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Bowl for Kid's Sake

Join us for the event that will "Bowl You Away!"

Dust off your bowling ball and mark your calendar for the **2012 Bowl for Kids' Sake!** This year you have a choice of days: **Friday, February 24** or **Sunday, February 26** at Riviera Lanes.

You should have received a pledge form for our 34th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake. If you didn't and would like to bowl, please let your Match Support Specialist know, and we can send one your way.

This year's theme is a Beach Party, so channel your inner beach bum. Come dressed in your best beach gear. Grab a pair of funky sunglasses, wrap on a hula skirt, or put on that fishing hat. Prizes for best costumes, so get creative! This year's bowling event is sponsored by Green Bay Packaging, M&I Bank and Schneider National.

We're asking matches and supporters to consider participating in this event. This is the only time during the year we ask our mentors to support fundraising efforts.

You don't need to be a bowler. The 9-pin tap format will make everyone feel like a pro! As always, our youth are encouraged, but not required, to collect the minimum pledge of \$75.

So get a team together (or we'll add you to a Big Brothers Big Sisters' team), collect pledges from co-workers, friends and family; and join us on the lanes to have some fun while raising money for a great cause.

Individuals and teams can register online at <http://bbbsnew.kintera.org/bowl> or by calling Barbara at 498-2227. Register now for the best choice of shift!

Riviera Lanes:

Friday, February 24: 5:30pm (filled) or 7:30pm
Sunday, February 26: 11:00am or 1:00pm



Card Making

We had so much fun making holiday cards in December; we're going to make cards again in February and this time, we're making Valentine's Day cards!

When: Thursday, February 9th, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Where: Big Brothers Big Sisters office, 1345 W. Mason Street.

RSVP: Contact Ann at (920) 498-2227 or email annp@bbbsnew.org by February 8th.



This activity is limited to 10 people (5 matches), so please RSVP as soon as possible. We will have supplies, but please feel free to bring your own if you'd like.

Green Bay Gamblers



Special Big Brothers Big Sisters Night

The Green Bay Gamblers Hockey Team has a special fundraising night reserved for Big Brothers Big Sisters on **Saturday, March 3rd** – game starts at 7:05pm.

We have a limited number of tickets and are asking matches who attend to help us sell 50/50 raffle tickets. Selling will occur before the game and during intermissions. All matches will receive a T-shirt for helping.

RSVP: Contact Ann at (920) 498-2227 or email annp@bbbsnew.org and provide her with your name and email address, so we can contact you with further details for game day.

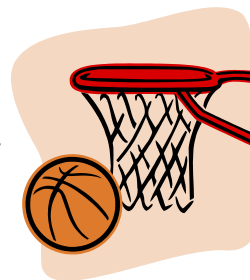
Bucks Game

Bucks Game, Friday March 9th 7:30pm

Due to this being a strike year, we have limited tickets to the Bucks vs. The Knicks game on **Friday, March 9th 7:30pm** at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

This will be a drive-on-your-own event.

RSVP: Please call (920) 498-2227 if you are interested in tickets—Mentor/Youth community-based matches only.



NWTC Tour Match Activity

It's Time to Explore!

In March we will be exploring Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's (NWTC) Green Bay campus. The tour will include classrooms for many different careers ranging from Public Safety (like police and fire), Trades (like auto technician or welding), Health Services (like nursing or dental), and the Business area. We will also see the Student Center, which includes things like the game room and we'll check out the library and bookstore. Date and time is still being finalized, so make sure you let your Match Support Specialist know if you are interested in coming along! This activity will be limited to 15 matches.



High School Youth Volunteers

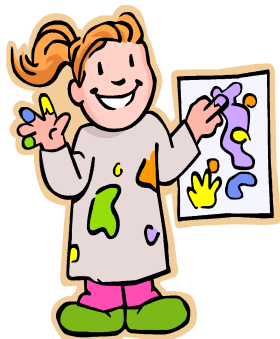
We are often times in need of volunteers at our Agency Activities—if you are a High School Youth in our program and interested in volunteering to help at activities please let your Match Support Specialist know. These hours do count toward School Service Hours, and you can volunteer with your mentor or on your own.



Match Activities Ideas

Things to do with your Match:

- Start a collection of something that you are both interested in like coins, rocks, comics, bugs, dolls, figures, sports cards, etc.
- Build a model car, plane, or rocket.
- Make your own t-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue.
- Finger paint with chocolate, lemon or strawberry pudding.
- Go to the YMCA, bowl, visit a local museum, or check out our Good Deals List.
- Go for a walk through a hardware store and explain the functions of various tools.
- Visit a music store and learn about different types of instruments.
- Visit an area firehouse or police station.
- Exercise. Teach your Youth how to live a healthy lifestyle.



