



# Big Brothers Big Sisters

# Big News

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## Message from the Board

I have been lucky enough to be involved with BBBS Manchester as a board member for over 13 years. I have served in several roles over the years including Board Treasurer, Golf Committee Chair, HR committee and an At-large board member.

I have witnessed the growth of the program from not only the traditional community-based match of “Bigs” and “Littles” to the implementation of the very successful site-based match program which grew due to the merger with the Chamber of Commerce’s corporate mentoring program. This provided a significant boost to the Agency’s match count in the City of Manchester school system and the VNA Child Care Center.

Two of my friends have been “Bigs” for several years demonstrating a significant commitment to young men in the program. Bill Tynion and Kerry Finnegan have given numerous hours of time, guidance, friendship, help and support to two Littles, Spencer and Nicholas. Basketball is one thing the two “Bigs” have in common and often enjoy. They have been able to share this passion with the boys taking in games at both the college level, St. Anselm College and the high school level, Manchester Central and West.

Their commitment to the “Littles” has improved the lives of the boys as well as each of their families and friends by offering friendship, support and understanding to the challenges youth face growing up in our community.

I commend Bill and Kerry’s commitment and service to their “Littles” and all of our “Bigs” supporting the BBBS Manchester Agency in providing a beneficial mentoring experience to our “Littles”. Their time and effort is making a difference in the lives of each of the “Littles” families and the Greater Manchester community as a whole.

Venture On!

Peter Madden

## Highlights:

**A New Introduction**

**Special Thanks**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl for Kids’ Sake Highlights**

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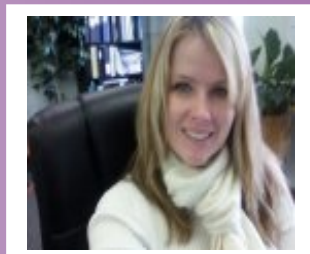
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## A Message from the Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome an addition to the Big Brothers Big Sisters staff. Stephanie Tallini is our new Office Specialist. Stephanie brings a wide range of nonprofit expertise with her to BBBS. We are thrilled to have her on board and we are excited about the potential she brings to the agency. Please join me in welcoming Stephanie to our BBBS family. Below are a few words that she wanted to share with you all.



Sincerely,

*Jocelyn Perez*

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Dear BBBS Friends!

I wanted to take a moment to share a bit about myself with all of you as I begin my employment with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. I currently reside in Concord, NH with my husband Roger and our beautiful 5-year-old daughter Nicole. I enjoy spending time with my family camping, kayaking and mountain biking.

I received my Associates Degree in photography and photojournalism from Chester College of New England. Prior to working with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, I worked at Families in Transition as Office Manager, Development Assistant and Coordinator of Volunteers & Donations. I currently volunteer at The Concord Family YMCA and received the Family Service Award in 2008. I am also a Co-Chair for the Child Development Center's Parent Advisory Board at The Concord Family YMCA.



I recognize the importance of working with the community and I am here to provide a higher-level of customer service to the Bigs, Littles and to all involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. To contact me please e-mail me at [Stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:Stephanie@bbbsmanchester.org) or call me at 669-5365 x 201.

I look forward to working with all of you,

*Stephanie Tallini*



## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake

The Bowl for Kids' Sake event was a BIG success, raising over **\$36,000!** We had 49 bowling teams raise money for the youth in greater Manchester! A heartfelt thanks to this year's platinum event sponsor Stop&Shop for bringing in over \$17,000 through their fundraising efforts! The two-day bowling event was great fun; Mayor Ted Gatsas kicked off the event on Saturday rolling out the ceremonial first ball, with one of our little sisters, Angel. Also in attendance was our agency's founding board member, and former Mayor of Manchester, Emile Beaulieu.

### A BIG thanks to the following top fundraisers & best team themes winners:

#### **Friday Night > \$500 Teams**

Robbie St. Amand's "Bowling Bratz" raised \$3,645  
Jason Perry's "For the Kids" raised \$1,255

#### **Friday Night Best Team Theme Winners**

Robbie St. Amand's "Bowling Bratz"

#### **Saturday Stop&Shop > \$500 Teams**

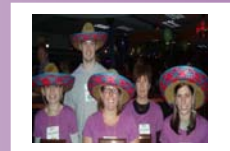
Store 215, Lincoln Street – Manchester, NH raised \$2,546  
Store 499, Amesbury, MA raised \$2,051

#### **Saturday Best Team Theme Winners**

Jennifer Roy's "Roy's Lucky Strikers"  
Linda Hooper's "Social Butterflies"

#### **Saturday > \$500 Teams**

Jennifer Roy's "Roy's Lucky Strikers" raised \$604  
Linda Hooper's "Social Butterflies" raised \$535



We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all those that donated, sponsored, volunteered, or participated in making this year's event successful.

