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of Northeastern Wisconsin



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Upcoming Match Activities

Holiday Party



A BIG thank you to Charlie Nickel for sponsoring the annual Holiday Party; which gives us a chance to celebrate the Holiday Season together.

Everyone will enjoy a family style chicken lunch, telling Mr. and Mrs. Claus what they want for Christmas while they hand out presents, and the fun of getting to know others involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Who: Mentors, youth, ready-to-be matched youth, families of youth in the program

When: Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: The Woods (430 Erie Rd, Green Bay)

How: You **MUST** sign up through the office by calling Ann at (920) 498-2227 or email annp@bbbsnew.org by November 11. Space is limited so sign up now.



Fall Horse Drawn Hayride

Join us for a horse drawn hayride through the woods, including a stop at a bonfire where we will enjoy cookies and cider.

Who: Matched Community-Based Mentors and Youth

When: Tuesday, October 11 (loading bus at 5:15, leaving at 5:30 from BBBS office)

Where: Rock K Ranch, Greenleaf

Cost: \$7.00 Mentor; the cost for the Youth is being sponsored by the agency

Space is limited so call today to reserve your spot on the wagon. If you plan to drive directly to the Ranch please let Ann know when you sign up.

RSVP: Contact Ann at (920) 498-2227 or email annp@bbbsnew.org by Monday, October 10

Roller-Skating

Join us for a fun evening of skating, pizza, games and prizes!

Where: Rola-Rena, 731 Morris Ave., Green Bay

When: Tuesday, November 8: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.50 for mentors

\$1.00 for skate rental

\$2.00 for blade rental

***Youth get in for free, including free skate rental.**



Each person will receive two slices of pizza. The snack bar will be open to purchase soda, candy, slush, etc. A number of games and prizes will be provided throughout the evening. Up to 15 matches may sign up on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Ann at (920) 498-2227 or email annp@bbbsnew.org to sign up your match.

Letter from Executive Director

It's hard to believe it's been 2 years since I joined this amazing organization. Let's celebrate the successes achieved – thanks to each of you.

Programs: The quality of our Community-Based program continues to exceed national averages and we are retaining more matches. Our Site-Based program has expanded from 10 to 20 sites in the past year, quality has improved and we are serving 20% more children.

Events: Our three major events – Bowl for Kids' Sake, Golf for Kids' Sake, and Taste of the Town – have all surpassed their financial goals. Based on your feedback, each event has improved in non-financial areas to be more fun and engaging for attendees.

Volunteers: We continue to recruit new mentors and committee members, and two-thirds of our Board members are new. Each has helped open doors with a new organization, individual or community partner.

Employees: Our team is the best group of individuals I've ever worked with. Of 11 employees, 5 are new in the past 2 years; so we have a great mix of experienced knowledge and new perspectives. Most new employees are the result of new roles based on agency growth.

Financials: The four areas above have resulted in strong financial health – the best in approximately 10 years.

I reviewed my first newsletter message from 2 years ago – after being with the agency only 4 weeks. It said, "successful organizations need three things: (1) a clear strategy with prioritized goals, (2) engaged people willing to do what it takes to effectively implement the goals, and (3) donations from those that care and understand about the organization so we can appropriately recruit and retain more volunteers and youth."

While there are opportunities for continued improvement, mainly with mentor recruitment, let's celebrate our successes. Thank you for helping accomplish these items and we look forward to building on our strong foundation for continued growth in 2012 and beyond.

David B. Yegha

Taste of the Town

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin will be holding its 19th Annual Taste of the Town event on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay.

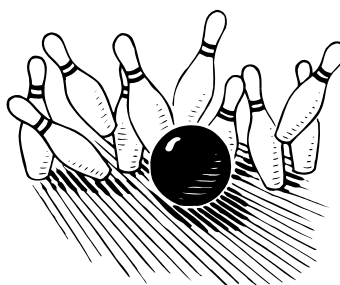
Caterers from the best establishments in the area will team up with local celebrities to create culinary sensations for guests to enjoy all evening along with an exciting live and silent auction.

Premier Event Chef Showdown tickets are available for \$125 each and Main Event tickets are available for \$100.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased by contacting the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (920) 498-2227 during regular business hours or online at <http://bbbsnew.org>



Bowl for Kids' Sake



Happy Hour Bowl
Friday, February 24 at
Riviera Lanes
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Bowl
Sunday, February 26 at
Riviera Lanes
11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Humana Company Bowl
(reserved for Humana employees)
Saturday, January 28 at
Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.