Congratulations, Matches of the Month!

Our Outstanding Matches of the Month are Sponsored By

Chuck E. Cheese's, Arby's & Happy Joe's

If you are chosen as an Outstanding Match of the Month, you can choose from the following: 1 small pizza, 2 medium soft drinks and 10 tokens at Chuck E. Cheese's; 4 Regular Roast Beef Sandwiches at Arby's; or 1 medium pizza, 2 sodas, 2 ice cream cones, and game tokens from Happy Joe's. There are no substitutions as this is a donation to the agency.

February Match of the Month

Mentor's Name: Michael J. Scheller

Youth's Name: Alex

How long have you been matched? 1 year at Aldo Leopold Community School



What are your favorite activities to do together?

Alex is interested in the guitar, so we have worked on basic chord structures and strumming. We have also tried several games in the activities binder. We discuss Alex's goals and aspirations for the future. Alex would like to be an architect, so we made a Power Point to outline what skills are needed to be an architect and another Power Point of cool buildings we like.

One time Alex brought in his Bey Blades (spinning top toys that "battle" each other). We played with them and discussed some principles behind the toys. Since we both have an interest in science, the following week we read about inertia, gravity, friction, and centrifugal force...the scientific concepts behind the toys.

At first I thought this experience would be about what I could offer someone else. Now I realize I am gaining so much from the experience of working with Alex. I really enjoy being a part of Big Brothers Big Sisters and am grateful for the opportunity to be a Big Brother to Alex.

March Match of the Month

Mentor's Name: Casey Ausloos

Youth's Name: Dontavian

How long have you been matched? 10 months



Why did you choose this photo? This photo is important because it's from the first time we met. The fact we are both smiling isn't surprising since most of our match activities are filled with laughs, smiles...and pizza.

What are your favorite activities to do with each other and why? Our favorite activities include playing basketball, mini-golfing, watching Blizzard, Gamblers, Bullfrogs games, eating pizza and throwing the football to one another. Our favorite is probably bowling. We have some pretty close, competitive games when we bowl and we always seem to laugh the entire time!

Tell us about a funny moment you shared together.

Recently at a UWGB men's basketball game, Donta got picked to participate in an on-court promotion/contest where he had to put on a full uniform of a college player and dribble the length of the court and score. Donta did a great job and was the first to score in the contest, all while wearing an oversized jersey, size 14 shoes and shorts that kept falling off!

Do you two have any goals or things you are looking forward to doing this year? Our goal is to watch/play as many different sports as we can and try something we've maybe never done before every 3-4 outings. We have about eight sports crossed off the list, but there is definitely some more out there!

Anything else you would like to say or include? When I was going to meet Donta for the first time I decided to bring along a Green Bay Packers pennant for him. During the initial meeting, I discovered he was a Chicago Bears fan! Needless to say we have a lot of good-natured hassling during football season. I'm slowly trying to convert him!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin Celebrates 2012

Look at the front of this newsletter or take a peek at our website, you may see something different with the logo. It's a big year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin – we're celebrating our 40th anniversary!

How did it all begin?

The Green Bay YMCA started an unofficial, part-time Big Brothers program in 1972 with no national affiliation. Then in 1974, the Green Bay-De Pere YWCA started a similar Big Sisters program. With the YMCA's assistance, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brown County was created in affiliation with the national Big Brothers Big Sisters movement in 1977. Then in 1983, with help from United Way, the new agency absorbed the former YWCA program and changed its name from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brown County to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin. This change allowed the agency to extend services to Oconto County and Door County.

Over the years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has had the joy of impacting lives of Youth in our community based on our mission to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

As we enter our fifth decade, we continue to do so with the quality, excellence, and care we have been known for in Northeastern Wisconsin for the past 40 years.

Thank you for being a part of our success and celebration.



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Site-Based Match Activity Ideas

Make a Match Notebook

Share a notebook documenting the activities you do together and the things you want to try together in the future. Also use it to track each other's goals, funny stories, great ideas, compliments, and successes. You can alternate who takes it home each week and that person gets to write thoughts/stories for the other to read at your next meeting.



Kids Take the Lead

Ask your youth to teach you something. Let them pick the topic and allow them to explain without interruption. Ask lots of questions to gain an understanding of their point of view.

Identifying Role Models

Identify people in both your lives whom you admire and list the characteristics they possess (honesty, hard work, caring, helpful). Discuss what makes a good role model and what makes a poor role model.

