



# Match Times

June/July 2011

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## Annual Appreciation Dinner

Big Brothers Big Sisters held its 39<sup>th</sup> annual Appreciation Dinner on April 26 at the Clarion Hotel. A record number of guests attended this special evening of recognition and appreciation. The dinner is held annually to thank and honor our mentors, youth, board members, contributors and volunteers who make Big Brothers Big Sisters so successful. The following are award recipients:

### President's Award

- Cornerstone Foundation of Northeastern Wisconsin

### President's Gold Circle Award

- Digital Design Services, Inc.
- Green Bay Packaging, Inc.
- Green Bay Packers
- Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- Schneider National, Inc.
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### President's Silver Circle Award

- American Foods Group
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- Greater Green Bay Community Foundation
- Humana
- George Kress Foundation
- M&I
- Schenck SC
- Linda Smith
- Wisconsin Public Service Foundation

### Maria Krohn Award

- Karen Petasek

### Partnership of the Year

- Fay Dental Care

### Mentors of the Year

- Marsha Valentine, Community-Based
- Mike Keene, Site-Based

### Youth of the Year

- Alysa Retel, Community-Based
- Quentin Teller, Site-Based

### Spirit Award

- Theresa Stinski & Daniela Santiago

### Years of Service Recognition

#### 25 Years

- Julie Rupiper

#### 10 Years

- Mark Anderson & Aeron Haynie
- Mark Mullins
- Chris Ostrand
- Kerry & Trisha Paulson
- Karen Petasek

#### 5 Years

- Scott Denny
- Amy Dillenberg
- Mary Donaldson
- Tracy Hildner
- Michelle Landreman
- Kelly O'Connor
- Matthew Piesler
- Sue Pike
- Casey Rentmeester
- Betty Roesch
- Kimberly Shukosky
- Ann Weiss

## Letter from Executive Director

There is a saying relating to a vine and branches that if the branches remain connected to the vine, much goodness will come. The branches are dependent upon the vine.

Every one of us is a branch; and we are all connected by the vine. Our staff are branches to each of you. Our Board members and volunteers are branches to our agency. Our donors are branches to our community. Our parents are branches to their children. Our mentors are branches to the youth they mentor. And our youth are branches to our future.

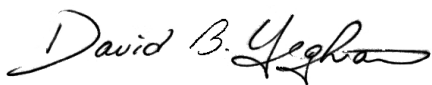
Together, we are all branches – serving a greater vine to impact the lives of youth – and we are succeeding in most areas. Despite having many branches, we still have opportunities to improve. We have approximately 100 youth on our Ready To Be Matched list – 70% are boys – so we have a continued need for mentors – especially male mentors.

Who else can we find to become branches? The more moments we share, the more opportunities we'll have to find more people to become branches – and continue to impact the lives of our children.

Being involved with our agency makes us better friends, better parents, better leaders and better citizens. This leads to a better community... and we set the example for children. Each of our branches can lead to so many others.

Children are the reason we are all branches. To get the vine – or greater gift – we must honor the children. I encourage you to take time to share a moment with others. This is the best way we can grow our program for more youth, donors and mentors.

Thank you.



David B. Yeager

## Self Esteem Social Group Class

American Foundation of Counseling Services is offering a group class where children (age 6 -12) can interact with peers in a therapeutic environment and address issues such as: respecting boundaries, expressing feelings appropriately, dealing with teasing and anger, identifying self and others positively, and accepting responsibility for wrongdoing. There are five weekly sessions which are offered throughout the year; held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. For more information call 437-8256.

American Foundation of Counseling Services, Inc.  
130 E. Walnut Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301

## Junior Staff Opportunities

We are looking for high school age Youth who are currently matched to a Mentor in our Community-Based Program to act as junior staff at agency sponsored activities and events. These are volunteer positions that count for hours of community service that are required by area public schools for graduation. Duties you can choose from include: facilitating games, marketing and recruitment, helping with set up and take down at events, and public speaking. If you are interested, please contact Mary Malcore-Miller by June 30 at [marym@bbbsnew.org](mailto:marym@bbbsnew.org) or call 498-2227.

## Site-Based: Contact Over Summer

As summer approaches it is important to consider how you will keep the connection you have with your youth during the months you don't see each other. A great way to do this is to periodically send him/her a letter. This reminds them that you are thinking about them and makes them feel important. Kids love getting mail, so please consider writing to your youth at least once during the summer months.

