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Wisconsin Match of the Year: Sue Laskowski & Lake from Oconto County

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Sue Laskowski and Lake, 2010 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin Match of the Year, have been selected as the Wisconsin Match of the Year. They are now in the running for National Match of the Year to be determined in April. The National Match of the Year is awarded a trip to the White House to meet the President. Sue both reside in Oconto County.

Since 1985, Sue Laskowski has spent more than 6,500 hours mentoring five youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters; each time staying matched until the youth graduated high school. Her current match with Lake started in September 2005. Lake had brothers who were matched, so when she turned 7 she was more than ready for her chance to have a mentor.

Lake and Sue have been meeting every Wednesday night since then. The fact that they live in rural Oconto County, with 30 miles separating them, never seems to deter their plans to get together. They have set an example of volunteering and giving of their time to others; brightening the lives of people they come in contact with. They write letters to two elderly ladies in assisted living homes, as well as to a soldier stationed in Iraq. They volunteer at the local library where they spend each Wednesday evening; and they top the night off by going for ice cream and talking.

Lake has made steady progress through the years. She was once a shy child and is now able to speak publicly as she did at our 2010 Appreciation dinner in front of 200 people, including providing video testimonial (www.bbbsnew.org/videos.php). Lake is on the high school honor roll, serves as the student representative on the student council, holding the secretary position; and is on the basketball team.

Sue and Lake have kept a scrap book that chronicles their relationship. The smiles on each of their faces in the pictures are a testimony of how much this mentoring relationship has added and enriched their lives. Lake has commented that their time together has been some of the “happiest memories in my life.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin is the premier youth mentoring organization in the area, serving Brown, Oconto and Door counties. The agency’s mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Since 1972, this non-profit organization has expertly matched children ages 6 and up with volunteer mentors. For more information, visit www.bbbsnew.org.