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Newsletter

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Bowl for Kids' Sake is Rapidly Approaching

Yes, you need to dust off those bowling shoes and get ready to bowl for BBBS. We hope you will consider putting together a team for one of the Community Day events or bowl with the agency on Kids Day. We would like to have as many people on Kids day as possible but Matches and Waiting List kids can bowl at their local event if they want to. You will be receiving a separate mailing for the event as well or just call the office or talk to your caseworker.

Big & Littles Day

When: Saturday, March 28th

Where: Shawnee Lanes – 1680 Bridge St. - Chillicothe

Time: 2-4

Call in by: *Please reserve your lane no later than March 25th!*

Hope to see you there!

Directions:

From 23/35 - Take the Bridge Street exit. Follow Bridge Street and Shawnee Lanes will be on the left past Golden Corral Restaurant.

From Route 50 – Take Route 50 into Chillicothe and it becomes Western Ave. Take Western Avenue to Water Street (by the Moto Station) and turn left. Take Water Street turn left onto Bridge Street Follow Bridge Street and Shawnee Lanes will be on the left past Golden Corral Restaurant.

BFKS – Other Community Day Events

Sunday, March 29th – Shawnee Lanes, Chillicothe

Sunday, April 5th – Pickaway Lanes, Circleville

Sunday, April 19th – LeElla Lanes, Washington Court House

Sunday, April 26th – Highland Lanes, Hillsboro

Sunday, May 3rd – Sunset Lanes, Portsmouth

This event is extremely important this year and it is critical that we make our goal. There are other ways to participate if you are unable to bowl. Please call our office or check our website (www.bbbssco.org) for more details.

Thank you!! Thank you!!

The agency would like to thank the following:

- BS Linda Hull for her donation from her art show.
- John Lloyd for the donation of 5 food baskets for Thanksgiving.
- Ann Thompson for her monetary donation.
- Lata Parallax for their monetary donation.
- Pickaway County Community Foundation/Youth Advisory Council for the recent grant.
- Brenda & Earl Palmer for their donation of dolls and purses.
- Gail Carpenter, Carl Myers and the Ragged Ridge Rambler 4-H Club for their donations to our troops.
- State Auto for their donation of tickets for 8 Littles to attend WWE Smackdown.
- Darlene & Bob Nelson for the donation of Bob Evans coupons.
- Calvary Lutheran Church for their donation from their cookie sales.
- Pat & Al Canarsky for their donation of hygiene products.
- Chillicothe Walmart for their recent grant.
- Sam's Club for their recent grant.
- Helen Ricketts of the Ross County Health Department for providing an Infection Control Training for our staff.
- The Robert & Genevieve Schaffer Foundation for their recent grant.
- To the following for their donation of clothes: Teresa Shisler, Casey Chester, Debbie & Scott Conkey, Nelson, Judy & Kevin Coleman.

Welcome to New Board Members

We would like to welcome the following to our Board of Directors:
Peggy Depugh-Landrum – Peggy was on our Board last year but needed some time off and now she is back! Peggy is the Community Outreach Coordinator for Adena Health Systems and lives in Ross County.

Nan Sklenar – Nan lives in Ross County and is the V.P., Banking Office General Manager for Huntington Bank.

Randy Drewyor – Randy lives in Ross County and is the Account Executive for Time Warner Cable.

We know they will be great additions to our Board of Directors' and to our agency. We are looking forward to putting them to work.

Christmas Thank You's!

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of the following businesses, churches and individuals also with Rock for Tots, our kids had a great Christmas. We will be sending letters to everyone but wanted to thank the following:

Rick & Cheryl Lansing & Walnut Street Methodist Church
Joe & Nancy Minney
Queen Lester & The Thrift Shop Ladies
Paul Pollard & Rock for Tots
Arby's – Randy Sneedon & Kathy Marriott & Pickaway Ross Joint Vocational School
Elder Beerman's
Michael Brady & Pleasant Valley Church of God

Sarah Webb & Sunrush Church of Christ
Betty Jenkins & Northridge Church of Christ
Teresa Shisler & USEC
FPE & Carol Adkins
Kathi Titus
Applebee's in Portsmouth
Stephanie Winegardner & Winegardner Chiropractic – Coats & Toys
Mrs. Coffland & the Western School 6th Grade Class
McKesson Corporation
Carol & Dave Gustin
Walmart Distribution Center
Michele Clifford & Pizza Hut
Colleen Clifford
Brenda & Steve Bradds
Pam & Stan Skinner
Ross County Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sam's Club