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.

October Match of the Month

Mentor's Name: Laura Wolanin

Youth's Name: Anna

How long have you been matched? 3 years in October

Why did you choose this photo?

This was our first year together and Anna's first Packers game. We had a ridiculous number of layers on to beat the 30 below wind chill and lasted until the end of the 3rd quarter despite the cold. Thanks to Big Brothers Big Sisters for the donated tickets!



What are your favorite activities to do with each other?

We love to cook together and are always up for trying a new recipe...mostly because we love to eat. We also love to be creative and get crafty by making fleece tie blankets, frames, t-shirts or signs for sports games, and fuse beads. When we don't know what to do, a homework party, walk on the fox river trail or favorite movie (with popcorn) is always fun.

Tell us about a funny moment you shared together.

Anna has a GREAT sense of humor, so we are always laughing together. Anna thinks it's funny when Laura tries to act "hip" and Laura laughs at all the bizarre high school lingo she learns from Anna.

Anything else you would like to say or include?

We are so grateful for Big Brothers Big Sisters because we have had opportunities that would otherwise be hard to make happen on our own – attending a Packers game, cheering on the Gamblers hockey team, seeing the Phoenix basketball team, meeting Packers at past holiday parties, receiving tickets to see the Blizzard indoor football team, free school supplies and countless other support. Thank you for matching us, Big Brothers Big Sisters!

November Match of the Month



Mentor's Name: Tracy Hildner

Youth's Name: Ciara

How long have you been matched? We have been matched for one year

Why did you chose this photo?

We had it taken at the Appreciation Dinner in April, where we had a great time together and joked around a lot!

What are your favorite activities to do with each other?

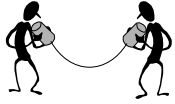
Last year when Ciara was in 5th grade, we met at Pioneer. Then, over the summer, we joined Summer Plus; so we got to spend time together in the community going swimming, to movies, and to Tundra Lodge. Now, this year, we meet at Washington Middle School!

Tell us about a funny moment you shared together.

After the Big Brothers Big Sisters Picnic we got caught in the rain. Ciara made up a song called "Don't Be Afraid of the Rain," which she sang very loudly to everyone. We got completely soaked!

Any thing else you would like to say or include?

We both like to read, do crafts, and play board games together. Ciara says, "Tracy and I have lots...and lots...and lots of fun together always!"



Get an idea of your child's life at school by asking questions about their day that provides more than just one-word responses. Ask specific, but open-ended questions. Ask your child to describe his or her world and feelings. Try one of these conversation starters.

- ◆ Can you tell me about the best part of your day?
- ◆ What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- ◆ Did any of your classmates do anything funny? What did they do?
- ◆ What did you read about in class today?
- ◆ Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- ◆ Do you think any of your class subjects are too easy or too hard?
- ◆ What is the biggest difference about this school year and last school year?
- ◆ What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
- ◆ Who did you sit with at lunch?
- ◆ Can you show me something you learned or did today?
- ◆ If you could change one thing at school, what would it be?
- ◆ If you could change three things about yourself, what would they be?
- ◆ Which one of your friends at school do you like the most and why?
- ◆ What does the word "success" mean to you?
- ◆ What sport or activity haven't you tried that you think you would be good at? Why?
- ◆ Do you feel you are as intelligent as most of your friends? Why or why not?
- ◆ Is there anybody in history that you have read about that you would like to be? Who?
- ◆ What paper have you written in school that you felt proud of? Tell me about it.
- ◆ Is there anything you pretend you understand, but really don't? What is it?
- ◆ What would you do if you were invisible for a day?

Rummage Sale!

Don't miss this GREAT Rummage Sale!

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: East Side Boys & Girls Club, 1451 University Avenue.

Service League of Green Bay, the same group that does the Back to School Store, is hosting their 74th annual Rummage Sale. Most items and clothing are only \$0.75 cents! They will have gently used clothing (baby and child sizes), books, toys and household items.



Fun and Engaging Match Activities:

- ✓ Pick out something your youth talks about each week (a hobby, subject, current event, animal, famous person, etc.) and bring in an interesting/ education/age appropriate article from online or a book that related to it the following week. This gives you something interesting to talk about, your youth will learn something, and he/she will know that you listen and care.