The *Wii* bowling event is another fun way to give back to the community. With today's ever changing economy Big Brothers Big Sisters is finding more ways to be innovative and creative with its fundraising efforts. Our *Wii* bowling campaign is designed to reach out beyond the Manchester city limits to get all the cities and towns our agency serves involved in this year's fundraiser. *Wii* bowling can be done at home with family and friends or you can come to Jillian's on any Saturday during the month of May from 2pm to 4pm and *Wii* bowl on their wide screen TV. On June 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a BIG party at Jillian's to acknowledge everyone who participated, raffle off prizes and present the Mayor's **Challenge Cup trophy** to the TEAM that raises the most money.

### Fundraisers like Bowl For Kids' Sake help to:



- Recruit new Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Cover the costs of background checks and programming costs
- 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 up 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 669-5365 or click [HERE](#)

### **May Activity:**

A fun activity Big's can do is to take their Little's to the Manchester Library summer concert series. They hold concerts and other events for young children at Victory Park, which is right in front of the library on 405 Pine Street.

### **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

### **Save the Date**

Save the date for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Appreciation Breakfast. This is our chance to thank each Big for contributing to the life of their Little, and to our community. Bigs, Littles and families are invited to attend, to enjoy flapjacks; coffee and fruit juice and celebrate the Bigs and Littles of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester.

**What:** Mentor Appreciation Breakfast

**When:** June 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am -10:00am

**Where:** Applebee's Restaurant  
273 Hooksett Road  
Hooksett NH 03106

**Please RSVP** to greta@bbbsmanchester.org or call 669-5365 x 202



## Save this Date!

### 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 will soon be posted here, but please contact Jocelyn now at: 669-5365 x 204 or [jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org](mailto:jocelyn@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

- Ashley Ponce and Georgia
- Ashley Ogilvy and Savanna
- Leigh Boisvert and Cydney
- Margaret O'Leary and Jaylin

#### Big Brother & Little Brother

- Brandon Bowers and Mark
- Frank Landino and Seth
- Greg Lindstrom and Dylan
- Jeff Adcock and Anthony
- Normand Lavigne and Jake
- Ryan Brenner and Calvin
- Peter Orsi and Nicholas
- Paul Partridge and Bobby





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

Anthony  
Brisel  
Christian  
Dakota  
Deanna  
Jacquelyn  
Jasmine  
Jaylin

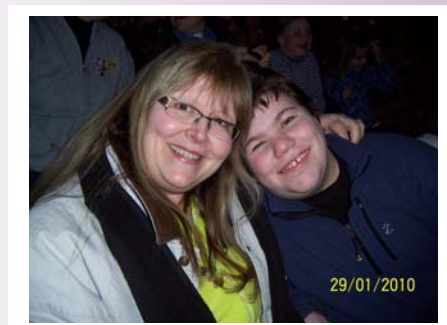


Jead  
Lindsey  
Lucas  
Maci  
Naseef  
Tatianna  
Terrance

## Special Thanks

A special thank you to Jason Perry and the Verizon Wireless Arena for donating 50 tickets to the Smucker's on Ice show. Evan Lysacek, Sasha Cohen, and other Olympic medalists entertained the crowd. The Bigs and Little's in attendance had a great time watching the stars perform.

Another BIG thank you to Jeremy Vega & Tri-Town Ice Arena for donating 1 hour of ice time to BBBSGM as a fundraiser during April vacation! Thanks to all of the BBBS supporters who came out, supported the agency and had a great time!





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**May's Fun Facts**

Two important holidays fall in May, Mother's Day, and Veteran's Appreciation. Mother's day is one of the most important days of the year as it is a day dedicated to the special women who have taken care of their children's every need since giving them life. It is a day; when these tireless workers finally receive the credit they deserve. May is also an important month because it is dedicated to remembering and honoring those that have served and currently serve in the United States armed forces. These individuals protect our great nation, and if you see one please don't hesitate to stop and thank them for their service.

**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 match.

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