Christmas Party Thank You's

We had a lot of Santa's Elves helping with our Christmas Party again this year and we would like to thank them:

- Michael Brady & Pepsi for donating the drinks.
- Jan Detty & McDonald's for discounting the food
- Teresa & Herr's for discounting the chips
- Open Door Church for allowing us to use their facility
- Open Door Youth Group for wrapping the gifts
- Bruce & Shayna Griffin & Jim Billingsley for the donation of goodie bags
- Gail "Carp" Carpenter for all his help with the arrangement of the facility & gift wrapping
- David Meade Massie Foundation for their grant to purchase gifts.

We also had many wrapping paper donors and this really saved the agency a lot of money. Thanks to the following for donating wrapping paper:

- Ann Thompson
- Darlene & Bob Nelson
- Heather Evans
- Faith Thompson
- Jane Friedman
- Christine McCray
- Betty Barnhart
- Lori Paciner
- Judy & Jerry Yeater

Thanksgiving Breakfast Thank You's

We would like to thank our Board of Directors for once again sponsoring our Thanksgiving Breakfast. They pay for, prepare & clean up for this event and we want to thank them for a great breakfast!

A special thanks to the following:

- ▲ Gail Carpenter & Linda Miller for organizing the event
- ▲ Carver Community Center for allowing us to use their facility
- ▲ Taylor's IGA for discounting the food
- ▲ Crispie Crème for their donation of doughnuts
- ▲ McDonald's for their donation of paper products
- ▲ Mason Bayless for entertaining us.

Matches of the Month

This month's edition of Match of the Month highlights two matches. Bruce and Tyler and Shayna and Travis are two unique matches.

Bruce has been a Big Brother with the agency since 1992. He began as a Big for the Day and then became a traditional Big Brother in 1998. He has watched his Little Brothers move away, as well as, graduate from High School. He has kept in contact with his previous Little Brothers. Bruce married Shayna in 2004 and she too became involved in the program.

On December 21, 2006 they were matched with twin brothers Tyler and Travis. They have been active in their schooling, helping with projects, homework, and have attended parent teacher conferences with their mother. They continue to be active in the program, as well as, enjoy camping and spending time outdoors. Both boys enjoy playing sports and Shayna and Bruce try not to miss their games. Shayna has taught the boy's to cook and they have tried many foods that they had never tried. She has stated that they both have hearty appetites, especially Travis.

Shayna and Bruce are always thinking of the agency and help whenever they can. They often donate clothes, as well as, gather donations from others. They transport kids to agency events, sometimes driving separately to accommodate more children. Bruce's company, State Auto, sponsored 8 Pickaway County children for the WWE SmackDown event at Nationwide Arena in September 2008. All who attended had an unforgettable time. Together, Shayna and Bruce make over 100 goody bags for the kids at Christmas. These goody bags are passed out each year following the Agency Christmas party. They are able to provide these with the help of donations, as well as, from their own giving.

Travis and Tyler are two lucky brothers who have been fortunate to be matched with two very active and caring individuals, but if you were to ask Shayna and Bruce they would insist that they were the lucky ones. We hope to have Shayna and Bruce involved in our program for many years to come.

New Matches

BS Mindy K. & LB Jerrod T. (11/14/08)
BB Jack K. & LB Josh T. (11/14/08)
BS Erin D. & LS Stacey P. (11/18/08)
BS Michelle H. & LS Deanna S. (1/15/09)
BB Christopher W. & LB Corey S. (1/15/09)
BB Mike S. & LB James H. (1/9/09)
BB Edmond S. & LB Jeffrey S. 1/10/09

Annual Campaign Donors

We would like to thank the following for their contributions to our Annual Campaign:
Larry & Jennifer Schmitt
Clyde & Carolyn Fenton
James Pierron
John & Linda Shoemaker
Wayne & Robin Holland
B&B Roofing – James Butt
Dave & Teresa Shisler
Lansing Insurance Agency
John & Cheryl Henricks
Daniel & Beverly Kelley
Janney Montgomery Scott Investments
Jeff Gering
Karie & Steve Emery
Paddle Power Boat Shop
Charles Marion
Keith & Nancy Ames
Richard & Florence Snyder
Doug & Teresa Corcoran
Teresa Wiley
The School of Dance
Ware Funeral Home

Website

We are in the process of updating our website thanks to Christy Torchick. Christy is donating her time to help us and we certainly do appreciate it! We hope to have the new one up and running within the next couple of weeks. It will have many new features with one of them being the newsletter – just in case you misplace yours.