You can email or mail me a message for your youth, and I will forward it to him/her with a note encouraging them to write back to you.

Email: [stacieb@bbbsnew.org](mailto:stacieb@bbbsnew.org)

Address: Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Attention: Site-Based Coordinator  
1345 West Mason St., Suite 210  
Green Bay, WI 54303



## Cyberbullying



Cyber-bullying has been defined by Merriam-Webster as "the electronic posting of mean-spirited messages about a person (as a student) often done anonymously."

Cyber-bullying can be as simple as continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender, but it may also include threats, sexual remarks, pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech), ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact aimed at humiliation.

Cyberbullying victims may be targeted anywhere, at any time. About one-third of online teens have been cyberbullied (age 12-17). Girls are more likely to be targeted.

**-Cyberbullying 2010, "What the Research Tells Us," Pew Internet and American Life Project, 2010**

### Help protect children from bullying

Bullying is often seen as an unfortunate, but natural part of adolescence. However, pediatrician Dr. Sharon Cooper warns, "Cyberbullying can affect the social, emotional, and physical health of a child." For these reasons, it is important that adults help a child deal with and respond to cyberbullying.

- Tell your Youth not to respond to rude e-mails, messages and comments.
- Save the evidence, such as e-mail and text messages, and take screenshots of comments and images. Also, take note of the date and time when the harassment occurs.
- Contact your Internet service provider (ISP) or cell phone provider. Ask the website administrator or ISP to remove any Web page created to hurt your Youth.
- If harassment is via **e-mail, social networking sites, IM, or chat rooms**; instruct your Youth to "block" bullies or delete the current account and open a new one.

Make a report to [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com), and if you feel something illegal has occurred, inform law enforcement.

**-Netsmartz** ([www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org))

## Back to School Store

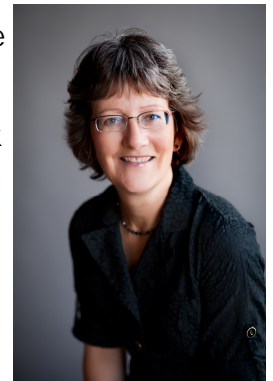
The 2011 Back To School Store is taking place on **Wednesday, August 10**. **Space is limited so sign up early**. Each child will receive the following free of charge: pair of jeans, shirt, underwear and socks, shoes, backpack, school supplies, grooming kits, storybook, hearing and vision screening, dental screening and haircut certificates.

Since your child is enrolled in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, their siblings will also be eligible. Please be aware that your child (children) must be in 5 year old kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2011-2012 school year, reside in Brown County and qualify for free or reduced lunch. **Please fill out the form on page #4 and send it to the Big Brothers Big Sisters office. Once we receive it, your ticket to the store will be mailed.**

If you have a child in middle school and/or high school, you may request a backpack of school supplies. This year you must sign up for the backpacks. If you qualify, please contact Reva Shaw at 498-2227 or [revas@bbbsnew.org](mailto:revas@bbbsnew.org) to sign up.

## Marie Krohn Award

Karen Petasek is the kind of volunteer every organization wants on their team, and Big Brothers Big Sisters is extremely proud to have her on ours. As a Board member for the past four years, and mentor for the past ten years, Karen consistently shows a willingness to do whatever needs to be done; whether it's attending meetings, thinking outside the box for fresh ideas, mentoring youth or volunteering at various events. When we think of the "ideal committee member," Karen comes to mind. She attends almost every meeting, is always thinking of new places to contact and is extremely responsive. She also volunteers at our events and is willing to do whatever task needs to be done.



During her time with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Karen has mentored five different children. Karen is currently mentoring Fantasia, whom she meets with once a week over her lunch hour. The time they share together has made a lasting impact on Fantasia.

# Back to School Store

Please send completed form to: Big Brothers Big Sisters—1345 W. Mason St., Suite 210, Green Bay, WI 54303. Once received, we will send your Back to School Store ticket.

**\*\* Please Print All Information \*\***

## PARENT/GUARDIAN:

**AGENCY NAME: Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
**AGENCY PHONE # (920)498-2227**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

What is the parent/guardian's language preference?

Check one:  English  Spanish  Hmong  Russian

Does this child (children) participate in the free or reduced lunch program at school?  Yes  No

**CHILD/CHILDREN'S:** Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City

1. Last Name: _____	2. First Name: _____
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Male	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Female
5. Age _____	
6. Grade Entering in Fall _____	<b>MUST BE 5K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>

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3. <input type="checkbox"/> Male	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize representatives of the Back to School Store Coalition to check any records or information about my financial situation, household composition, or any other necessary information to determine eligibility for the Back to School Store supplies. I authorize my child to appear in any media coverage of the Back to School Store.   Y  N

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# 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.

