



**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Fall 2009**

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**Do you have stories of times spent with your little or examples of little moments making BIG magic? We would love to highlight a Big and a Little in every issue of our newsletter. Please contact Kristy at (603) 669-5365 x206 and share your story with the BBBSGM community!**

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**Message from Executive Director  
Jocelyn Perez**



**Happy Fall to my Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester Friends!**

**Boy the summer turned out to be a nice one once the rain stopped.**

**As we enter in to the fall season and soon to be Holiday season I want to share with you a few thoughts on what I am thankful for. When I started working for Big Brothers Big Sisters in the fall of 2003 I had no idea where this journey would take me. Since then it has been my joy to see how much mentors truly make a difference in not only the life of the child they are matched to but in the community as well. In a world that consistently seems to be getting more complex and busy it is so refreshing to see that there is still so much power in the simple things we do. A smile, a laugh, a listening ear, a walk in the rain, or shared knowing glance. Things that constitute a friendship do so much more than meets the eye. Big Brothers Big Sisters foundation is based on such simplicity.... Be a friend and change the world. So with that I want to express my utmost thanks to our mentors for giving of yourself to youth in our community, our financial donors for believing in the prevention power of mentoring, Finally I want to thank our Board of Directors for giving of their time behind the scenes to make sure that this agency can run seamlessly in our mission for change.**

**\*\*Looking forward to seeing more positive change in the years to come because of all our efforts for our community.**

**Warmly,**

**Jocelyn Perez  
Executive Director**

**WE ARE GROWING INTO THE CONCORD AREA!!  
WE NEED MENTORS NOW MORE THAN EVER...Spread the word.  
Kristy Erwin Morency, Mentor Recruitment Specialist**



Everyday we are contacted with more and more kids in need of someone to make a difference in their life. These kids range from age 4-17. Some kids have parents that work a lot of hours and the kids need someone to spend time with them, some kids live with a single parent and need a male or female role model in their life, we have foster children, children of prisoners, etc. We now have kids in the Concord area. We have a large amount of children to serve and they keep coming.

We have an urgent and immediate need for mentors. For as little as one hour a week you can make a big impact. We have been busy chiseling down our waiting list, reaching out to the faith-based community for mentors and several businesses. We are also involved in lots of networking events and presentations, but we still could use your help.

There are still over 200 children on our wait list and more than half of them are boys. If we work together to recruit mentors for these children, the sky is the limit! If anyone is aware of any mentor recruitment opportunities, please contact me at 669-5365 x206 or [kristy@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:kristy@bbbsmanchester.org). Thank you to our current and past mentors for giving your time so selflessly and truly changing lives! I would love to hear your stories!

**MAKING AN IMPACT ON A CHILDS LIFE  
Jennifer Roy, Vice President**



I am currently a Senior Controls Analyst for Visant, a holding company of 7 printing and publishing manufacturing entities throughout the country. I was born and raised in Concord but have lived in Boston and Chicago and now back residing in Concord. While in Chicago I enjoyed spending time with my 14 year old little sister, Asiana whom I still see and keep in touch with. When not working on BBBS or traveling for work I enjoy watching the Red Sox, cooking, going to concerts and spending time with my friends and family.

I joined the board because when I stopped being a Big Sister in Chicago and moved back east, I felt something was missing. I believe strongly in the organization, what it does and the positive impact it has not only on the children's lives but also the Volunteer's. I let Jason Perry, current President know my interest, and the rest is history! I look forward to engaging with the community, growing the agency not only in numbers of volunteers and children served but also in funds development. There is no Greater joy in life than knowing you are making the impact on a child's life!

**Call us at 669-5365 or check out our website [www.bbbsmanchester.org](http://www.bbbsmanchester.org) for more information!**

## **Message from Board President Jason Perry**



As I enter into my fourth year as Board President and seventh year on the board I look at this coming year with a newfound excitement and energy. Over the past few months the Board of Directors has gone through some tremendous growth, growing from eight board members to 17. The new board members are well connected in the communities we serve and represent a diverse range of occupations. Not only do we foresee continued growth in our board but in our programs as well with the continued look at expanding our services in the Concord area and continued growth of our programs in the communities we currently serve. There are many children out there that are in need of a mentor and we need to be a collective voice and body in making that happen. We, as a board, know the importance of spreading the word but we also understand that we cannot do it alone. We need all persons to help in this great mission of spreading the word. Letting people know that Big Brothers Big Sisters is not only the agency to volunteer, but to also donate to. It is with that that I employ all of you to talk to your friends, co-workers and family members about the impact a mentor had on your life, for that is the direct impact that Big Brothers Big Sisters has on the life of so many. It is that impact that creates profound change in our communities, making all persons involved strive for better days. So please join me, the other members of our board, our staff, our Bigs and Littles and those on our waitlist in spreading the word about Big Brothers Big Sisters for it is each one of you that can make the difference in the life of a child. I thank you all for what you've done for Big Brothers Big Sisters and what you continue to do.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT**

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## ***GOLFERS NEEDED FOR A WORTHWHILE CAUSE!***

We know all you avid golfers have been golfing all summer so why not end the season golfing this Fall for Big Brothers Big Sisters? We are in the process of getting the "ball" in motion for our 17th annual tournament on **Monday October 5th**.