Learning Together

Challenge yourselves to learn a new skill together. Learn to play a new game like cribbage or rummy. Learn the alphabet in sign-language or the presidents in order of their terms.

Mutual Complimenting

Share five things you like about one another and five things you each like about yourself. Focus on personality and character traits.



Inspiration Book

Collect articles, magazine tear-outs and news clippings that represent issues that are important to your youth. Create a collage of positive messages and put them in a notebook for them to keep.

Happy Anniversary!

New Matches

9 Years

Jennifer Morse & Marie

7 Years

Nancy Ledvina & Morgan
Amy Reineking & Amanda

6 Years

Mary Donaldson & Lydia
Michelle Landreman & Arianna

5 years

Ashley Huebscher & Victoria
Ricky and Sara Zellner & Caleb

4 years

Paul Peterson & Joshua
Jake Underwood & Anthony

3 years

Kimberly and Barry Weigert & Matthew

2 years

Vanessa Ashwood & Kiana
Maura Cherney & Cheyenne
Craig Diener & Macario
Dawn Murphy & Aleah
Karen Petasek & Fantasia

Kyle Phillips & Calvin
Jeanna Sperber & Emily
Joan and Richard Swigert & Juan
Sarah Umentum & Paige

1 year

Casey Ausloos & Dontavian
Marsha Bellin & Taylor
Ariel Bloniarz & Reynen
Marge Carpenter & Deneisha
Karla Delima & Gloria
Tracy Delsart & Dayne
Tina Eul & Desirae
Natlilie Faas & Maria
Maddie Ganzlin & Leslie
Nicole Gast & Grace
Maddie Gosser & Jackie
Nick Hammer & Tyler
Tammy Huettl & Tiffany
Jenna O'Sullivan & Neo
Michael Scheller & Alex
Hannah Sonderegger & Jamari
Sarah VandenLangenberg & Cassidy
Christopher VanLanen & Benny
Angela VanWyk & Kellen
Mike Zalaski & Jonah
Zachary Zander & Tevin

Abigail Bishop & Alexia
Marcy Boyer & Barbara
Elizabeth Butler & Rayven
Jon Copsey & Seth
Micayla Darrow & Hunter
Gosia Daugherty & Belle
Salome D'Cunha & Madison
Christopher Doran & Brandon
Alison Dufano & Madeline
Susan Dupont & Alanna
Christina Engstrom & Ambresia
Kalkidan Fett & Aleyna
Jessica Fullerton & Chantell
Melissa Fullerton & Mireya
Kelly Hayes & Madison
Nicole Helse & McKenna
Melissa Ikaunieks & Katherine
Timothy Jin & Nicholas
Pam and Steven Kuester & Jalyyn
Lindsey Kulbacki & Ariana
Kayla Lardinois & Jasmine
Robyn Lauritsen & Prisila
Pheng Lovaj & Elijah
Nicole Maier & Natalie
Jasmine Myhre & Naomi
Karen Ries & Elizabeth
Theresa Stinski & Cheyenne
Jade Stick & Maia
Barbara Vo-Koldos & Nkauj Zong

2011 Performance Measures

Youth Impact

At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we use performance measures to ensure we are making the impact we want in the community. The following is a listing of our 2011 outcomes.

Matches

Community-Based Youth Served = 262
(2011 goal: 270)

Site-Based Youth Served = 188 (2011 goal: 180)

Match Length

Community-Based = 31 months
(2011 goal: 28 months)

Site-Based = 11 months (2011 goal: 13 months)

6-Month Retention Rate

Community-Based = 85% (goal: 85%)

Site-Based = 82% (goal: 85%)

Youth Outcome Survey (YOS)

(8 categories: grades, education expectations, risk attitudes, social acceptance, parental trust, truancy, scholastic competency, special adult)

94% Improvement in 1 category (goal: 87%)

72% Improvement in 3 categories (goal: 60%)



Maximizing My Child's Potential

10 HABITS TO MAXIMIZE MY POTENTIAL

1. Surround myself with positive friends.
2. Follow a hobby or interest during the next 30 days.
3. Exercise at least 30 minutes every alternative day (for at least 2.5 hours a week).
4. Spend at least 10 minutes a day reflecting about my life and purpose.
5. Get 9 hours sleep every night.
6. Join a youth, cultural or community club.
7. Seek three adults (in addition to my parents) I trust with my life and stay in touch with them.
8. Give my academic, school subjects or work experience priority in my life.
9. Set specific, measurable, intentional, limiting, extending, realistic and achievable goals for myself, using short or small action steps.
10. Be myself - I am unique! Have fun and do nothing that could be potentially life-threatening.