## June Match of the Month

DAYTON & Big Brother Nick



**Mentor's Name:** Nick Palm **Youth's Name:** Dayton  
**Program:** Community-Based Program  
**Length of Match:** 3 years

Dear Mentor Nick,

Thanks for hanging out with me. I always have a lot of fun when you're around. I like how you make everything fun to do. I also like when we play football, baseball or some other sport activity. Thank you Nick for everything you've done for me. Thanks for going to my sports and school activities. Some activities we do with each other are:

- Going to get hot chocolate
  - Going to the Packer Hall of Fame
  - Playing sports
  - Visiting the Bay Area Humane Society
- Visiting Bay Beach
  - Chillin at Nick's apartment and just talking
  - Playing on the computer
  - Going out to eat

Sincerely,  
Your Youth Dayton



## July Match of the Month



**Mentor's Name:** Allan Jamir **Youth's Name:** Baylee  
**Program:** Community-Based Program

**How long have you been matched?** It will be one year in July!

**Why did you choose this photo?** It's from the first day we met! We continue the smiles and laughter.

**What are your favorite activities to do with each other?** We like to play baseball, go to the park and visit Bay Beach. Baylee also enjoys reading to Al.

**Tell us about a fun moment you shared together.** We attended a Gamblers game with Al's friend Tom, a volunteer with the Gamblers. Tom arranged for us to sit behind the goalie in the PARTY PIT. Tom gave us a Gamblers jersey which the players signed after we skated with them on the ice after the game. We had a great time.

**What are your summer plans?** We want to play baseball, go to the park, visit Heritage Hill and Neville Museum, and go fishing.

**Is there anything else you would like to say?** We love to laugh a lot!

## Match & Youth of the Year



Mentor Marsha Valentine and Youth Alysa are our only match that was made in the 1900's – their match date was May 6, 1999. In the 12 years of their match, Marsha and Alysa have had more than 600 match outings. Alysa has moved from

kindergarten to a senior in high school, and through it all Marsha has been her consistent Mentor.

They have enjoyed a wide variety of activities over the years: walks at the Wildlife Sanctuary, baking/cooking, visits to the library, making Christmas gifts, going to movies, visiting schools of higher education that Alysa is interesting in attending, and attending agency activities.

Through it all they have been consistently getting together; even after Alysa landed a part-time job and needed to juggle school and work she made time to get together with Marsha. Alysa will graduate this June and is off to pursue a Culinary Arts degree at Fox Valley Technical College. She and Marsha will be lifelong friends.

Congratulations Marsha and Alysa!

## Match & Youth of the Year

Mike Keene and Youth Quentin have been matched in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Site-Based Program at Eisenhower for one year.

When we told Mike about winning the Site-Based Mentor of the Year, Mike said, "I really didn't expect the recognition and it is my pleasure to spend time with Quentin." Often, mentors don't realize the positive impact they are having on a child, and Mike and Quentin are a great example of this. The match spends their time working on model airplanes, playing chess, Scrabble and football. The 1-to-1 time spent together means a lot to Quentin!

While wearing Mike's old Packer sweatshirt, Quentin says, "Mike is the same as me. He is a good guy, a great mentor, and I like everything about him. Mike appreciates me, and I appreciate him. We appreciate each other." Mike says he has learned many lessons from Quentin in regards to being optimistic and open-minded. In addition, Mike says, "Quentin is articulate, very smart, and uses his potential."

The match plans to participate in Summer Plus and is hoping to go fishing and visit Tundra Lodge.



## Spirit Award



Theresa Stinski and Daniela have been matched for three years. The past year has been an exciting time for the both of them. Daniela is getting ready to graduate high school. With a new driver's license, part-time job, CNA certifications and taking AP classes; Daniela is extremely goal driven.

Even with all these activities, Theresa and Daniela find time to share the message about the impact that Big Brothers Big Sisters has had on both their lives. Theresa regularly helps recruit volunteers from her employer: Wisconsin Public Service. Daniela shares her story with others to encourage them to become mentors. Also, they both have spoken in front of groups on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Theresa has helped Daniela reach her goals. Daniela will be the first in her family to attend college. With Theresa's help in filling out college applications, Daniela recently was accepted and awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to Ripon College. She will be pursuing a degree in Pre-Med and Human Biology. Her goal in life is become a Family Practitioner.