### **Event details:**

Registration- 8:30 am

Shotgun -9:30 am

**Free** continental breakfast to start your morning

**Free** bagged D'angelo's lunch

**Free** banquet lunch at the conclusion of the day

Many raffle prizes!

We are in need of more golf teams. So golfers of all abilities; whether you are a scratch golfer or just an ordinary hack, it does not matter. Get a group of friends together and play for a worth while cause. The cost is \$125/player, so a team of 4 is \$500. **To register contact Valerie at 603-669-5365 x201**

***\*\*\* Every dollar raised from golf goes directly to matching more children in need of a mentor in the Greater Manchester community, and we have so many children (especially boys) waiting for their own Big Brother or Sister that we must consistently raise more funds to make sure each and every child has a chance of a brighter future.***

**Something you may not know...BBBS does couple matches!!! There is an opportunity for you and your partner to share your life with a child. It is a great experience for a child that may live in a broken home to see a healthy family life. This experience should give the child a perspective of healthy relationships. Let us know if you are interested in making the difference for a child.**



Jocelyn Perez, Executive Director, Steve Ferreira, Big of the Year, Killian Bullock, Steve's Little, and Steve's wife Kate Ferreira  
Picture taken at the Big's Appreciation Breakfast

*"As a Big, I can never replace a parent or a grandparent, but I can be a friend. Being a friend is one who cares about what you are going through. Being a friend answers your questions honestly, even if it is not the answer you want. Being a friend means listening without having to say anything. Just be a friend!"*

Steve Ferreira - Big of the year

### To Our Mentors...

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester works with people such as you, who give your invaluable patience, commitment and kindness to young people who need it. Here at the office, we rely on only three full time and two part time staff members and we rent rather than own the office from which we operate. Youth benefit profoundly but with our low overhead costs and your time contribution, being a Little Brother or Little Sister offers invaluable benefits and for less money than membership in virtually any youth program. But with the rising litigation insurance costs that we must bear, and the increased need for mentoring, it's becoming more and more challenging to offer young people in our community the mentoring they need.

Each match costs the agency approx. \$1000 a year but we could never ask low-income families to pay this. Your financial donation can't match the value of your donation of your life skills as a mentor, but it would make a great difference nevertheless. Your contribution by September 30, to <http://bbbsgiving09.kintera.org/> will make a difference in the life of a young person on the wait list. Thank you so much.

## **WIN ICE CREAM**

**Be one of the first three callers to give the correct answers to the following 3 question and win 2 free ice cream cones at Blake's Creamery**

**How many board members are there currently for BBBS Manchester?**

**What are the names of the staff members at BBBS Manchester?**

**Approximately how many kids do we have on the waitlist?**

### **A Thank you to our Donors:**

Whether you're an old or new donor, whether you give what you can monetarily or whether you give your time, we want to wholeheartedly thank you. You have truly made BIG magic in the last year. We promised you that your contribution would make a difference, and here is that difference.

This year we matched over 100 new youth in need to a mentor. Because of the support of our donors these youth are now:

- **46 percent less likely initiate drug use.**
- **27 percent less likely to initiate alcohol use**
- **one-third less likely to engage in violent behavior**
- **skipped half as many days of school**

Than those youth who do not receive a mentor.

So thank you for making such a life changing difference in the life of these youth. Your continued support will ensure that we reach even more children this year. We have hundreds of youth waiting right now to receive a mentor. Help make their futures brighter by continuing your financial donations

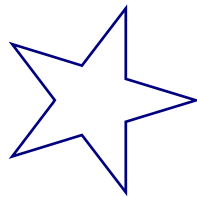
## **ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

**When: December 8, 2009**

**Where: Radisson Hotel Manchester**

**Don't Miss It-We Promise to have  
inspiring speakers, a heart warming  
video, and plenty of food and coffee**

**Call us at 603-669-5365**



Keeping in touch with our Bigs, Littles and parent/guardian is very important to us. If you have a change in your home phone/work telephone number, home address or your e-mail address, please call or e-mail the

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