



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News

Message from the Board



The Fall has always been my favorite time of the year: the weather starts to become cooler and more comfortable, the leaves start to change to beautiful colors, the evening air starts to smell of campfires, and children start to get excited to go back to school... well, most of them anyway. Even for those children who don't love school as much as I always did, the Fall is inevitably a time for them to start meeting new people (friends, teachers, coaches, etc.) and to start furthering their education.

These changes are not always easy for everyone and can become significant challenges for many children in our own community who lack support or just need a little extra support. As a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, I am proud to be able to report on all of the ways that our organization helps to make this support available, and I encourage you to start becoming involved (or more involved, as your case may be).

The Fall is a great time to volunteer to become a Big Brother or Big Sister to a child who is starting many new things themselves and is in much need of a mentor. While Big Brothers Big Sisters is well-known nationally for its one-to-one mentoring program, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester offers other programs as well. There are site-based programs such as the new Beyond School WallsSM project, in partnership with Comcast, which kicks off in September. There is the long running "Mentoring Children of Prisoners" program, which helps to provide support to a targeted subsection of children critically in need of a mentor. There is also the "Read to Succeed" program, which grew out of the direct connection that exists between literacy and children staying in school and is in the works to expand in partnership with Southern New Hampshire University.

Big Brothers Big Sisters cannot successfully run all of these programs without your continued support, so if any one of them interests you, now is a great time to start becoming involved. If you don't have time to volunteer to become a mentor yourself, here are a few other ideas to get you started: encourage and support your employees, co-workers, and friends to become mentors; volunteer yourself at a single event; sponsor an event; donate money or other resources; hold a fundraiser on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters; inquire about becoming a board member or participating on a committee; and finally, contact us to start sharing your ideas for our organization. Start SomethingTM this Fall!

Regards,

Jessica Lamb
Board of Directors

September 6, 2011

Highlights:

- **Recent Matches**
- **Save the Date**
- **Let's Have Fun**

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A Message from the Executive Director

Beyond School WallsSM:

This school year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester is pleased to be partnering with Comcast on a new initiative in our community. We will be transporting 25 students, ages 8-10, from the Bakersville Elementary School in Manchester, to the Comcast corporate office to engage in one-to-one mentoring activities with a mentor in a professional setting. We are thrilled to bring new experiences and role models to children at Bakersville Elementary School by engaging Comcast employees in this initiative. Each student will meet with his or her "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" (a corporate employee who volunteers as a mentor) at the Comcast corporate office. The children and mentors will meet after school every other week throughout the school year. Much like our traditional site-based program, the Bigs and Littles will spend time together doing various activities, which will include, but are not limited to homework, sports, talking and arts and crafts. We are excited about this opportunity for the students at Bakersville Elementary School, as it will give the youth in this program a view into the corporate world coupled with a quality mentor that it there just for them! Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester believes that working together with corporations like Comcast is a great opportunity to have an even bigger impact on the youth we serve. For more information on the Beyond School Walls ProgramSM or how you can get your corporation involved in a similar program please contact me at 669-5365 x 204 or by e-mailing jocelyn@bbbsmanchester.org.

Regards,

Jocelyn Perez
Executive Director



A Message from the Program Manager

Dear Friends:

We are reaching out to positive adults who would be willing to mentor the youth waiting to be served through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. In the case of boys especially, the need for the children on waiting list far outstrips the availability of kind, positive men to act as role models for them. Please work with us in speaking with friends, family and colleagues about becoming a mentor. Your actions could make a difference for a deserving child. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor and changing the life of an at-risk youth, please contact me at 669-5365 x 206 or by e-mailing greta@bbbsmanchester.org.

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:

- Amanda Burnette & Zaira
- Ashley Calder & Jayda
- Allison Doyle & Kamealiya
- Gwen Goodwin & Jessica
- Kara L'Heureux & Mersades
- Ellie Philbrick & Emilliana
- Bethany Ross & Neveah



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

Alexandera
Amanda
Ashley
Cassandra
Daniel
Danielle
Glen
Jazmin
Jonathan
Kody
Kyle



Kyler
Mamie
Maranda
Melissa
Mykayla
Quincy
Rhiana
Rodney
Samantha
Sheehan

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



On September 27, 2011, Steve Gamlin of Jigsaw Consulting is teaming with Armand Hebert of Referral Institute NH. Steve and Armand will present "Build Your BUSINESS Beach Body", an all-day event designed to help entrepreneurs (as well as employees) identify their passions and design a strategy to maximize results! Please find all information [HERE](#).

30% of net profits will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of 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!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

Upcoming Event!

Breakfast Fundraiser

Save the Date!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester's

8th Annual Start Something™
Breakfast Fundraiser

- Date: December 16, 2011
- Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- Place: Radisson Hotel
700 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101

**To learn about sponsorship opportunities and/or attend this event please call Stephanie at 669-5365 ext. 201*

Become a fan



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Special Thanks to the following BBBSGM Friends:

- Comcast for granting us \$32,000 for the new Beyond School Walls programSM.
- Cogswell Benevolent Trust for a grant of \$10,000 to support longer, stronger matches.
- DCU for Kids for the \$5,000 grant to support our site-based program.
- Grubb & Ellis for donating 4 tickets to the Fisher Cats game on August 11th.
- Coca-Cola of Northern New England for donating 50 tickets to the United States Air Force Thunderbirds at Portsmouth International Airport at Pease August 13th & 14th.
- Joe Sylvester for donating 6 tickets to the Fisher Cats game on August 22nd.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua & Greater Salem for donating 30 tickets to the Fisher Cats game on August 24th.
- Lee Cloutier and Brenton Morgenstern for donating 8 tickets to a pre-season Patriots game and 4 tickets for the Patriots in-stadium training camp practice.



*****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.***



The BBBS Staff: (L) to (R) Stephanie; Greta; Jocelyn; Nadine and Anthony



September Fun Facts

The following events occurred throughout history during the month of September!

- Labor Day is observed the first Monday in September.
- First pro football game was played in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 1895.
- Harlem Globetrotters organized, 1927.
- Grandparent's Day is observed the first Sunday after Labor Day.
- First Miss America Pageant, 1921.
- CBS goes on the air, 1927.
- U. S. Air Force established, 1947.
- Mickey Mouse cartoon, 1928.
- POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed each year on the third Friday of September.
- The Birth of the Ice Cream Cone.
- Good Neighbor Day is always the fourth Sunday in September.



Something fun to do!

Mel's Funway Park

454 Charles Bancroft Highway (Rt 3A)

Litchfield, NH 03052

Phone: 603-424-2292

Email: info@melsfunwaypark.com



Go Kart Racing

Voted the #1 Go Kart track in New Hampshire! Come and experience the thrill and adrenaline rush of an exciting 1/5th mile track. Drive like the pros navigating through hairpin turns and over a bridge. The race of a lifetime, and a thrilling ride you will not soon forget!

Miniature Golf

Try your hand at one of their two 18 hole miniature golf courses. Cascading waterfalls, bridges, and rock formations make it challenging and fun for all ages.

Much, Much More...

They also have Batting Cages, Driving Range, Lazer Tag Games, Lazer Mazes, and an Arcade.



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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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