We have also established a Pay Pal account in order to receive online donations. So, remember to check our site in February to see the great job that Christy is doing at www.bbssco.org.

Congratulations!!

We have several congratulations and things to brag about this quarter.

Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services

For several months our staff has been working very hard to secure certification from ODADAS. This has meant a lot of extra work for the staff and once again, they came shining through. We were officially certified in December 2008. Thanks Ladies!

A very special thank you to the Paint Valley ADAMH Board for their funding to make our downstairs bathroom handicapped accessible. We certainly could not have undertaken this project without their assistance.

We are now officially certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health & the Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services.

Ohio Big Sister of the Year

Mandy nominated BS Linda Hull and LS Brittany of Pike County for Big Sister of the Year for Ohio. Last week, we were notified that they were selected as one of the top 5 in the state! Now, Mandy will submit other paperwork, photos & video of them for the continued consideration. If selected, they will be a National Finalist! We are so excited for them and they certainly deserve the recognition. Congratulations to Linda & Brittany and we'll keep you posted!

Jaycees Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to our Ross County Big Couple, Wayne & Robin Holland on being selected as the Chillicothe Jaycees Citizens of the Year. They were nominated by their Little Brother, Dylan, his Aunt Channon, our agency, United Way, the Red Cross and I think a few others.



In addition to being great volunteer mentors for Dylan, Wayne is also the President of our Board and Robin is a member of our PR Committee. I thought I would share with you what Dylan had to say about his Big Couple:

Citizens of the Year
Chillicothe Jaycees 2008

Service to humanity is the best work of life, and that was evident in the essay we received from Dylan Hess when he talked about his "big couple" Wayne and Robin Holland. He said in part, "Wayne and Robin are both involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, United Way, South Central Ohio Arts Council, Ross County EITC Coalition, Southern Ohio Storytelling Festival, and separately as a Master Gardener, Junior Achievement and Pump House volunteer.

Wayne and Robin are always doing something to help their community. They are very kind, considerate, helpful and dependable. They are both good leaders and role models. They have my taught me and my aunt how important it is to give back to the community. We hope someday to be just as active as they are. I am sure that anyone can call on them and they will help. Wayne and Robin have taught me the importance of friendship and have become an important part of my family. They have done so much for me even though they have such busy schedules themselves. With all the things they are involved in, just think how many other lives they have touches as well."

Dylan's letter ended with the following, "These are just a few reasons why we (along with the 7 other letters the Jaycees received) believe they should be named Citizens of the Year. Chillicothe could not ask for two greater citizens."

The Chillicothe Jaycees agree and are proud to announce that Wayne and Robin Holland are the Jaycees 2008 Outstanding Citizens of the Year.

We are certainly very proud of them & are lucky to have them on our team!

Calendar of Events

Bowling Dates:

Sunday, March 29th – Shawnee Lanes, Chillicothe
Sunday, April 5th – Pickaway Lanes, Circleville
Sunday, April 19th – LeElla Lanes, Washington Court House
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Skating Party – To Be Announced – Watch for Details.

Happy Anniversary

We would like to wish Kim & Christy a Happy Anniversary.

In January, Kim started her 14th year and Christy has started her 8th year. We would like to thank them for their continued service to our kids and our agency!

Waiting List Littles By County – School District

In an effort to continue to improve our volunteer recruitment efforts, we want you to know where our kids live. Maybe you know someone in that area who would make a good volunteer. Or, maybe you could help us out by placing a poster in the neighborhood.

ROSS

Paint Valley = 1

Chillicothe City = 21

Huntington = 5

Unioio = 11

Southeastern = 3

Zane Trace = 1

PIKE/VINTON

Vinton County = 2

Piketon = 7

Waverly = 3

Beaver = 1

SCIOTO

Lucasville Valley = 4

Northwest = 4

Portsmouth City = 4

Sciotoville Community = 7

Franklin Furnace Green = 1

Portsmouth West = 3

FAYETTE

Washington Court House/City = 11

PICKAWAY

Teays Valley = 9

Logan Elm = 7

Circleville City = 9

Westfall = 3

HIGHLAND

Hillsboro City = 11

Fairfield = 2

Greenfield = 1

Tax Deductions Available For Bigs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America want to let Volunteers know that they are entitled to the following tax deductions:

- You may deduct \$.14 cents per mile incurred in picking up and driving the Little around.
- You may also deduct the cost of meals, movies tickets, museum admissions, etc. which you spend for the Little. However, you cannot deduct the costs you incur for your own meals, tickets, etc.

