



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News

Message from the Board



After two years on the Big Brothers Big Sisters board of directors I still find myself thinking that this program works magic. Two people who have never met before are brought together through a matching process, hang out for a few hours every month and have tons of fun. The idea is so simple but the result is life-changing relationships.

If you've been lucky enough to have a great mentor or two in your life, you know what a tremendous effect a positive role model can have on your self-esteem and ambition. The best mentors I've had in my life made a difference because they showed me that they believed in me. They told me exactly what kind of strength they saw in me and held me to a high standard even when I didn't think I had enough energy to reach it.

Mentors make an impact because they don't just act as guides through the twists and turns of life, they actually help you find the strength to guide yourself. When someone sees the best in you, you see it yourself. A great mentor gives the gift of optimism by focusing on your potential and not getting hung up on your challenges. Having a mentor by your side allows you to see that very often success isn't defined by winning; it's about taking a risk and trying your best.

Big Brothers Big Sisters picked up a new slogan this year. The idea to *Start Something*™ gets to the heart of BBBS with its simplistic power. You can start a thread of self-confidence in someone by giving them positive encouragement. You can start the idea that a child can grow up to be successful and well-educated by telling them that they're able. You can start something good in yourself by becoming a mentor. It will push you to be your best because suddenly your actions set a standard. You can also *Start Something*™ big by helping Big Brothers Big Sisters continue making and supporting matches. I encourage you to think about the impact you could make by donating to Big Brothers Big Sisters in any amount. It costs \$1,000 to support a match for a year and every dollar received helps create and support these incredible relationships!

The simple magic of Big Brothers Big Sisters is that positive relationships empower us to be better people. So, take on the personal challenge of paying forward all the positive encouragement you've received. Thank your mentors by taking action and making a difference in someone else's life. Help Big Brothers Big Sisters *Start Something*™ today!

Regards,

Amanda Kimball
Board of Directors

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A Message from the Executive Director

I would like to dedicate this month's article to the growing partnership between the 4 New Hampshire Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies that make up the state Alliance and to our partnership with matching youth in our Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program. We began serving youth whose parent(s) are incarcerated in 2004. Through this project, we have already served over 156 of New Hampshire's children who have incarcerated parents, and are looking to expand our services to serve even more.

Approximately 55% of individuals incarcerated in state prisons are estimated to have children less than 18 years of age, which calculates to at least 1,600 children in NH, assuming one minor child per inmate. These children need to be prioritized for our BBBS mentoring program, since studies illustrate that 70% of youth with an incarcerated parent may end up in jail themselves. In order to keep these youth out of jail, we hope to intervene and provide the children with a mentor that can change their lives forever.

We are working with numerous other charitable organizations and corporations to expand our services to youth in need in this program. All 4 agencies have been working together to reach as many youth with incarcerated parents as we possibly can. In order to help more of these children, we are looking for additional partners who would like to support us in this program. Big Brothers Big Sisters is in the business of prevention - of creating a different life path for a child than the one that may have been laid out for them. If you or someone you know is interested in this initiative, feel free to call our office at 669-5365 to learn how you can impact the lives of youth across New Hampshire!

Regards,

Jocelyn Perez
Executive Director



A Message from the Program Manager

Dear Mentors and Families:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester

You should have received a letter stating the policy change on July 19, 2011. If you would like to discuss this further please don't hesitate to email me at greta@bbbsmanchester.org or call 669-5365 ext. 206 and I will be happy to speak with you. We look forward to enhancing all the match relationships through the one-to-one time spent within the community and school based programs!

Thank you very much.

Greta Casanave
Program Manager





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 others.

New Matches:

- Chuck Badzmierowski & Ricky
- Alyssa Bartlett & Kerstyn
- Amy Gioseffi & Caitlin
- Stephanie Kolling & Elexis



What is your story?

Each of us shares a special connection with someone who brought a little magic into our lives.

It was that person who would listen to you when you needed a friendly ear, taught you to throw a perfect spiral and sat in the front row to cheer you on. These are the little moments that Big Brothers and Big Sisters experience every day.

We hear amazing stories of experiences shared between Bigs and Littles that may have occurred last month, last year or even decades ago...

Call or e-mail Jocelyn today to share yours.

Jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org
or 669-5365 x. 204

Happy Birthday to our Littles born in August

Adam

Ashley

Ashly

Benjamin

Brianna

Cortney

Dalianna

Dominic

Eddie

Esmeralda



Jacob

Jose

Joshua

Michael

Nathaniel

Roland

Sandra

Sarah

Tiffany

Check it out!

Visit the new Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester website at

www.bbbsmanchester.org



Creative Ways to give back to the life of a child



What if Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about one penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall, which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop. Every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your charity of choice.

Also, if you download the GoodSearch Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online, even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Big Brothers Big Sisters - Greater Manchester toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/big-brothers-big-sisters-greater-manchester>.

PowerPay proudly offers the 'GIVE' Program to Business Owners who want to further support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester at no additional cost!

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Starting in the “Back to School” 2011 season Comcast will launch **Internet Essentials**

Internet EssentialsSM from Comcast is an exciting new program designed to provide affordable Internet access to low-income families with at least one child receiving free lunches under the National School Lunch Program.

Once the program becomes available, eligible participants will receive:

- Comcast Home Economy Internet service for \$9.95 per month (plus taxes) with no activation fees, additional equipment rental charges, credit checks, or long-term contracts;
- The option to purchase a pre-configured computer for 149.99 (plus taxes); and
- Access to digital literacy training.

An entire household will be eligible to participate in the program if the household:

- Is located where Comcast offers Internet service;
- Has at least one child receiving a free school lunch through the National Free School Lunch Program (NSLP);
- Has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days; and
- Does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

Participating families may be able to benefit from Internet EssentialsSM for the entire life of their child’s K-12 education, as long as they remain eligible.

Internet EssentialsSM is also known as the Comcast Broadband Opportunity Program

Special Thanks to the following BBBSGM Friends:

- UNH Manchester for donating 80 tickets for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Race for Sunday, July 17, 2011.
- Bank of America for supporting our Read to Succeed program through a grant of \$7,500.
- Kohl’s “A” Team for a donation of \$500 to support our mission.

*****The financial support we receive helps us to match additional youth in need to a caring mentor. This support also helps us create longer and stronger matches for youth currently matched with a mentor. The donations we receive for events help to provide the youth in our program opportunities to engage in fun activities in our community.***



August Fun Facts

- The month of August used to be named Sextilis. It is a Latin word, meaning six. August used to be the sixth month in the ancient Roman calendar.
- August became the eighth month of the calendar when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius about 700 BC.
- The month of August is the month that birds begin planning to fly south for the winter, and insects are noisier and more numerous than in any other month.
- August is the busiest month for businesses, since most people take their vacations in August.
- In Britain they celebrate Thanksgiving on August 1st, because it is the beginning of their harvest time, and they go to church and give thanks for their crops.



Something fun to do!

Krazy Kids

60 Sheep Davis Rd. (Rt. 106)
Pembroke, NH
603-228-PLAY



Krazy Kids has a warm inviting atmosphere designed for kids. There is seating throughout the facility not only for your comfort but for you to interact and keep an eye on your Little. They also offer snacks, drinks, music, free wifi and more.

You will not find video or redemption games. All of the activities involve movement. There is a giant climbing structure, a laser maze, slides and obstacle courses.

Walk in Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Admission - \$10.00 per child
Parents and infants are free





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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 Big, Little and family every month.

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