/Nicole Martin
- Anthony/Andrea Jenkins
- Audra/Sara Scaiefe
- Avery/Gabriela Zamfir
- Bradley/Aron Aycock
- Charles/LaTasha Smith
- Cheriena/Bene' Rigdon
- Cheyenne/Brittany Zacha
- Christina/Kaitlyn Holtgrave
- Colten/Spencer Fuehne
- Cory/Daniel Schmidt
- Dakota/Bryan Jones
- Dustin/Justin Schulte
- Dylan/Adam Unnerstall
- Elizabeth/Alissa Trickey
- Erial/Morgan Dolphy
- Erik/Jarred Tucker
- Jacorey/Paul Chaney
- Jamie/Brittany IM
- Jessica/Ashley Clinton
- Kamondre'/Seth Treptow
- Kata/Jennifer Detmer
- Katie/Amanda Krebel

- Kevin/Zach Laidley
- KyJuan/Dana Mitchell
- Logan/Anthony Weber
- Makenzie/Hannah Raeber
- Mallory/Brianna Wahl
- McKinzey/Kaitlyn Homan
- Moneika/Ellen Hoffsten
- Olivia/Chelsea Hagan
- Olivia/Jennifer Richter
- Ranee/Brittany Overstreet
- Rese/Landon Schroeder
- Samantha/Kristie Snyder
- Seth/Tiffany Murphy
- Shane/Christopher Grohmann
- Shawnee/Julie Varel
- Steven/Drake Laidley
- Tra Von/Tom Deppe
- Trent/Keaton Scheer
- Trevor/Sarah Kohlbrecher
- Winter/Kristy Horvath
- Zachary/Olivia Paul

2 Years

- Andrew/Taylor Boyer
- Arionna/Amber Wayt
- Ashley/Sheila Ford
- Jimisha/Dominique Vaughan

- Kayli/April Roth
- Kyle/Andrew Briesacher
- Lauren/Hadiya Harris
- Makalyn/Chelsea Laux
- Nathan/Philip Kunz
- Ronnita/Ciarra Yancey
- Stephanie/Karen Jacobson

3 Years

- Akeem/Pierre Smith
- Derrez/Mike Marchal
- Destiny/Samantha Schafer
- Gage/Daniel Elchert
- Jatonya/Julie Pietroburgo
- Johnny/Michael Boyd

4 Years

- Lucas/Adam Gabany
- William(Will)/Forrest&Shelia Farr

5 Years

- Destiny/Melody McClellan
- Mary/Cheryl Bievenue

10 Years

- Kiefer/Charles Whitehead, Sr.

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