



# Big Brothers Big Sisters

# Big News

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## Message from the Board



My first experience with Big Brothers Big Sisters came when I was about 8 years old. My mom had reconnected with the Little Sister she had been matched with years before and my family was going to the first birthday party for this now-grown woman's baby. Before we went my mom had explained that she had been a Big Sister for this young girl who was "at-risk" and just needed a good friend in her life. The concept seemed a little strange to me at the time and was more confusing when at the party all I saw was a smiling, happy woman surrounded by family and friends and bouncing a laughing baby girl on her lap. There was no sign of a young woman in need - all I could see was a positive person with a beautiful life. Before we left that day my mom's former Little made a point to tell my older sister and I how much their relationship in BBBS had meant to her. She told me that knowing someone cared -who didn't "have to"- and expected the best from her enabled her to achieve more than she ever knew she could.

The seed was planted for me that day. Realizing that simple, heartfelt actions have the ability to change a person's life is an inspiring revelation. When I was given the opportunity to join the BBBS Board of Directors last June I was elated because I've seen the impact this organization makes. I was even more excited to become a Big Sister, and last October I was matched with a smart, energetic Little Sister named Cortney. Cortney is so dynamic and curious about the world that I learn from her every time we're together. Being Cortney's Big Sister inspires and brings out the best in me because it is so obvious that she deserves the best.

What continues to amaze me about BBBS is how contagious the mission is. When my older sister, an accomplished RN, expressed interest in getting involved with BBBS it came paired with a lot of apprehension. Like many people, she wanted to contribute to a success story but was unsure how well she could do as a mentor. A few weeks ago she was matched with a Little Sister through the site-based program. Any apprehension she had washed away when she realized that her Little Sister expected her to do nothing more than play games with her for an hour a week. After that first week her enthusiasm about her Little was undeniable, and they are well on their way to becoming another BBBS success story.

These are the type of relationships Big Brothers Big Sisters matches and supports everyday. Like many people reading this, I know my involvement with this organization will always be one of my proudest accomplishments

*Amanda Kimball*

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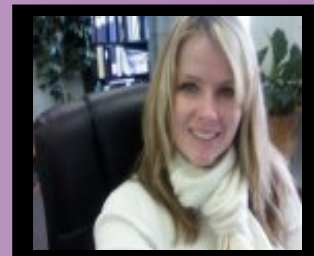
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## A Message from the Executive Director



Happy June to all of our friends! I wanted to share some exciting news with everyone. This past year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, matched 138 previously un-served youth in our community to a mentor. Bringing our waitlist down from 200 children to 62! A BIG thank you to all who are offering these youth a chance at a brighter future.

Our agency is now looking for more people to become involved in expanding our services to those in need. Our vision is to take our life-changing mission to all the youth who need a mentor.

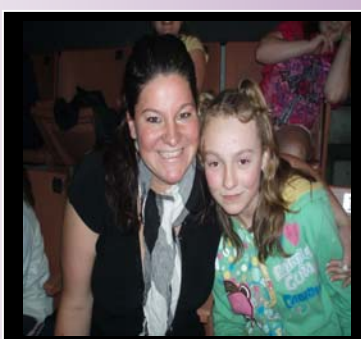


There are so many ways to get involved with the agency and make a BIG difference. You can become a mentor, financial donor, board member, event committee member, office volunteer, event sponsor, or even just donate office supplies – the list goes on and on. Everything you do- **anything** you do will make a lifelong change in the life of the youth in greater Manchester. Call or e-mail me today at 603-669-5364 x 204 or [Jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:Jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org) for more at information on how you can become involved in changing how our children are growing up in our community.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Perez

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## 2nd Annual Wii Bowling Event

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MANCHESTER

### Join us for the VIP Deck Party

June 5, 2010 at

Jillian's in Manchester 1:00-4:00 pm



**Wii bowling, 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes and more.  
Raffle tickets may be purchased on or before June 5th!  
Prizes are listed below:**

- 2 tickets to see the Boston Red Sox vs. Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday, June 15th at 7:05pm
- 4 tickets for the WWE presents Smackdown floor seats — sixth row on June 22nd at the Verizon Wireless Arena
- A \$25 gift certificate to McGarvey's
- 4 one-hour full body massage at Seacoast Career School
- 4 Fisher Cats tickets behind home plate on June 20th (father's day) – Section 107 Row D seats 1-4
- 4 Fisher Cats tickets behind home plate on June 28th – Section 107 Row D seats 1-4
- 4 Fisher Cats tickets behind home plate on July 2nd – Section 107 Row D seats 1-4
- 4 passes for 3 month/free ALL access memberships to The Workout Club (any location)

Proceeds from this event support Big Brothers Big Sisters in serving more youth in need.

For more information contact: Stephanie Tallini at 603-669-5365 ext. 201 or

E-mail [stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org)

## Fundraisers like Wii Bowling help to:

- Recruit new Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Cover the costs of background checks
- Offer one-on-one, ongoing supervision and support for every match
- Provide cultural and social activities to enrich the opportunities for children

Your donation goes to your community. When you donate online to Big Brothers Big Sisters, you directly support children in your community. No matter how much you give, donating will improve the lives of young people in your community. Your donation will help them meet the challenges of growing into happy, confident young adults.