- ✓ Together, learn a simple magic trick to amaze his/her friends.
 - ✓ Make a calendar of the big events for the year (birthdays, holidays, vacations). Mark down all the days you are planning to meet. Tell them now about days you won't be able to make it.
 - ✓ Talk about goals for the school year.
 - ✓ Bring photos of your family, pets, childhood, and any other significant events in your life and have your youth do the same. Tell each other stories.
- ✓ Make mini-pizzas using English muffins topped with pizza sauce, cheese and pepperoni. Talk about new foods you want to try together next week (i.e. kiwis, avocados, spinach).
- ✓ Use a globe/map to locate friends, travel destinations, and current events together. Talk about the different trips you've taken, what you saw and learned. Bring in pictures.
- ✓ Together, learn to count to 10 in a foreign language.
- ✓ Help your youth compose a letter to a politician regarding an issue of importance to him/her.
- ✓ Learn about compliments. Talk about what you each like about yourselves. Ask him/her what they want help improving at.



- ✓ Look up new words in a dictionary and use them in funny sentences.
 - ✓ Make a list of what each of you are thankful for and add to it each week.
 - ✓ Talk about your favorite books. Help him/her write a letter to the author of a book he/she really likes.
- ✓ Encourage him/her to admire professional athletes who are worthy of his/her admiration on and off the field. Bring in articles about them
- ✓ Clean out their desk or locker and talk about organization skills
- ✓ Design a holiday and birthday cards together for all of your family members and friends.



Happy Anniversary!

New Matches!

10 Years

Dan and Teri Drella & Alexander

6 Years

Matthew Piesler & Armando
Ann Weiss & Carrie

5 Years

Julie Falk & Jashon
Becky DeVries & Jacoia

4 Years

Jay Ramos & Donovan
Steve and Kerry Draxler & Quintin
Russell Stover & Terrance
Jeff Linsmeyer & Adam
Lisa Johnson & Deanna
Art Despina & Edgar
Russell Schisel & Tyler
Michelle Breitenfeldt & Akacia
Sara Karcz-Schnell & Polina
Greta Ducat & Hailey

3 Years

Heidi Blattner & Aliyah
Cathy Henderson & Anna Marie
Joy Rueden & Alexsis
Lisa Vanden Avond & Andrew
Laura Wolanin & Anna
Jennifer Rennells & Ashley
Matthew Metzler & Drew
Natalie Faas & Maria
Tina Morissette & Crystal

2 Year

Karen Merrell & Lexi
Cynthia Jansen & Tatiana
Ashley Meidl & Bailey
Amy Olson & Libby
Michelle Baker & Grace
Samantha Bouressa & Tanya
Tina Jacqmin & Demi
Wendy Koehler & Nina
Cheyne Herro & Shannon

1 Year

Trisha Van Hecke & Jasmin
Jennifer Nooyen & Itzel
Carl Shakal & Christopher
Tracy Hildner & Ciara
Ashtin Schmechel & Makayla
Jessica Doyle & Katie
Cynthia Frisch & Ashlei
Emily Landa & Vicky
Ann Sprenger & Judy
Michael Pamperin & Jamel
Emily Patterson & Hanna
Alexis Streckenbach & Chyanne
Courtney Strom & Bryton
Ellie Rasmussen & Jordyn
Stephanie Spang & Maria
Breanne Thompson & Sean
Melodie Behringer & Pachi
Zachary Diestler & Raysean
Heather Micooley & Kaylee
Jim Brokaw & Kiley
Bogdan Turcinovic & Jackson
Zachary Zander & Tevin
Kari Scharine & Jade
Bob Titus & Eelijah
Krista Mc Mahon & Trinity
Joe Shefchik & Russell
Don and Brenda Schlump & Kameron



Ashlee Everson & Justice
Francisco Espinosa & Sergio
Kylie Enright & Paige
Dori Rettler & Victoria
Megan McGuff & Kristina
Beth Bardouche & Sawyer
Rachel Coughlin & Haile
Scott and Sandy Fragale & Donte'
AshleyDanielle Volz & Maria
Brian Brockman & Antonio
Tenzing Ihamo & Elizabeth
Nikole Metter & Madison
Shana Defnet & Maria

In Memory Of...

Scott Andre 1981-2011



Scott Andre, a mentor with us, lost his battle with cancer on September 9, 2011. He will be greatly missed by Big Brothers Big Sisters and his Youth, David.

Scott was a mentor with us more than five years and was an ideal mentor in many ways. He also participated in our fundraisers and was a member of the Activity Committee — he was always the first to ask “what can I do to help?” Scott touched many lives in his brief life, and we are forever grateful for the time and effort he gave to our organization.

