



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MANCHESTER CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LITTLE MOMENTS...BIG MAGIC



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Happy fall to all of our BBBS family!
Wow how time flies, we are right on the heels on the upcoming Holiday season, and it seems like yesterday we were basking in the Summer sun!*

We have had some exciting new things taking place within our agency. First off we have partnered with Division for Children, Youth, and Families. This initiative is backed by federal dollars, which will support youth in the foster care system ages 14-17 to be matched with an adult role model in our agency. We held a press conference on 11/2/06 to kick this partnership off, and we have received a wide range of approval and support of this partnership from the State Commissioner, John Stephen, as well as locally from Mayor Guinta.

Another great new program is called "Read to Succeed". We have partnered with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce on this initiative to help children read up to grade level by the end of 3rd grade. This is in the interest of greatly decreasing the Manchester School District drop out rate.

More mentors are desperately needed for both programs so please call our office for more information on how you can become involved!

In honor of this Thanksgiving season, I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do for the children of Greater Manchester. BBBS would not be here if it wasn't for the selfless giving of time and funds that our supporters supply every year.

With Thanks,
Jocelyn
Executive Director

REMINDER TO ALL BIGS

If your Little or their family become involved in an emergency situation and you are aware of this while it is in process PLEASE contact the authorities FIRST this will ensure the safety of the child and his/her family as well as your safety. It is important to alert the authorities first in an emergency as they are trained to handle these situations, they will be able to assist you on what to do next. Once the authorities have been contacted then you can place a call to the BBBS office. Our hours of operation are M-F 8:30-5:00. If a situation occurs at a time when our office is closed leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible after you have alerted the authorities. Safety of all our matches is our main concern.

Safety First
-Erin Laviolette
Program Manager

BBBS NEEDS MENTORS!

1 OUT OF 10 NEW VOLUNTEERS AT BBBS ARE MEN, WHICH MEANS THAT PLENTY OF YOUNG BOYS ARE READY AND WAITING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN TO STEP FORWARD IN A BIG WAY. BEING A BIG BROTHER REQUIRES NO SPECIAL SKILLS OR SACRIFICE-JUST THE DESIRE TO SHARE A LITTLE OF THE LIFE YOU ARE ALREADY LIVING.

CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 669-5365 x 201 TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL VALERIE AT VALERIE@BBBSMANCHESTER.ORG
GET INVOLVED IN A BIG WAY, BECOME A BIG!



SAFETY TRAINING WITH OFFICER RONDAU FROM THE MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

We will be holding a Safety and Emergency Situation training. It will deal with developing an Emergency Plan in the event that a situation may arise involving your Little and/or their family while they are with you.

Date: Tuesday Nov 28, 2006 12-1pm Location: TBA

RSVP to Valerie

669-5365 x 201

Valerie@bbbsmanchester.org



**JOIN US SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9TH FOR OUR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY
PARTY.**

**TIME: 10 AM- 1PM
LOCATION: SALVATION
ARMY
121 CEDAR STREET
MANCHESTER
RSVP By Dec 1st**



• On December 1st BBBS will be selling
• the **50/50 Raffle** tickets at the
• Manchester Monarchs home game.
• BBBS will receive half the profits
• from the 50/50 tickets.
• So come on down, cheer on the
• Monarchs and support BBBS by
• purchasing a ticket, who knows maybe
• you'll get the other half of the pot!

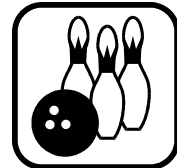
**HAVE OLD BOARD GAMES??
WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF BOARD
GAMES FOR OUR SITE BASED MENTORING
PROGRAMS. CONTACT HEATHER AT
669-5365 x 202 OR EMAIL HER AT
HEATHER@BBBSMANCHESTER.ORG**

**BIGS MEETING BIGS
DECEMBER 5TH & JANUARY 10TH**

BIGS MEETING BIGS IS HELD IN ORDER TO HONOR OUR VOLUNTEERS WITH AN INEXPENSIVE NIGHT OUT WHERE THEY CAN GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER BIGS, CHAT WITH THE STAFF OF BBBS, AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE BBBS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SO COME ON DOWN AND JOIN US. THE MORE THE MERRIER SO FEEL FREE TO BRING SPOUSES, FRIENDS, OR CO-WORKERS ALONG WITH YOU!

**TIME: 5:30-7:30
RSVP TO VALERIE AT 669-5365 x 201
VALERIE@BBBSMANCHESTER.ORG**

**LOCATIONS:
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JANUARY 10TH- TBA**



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