To donate today, please click [Here!](#)



## Support our Youth

Make a donation on their behalf to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester

Call Stephanie 669-5365 x 201 or click [Here](#)

Another great way to support our youth is by purchasing Lia Sophia jewelry. If interested click [Here](#). 25% of every dollar will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. If you have any questions you can email one of our Big Sisters' at: [Liasophia.sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:Liasophia.sarah@yahoo.com)

## You're Fired

You're Fired pottery will host a fundraising event to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All the studio fees they collect will be donated to serving youth in need in our agency. To take part in this fundraising event visits either the Concord or Bedford locations. Click [Here](#) for directions.

## Fundraising Committee Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to work with Board of Directors in running our 3 major fundraising events. Volunteers will sit on the committee for the event(s) of their choice.

### Events include:

- Bowl for Kids' Sake (April)
- Golf Outing (September)
- Breakfast (December)

For every match served by BBBSGM, it costs us approximately \$1,000 – that's \$200 less than the national agency average! Without the continued success of our fundraisers, we cannot offer mentoring to all the children who need it in the Greater Manchester area.

For more information please contact Jocelyn Perez [Jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:Jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org)

## Save the Date

This year's Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Appreciation Breakfast and Award Ceremony is Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Join us as we celebrate the mentors who are not only making a difference in the life of a child but in our community as well. Please RSVP to Greta at 669-5365 x. 202 or e-mail [greta@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:greta@bbbsmanchester.org). This event is free to Bigs and Littles. There is a \$5 charge for each friend or family member.

June 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 to 10:00 am  
Applebee's Restaurant  
273 Hooksett Road  
Hooksett, NH 03106

Special guest appearance by Max, the official mascot of the Manchester Monarchs



## Plan Ahead for the 18th Annual Golf Outing!

**When:** Monday, September 20, 2010

**Where:** Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown

BBBS is looking for return players and new players to participate in the golf outing this year. Last year, we had over 70 players from the Greater Manchester community and we are hoping to expand that number to 100 players. We need YOU to help us reach our goal!

Foursomes play for \$500. If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a hole for \$200 or two holes for \$300, or donating an item to be used at our outing as a raffle or auction prize. All players and sponsors will be recognized in our day of the event program.

Registration Forms and Sponsorship Forms can be found [Here](#), but please contact Stephanie now at: 669-5365 x 201 or [stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org) for more information or if you have any questions.

## Recent Matches

It is our pleasure to welcome the following Bigs and Littles to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Community. We thank the following mentors for their selfless commitment to support and affirm the precious humanity and individual talents of their Little Brothers and Little Sisters. We also thank the young people for doing their utmost to fulfill their individual goals and share their gifts with our community.

### New Matches:

#### Big Sister & Little Sister

- Erica Meyer and Tiffany
- Holly Kilibarda and Savannah
- Jonelle Gaffney and Sarah
- Kathleen Dillard and Marissa
- Michelle Shelton and Caitryn
- Nicole Chambers and Linda



#### Big Brother & Little Brother

- Daniel Bishop and Jonathan
- James Cowan and Dakota
- John Reilly and Joseph
- Normand Lavigne and Jake



## Listen Live

Check out Board President Jason Perry and Executive Director Jocelyn Perez highlighting what's going on at Big Brothers Big Sisters. Click [Here](#) to listen! After clicking the link in the top right hand corner place the cursor over the arrow and click Our Community.

## June Activity

Bigs can take their Littles to see famous artwork. The exhibition includes about 75 works that trace the history of watercolor over the last 175 years.

**Location:** Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash Street.

**Information:** 603-669-6144 or click [Here](#)

## Become a fan

Visit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester on facebook.com. Click [Here](#).

## Happy Birthday to our Little's born in June

Alexis  
Akon  
Amanda  
Ashley  
Becky  
Brittany  
Christian  
D'Andre  
Desiree  
Diego  
Dulce



Edward  
Heidi  
Katlin  
Mason  
Michael  
Morgan  
Noah  
Ryan  
Samuel  
Shamus

## Special Thanks

A special thank you to Jason Perry and the Verizon Wireless Arena for donating 30 tickets to see country music stars Alan Jackson, Josh Turner, and Chris Young. Bigs and Littles enjoyed some of country music's biggest stars performing all their hits.

Another BIG thank you to Marcia McGuire for donating tickets to see the roller derby event on May 22 at the JFK Coliseum. Bigs and Littles enjoyed seeing the local team Skate Free or Die compete against the Destruction, a team from Western Mass. A great time was had by all.

## Special Congratulations

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester would like to extend a special congratulation to Heidi Blais and her little sister Heidi. Big and Little Heidi's have been matched for 11 years and are graduating from the program this year. Little Sister, Heidi, is planning to attend college in Vermont this fall. We would like to thank Heidi Blais for having such a BIG impact in her Little's life.



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**June's Fun Facts**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first day of summer, and officially brings an end to spring. Cold, harsh New England winters force residents of New Hampshire indoors. Summer brings a time for residents to come out of winter hibernation and reconnect with friends and family. The Granite State offers much in the way of natural beauty. It is one of a handful of states that can boast large mountains, coastal areas, and beautiful lakes. Newfound Lake, located in the lakes region of New Hampshire, boasts some of the cleanest water in the United States. The White Mountains National Park provides many beautiful areas's to hike or take a nature walk. The coastal areas are also a great place to enjoy a hot, humid, summer day. Summer time in New Hampshire affords its residents many opportunities to escape the daily grind and enjoy the sun. Be sure to take the time to enjoy these beautiful summer months with those closest to you.

**Keep in Touch**

As you know, many of us are on the move, literally. That is why we can't stress enough how important it is for you to notify BBBS when you have any changes with your personal information. We want to make sure you continue to receive announcements and correspondence from BBBS, not to mention, case calls that we are required to make to each month.

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