Please contact your tax consultant about these deductions.

Benefit for Big Brother, Mason Bayless

Mason Bayless is a Big in our program and is matched with Little, John G. since September 17th. Mason provided the entertainment for our Thanksgiving Breakfast. He had not been feeling well that day and still was the entertainment for our event. Please, try to attend this benefit on February 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the Chillicothe High School to help with the family's medical expenses. Mason, you are in our prayers. Below is the article from the Chillicothe Gazette.

Recovery called a miracle

Former McDonald's manager had stroke, was on life support

By ASHLEY PHILLIPS • Gazette Staff Writer • February 5, 2009

"Miraculous" is a word frequently being used these days to describe the recovery of former McDonald's restaurant manager Mason Bayless, for whom a fundraiser is being organized to help meet his medical expenses.

Bayless, who managed the McDonald's at 40 N. Bridge St., suffered a stroke in November. In the days immediately following the stroke, he was on life support equipment in the Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Medical Center, and the prognosis for survival was uncertain at best.

Today, those days are behind him. Making a sudden and unexpected vast improvement, he was taken to Berger Hospital in Circleville for rehabilitation services, and his family said Wednesday they couldn't be more excited about his improvement.

Selisa, his wife, said she simply feels blessed by her husband's miraculous recovery.

"He is doing just fine; we are very blessed," she said.

Selisa said Bayless is able to stand on his own for several minutes recently, along with being able to dress himself and shave.

"He is alert and can have a conversation with people," she said.

Rebecca Brewster attended church with Bayless at the Assembly of God and said Bayless' recovery is simply amazing.

"This man was on life support, and look at how far he has come," she said.

Thinking back to Bayless' time on life support, Selisa said the family was dealing with the weighty issue of whether to remove him from the machinery.

"We were thinking about it, and then God intervened, which meant he had more things in store for my husband," she said.

A fundraiser to help the family with medical expenses is planned for Feb. 15.

"We have received so much support from the community who have reached out to us, and we are so thankful for everyone's prayers," Selisa said.



Karen's Korner

I just wanted to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. It has been off to a busy start and we have some new and exciting ways to improve Bowl for Kids Sake. We will be rallying our loyal supporters to help us again this year and are working on some awesome raffle packages thanks to our office manager – Teresa Graham.

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

03 – LB – Tevin T.
03 – LB – Jacob H.
05 – BS – Linda H.
07 – LB – Van E.
12- LB – Jaynard D.
16 – BB – Michael L.
17 – LB – Isaiah M.
21 – LS – Madison M.
23 - LB - Chris J.
23 – LB – Gayton B.
31 – BS – Joye M.

JANUARY

03 - LB – Cody G.
04 – LS – Dakota O.
07 – LB – Roger S.
12 – LS – Courtney D.
13 – LB – James M.
17 – LB – Bobby C.
20 – LB – Nathan M.
21 – LS – Meliana D.
24 – BS – Mary N.
26 – BB – John N.
28 – LB – Harlie S.
30 – LB – Tim H.
31 – LS – Jessica A.

FEBRUARY

01 – LB – Damian E.
03 – BS – Allison B.
05 – BB – Ronald D.
09 – LS – Staci S.
09 – LS – Courtney S.
10 – LB – Breanna C.
13 - LB – Christopher P.
13 – BS – Cindy E.
15 – LB – Brandon M.
16 – LS – Macee M.
18 – BS – Cambrea H.
19 – LS – Madison G.
23 – BB - Christopher W.
26 – LB – Corey S.

ANNIVERSARIES

BS Melissa W. & LS Courtney D. - 2 years
BS Joye M. & LS Demi F. – 5 years
BS Linda H. & LS Brittany W. – 4 years
BB John W. & LB Chris Vestal – 3 years
BB Gail C. & LB Travis H. – 2 years
BS Shayna G. & LB Travis S. – 2 years
BB Bruce G. & LB Tyler S. – 2 years

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