Thank you both for sharing your "spirit" with those around you.

## 6 Years

Amy Dillenberg & Michaela  
Kelley O'Connor & Rebecca

## 5 Years

LaReina Tipping & Alona

## 4 Years

Jill Barlament & Jenny  
Kelly Casperson & Quintessa  
Carol Hicks & Kayla  
Jennifer Keiler & Alison  
Mary Krehbiel & Heather  
Mathew Mikulsky & Mathew

## 3 Years

Thomas Lehrer & Zachary  
Paul Lukowitz & Thomas  
Sara Smits & Jamie  
Denny Tattum & Chandler  
Betty and Richard Varga &  
Branden

## 2 Years

Lori Collar & Holly  
Michael Connell & Christopher  
Amanda Lamal & Taylor  
Jeff Langenberg & Damon  
David Ness & Drew  
Greg Rotherham & Eathan  
Joy Rueden & Alexis  
Shawn Schmidt & Anthony  
Barry and Kimberly Weigert &  
Mathew  
Bradley Zerilli & Brennan

## 1 Year

Paula Becker & Elisabeth  
Sarah Dworak & Lydia  
Nick Long & Adrian  
Allan Jamir & Baylee  
Amber Maino & Jazlynn  
Brenda Johnson & Victoria  
Katrina Puyleart & Karlie  
Stephanie Voight & Chloe  
Mallory Woelfel & Alyssa  
David Yeghiaian & Grant



## Welcome New Matches!

Gaurav Bansal and Pooja Agarwal  
& Riccardo  
Carla Castro & Ashley  
Rebecca Cleveland & Gavriella  
Hillary Kline & Laurie  
Megan Verheyen & Zoe  
Whitley Wasielewski & Shealyn  
Lucas Zeitler & Tyler

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following  
Youth who are about to graduate  
High School.

Big Brothers Big Sisters and their  
Mentors are very proud. Thank you  
to the parents for sharing your child  
with Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Northeastern Wisconsin. Best of  
luck!

Kapri Brunette (Bay Port High  
School) has been matched to Marti  
Spittell-Ziegelbauer for nine years.

Deitric Gray (Seymour High School)  
plans to attend Rochester  
Community & Tech (2 year school)  
for Sports Medicine and will transfer  
to Winona State to complete his  
degree (another 4 years). He will be  
playing football for Rochester  
Community & Tech. He has been  
matched to Kerry and Trisha  
Paulson for 10 years.

Alysa Retel (Preble High School)  
plans to attend the Culinary School  
at Fox Valley Tech. Alysa has been  
matched to Marsha Valentine for 11  
years.

Daniela Santiago (East High School)  
plans to attend Ripon College for  
pre-med. Daniela has been matched  
to Theresa Stinski for four years.

## Summer Tech Camps at NWTC

**Who:** Students entering grades 5-8.

**Where:** NWTC (Green Bay Campus)

**Cost:** Camp Fee is \$35 which includes:  
materials, snacks and T-shirt.  
(Scholarships are available)

### **Camps Available:**

- Law Enforcement, Emergency  
Medical Technician, Firefighting  
(June 21-23 ~ 8:30 a.m.-noon)
- Manufacturing Madness-Herbal  
Soaps and Lip Balm  
(July 18-22 ~ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistant,  
Nursing, Medical Assistant  
(July 27- 28 ~ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- Math Camp  
(August 1-4 ~ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

To sign up, please contact Ricci at  
[ricci@bbbsnew.org](mailto:ricci@bbbsnew.org) or 498-2227.

## Botanical Garden Activities

### **The Great Muffin Experiment**

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mix up basic muffin dough, then let  
your inner chef experiment with  
different combinations of fillings and  
toppings. You'll have fun tasting your  
creations!

### **Ice Cream, You Scream**

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Did you know plants can make delicious  
ice cream toppings? Join us to learn  
how to make your own ice cream and  
tasty herb toppings, then enjoy a cool  
treat. Plant a mint plant to take home  
with you.

### **Handmade Papers**

Wednesday, August 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

Learn about the science behind making  
your own paper. Then try it out by  
adding flowers, foil and string to make a  
unique piece of art to take home.

To sign up, please contact Kelle at  
Botanical Garden. Kelle may be reached  
at [khartman@gbbg.org](mailto:khartman@gbbg.org) or  
491-3691 ext. 107.



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