



**Big Brothers Big
Sisters of South
Central Ohio**

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Newsletter

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Bowling!! Bowling!! Bowling!!

Bowl for Kid's Sake is just around the corner and it's time for you to come out and Strike It Big for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. You don't have to be a good bowler – Scores don't matter!! This event is about helping kids.

Our Bigs and Littles Day is scheduled as follows:

When: Saturday, April 9th

**Where: Shawnee Lanes – Chillicothe
1680 N. Bridge St.**

Time: 2:00 – But be there by 1:45

Call In By: April 5th

Volunteers need to have \$50 in sponsors (\$60 if you want a t-shirt) and kids need \$15 in sponsors. Just remember to ask your friends, family, co-workers, teachers and anyone else you can think of to sponsor you. You will get to bowl 2 games, get food & drinks, win door prizes, have a great time and raise money for our agency!

If you can't bowl on the 9th or would prefer to bowl in your county, the other events are as follows:

- Pickaway County -Pickaway Lanes, Circleville– April 3rd @ 1:00
- Fayette County – LeElla Lanes, Washington Court House – April 17th @ 2:30
- Highland County – Highland Lanes, Hillsboro – May 1st @ 1:00
- Scioto County – Sunset Lanes, Portsmouth – May 1st @ 1:00

Our goal for this event is \$65,000 and we need everyone's help to reach this goal!

Plan to join the fun and help us raise money so we can serve more kids!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The agency would like to thank the following:

- WBEX & Ben McAdams for doing the radio show for Mentoring month.
- Chillicothe Gazette for their article on Mentoring month.
- Kaylee Norman for her donation from the Miss Liberty Pageant.
- Frish's Restaurant for their donation of kids meal coupons.
- KOHL's Department Store for their donation of stuffed animals.
- The Schaefer Foundation for their grant for fund raising software.
- Chillicothe Kiwanis for allowing us to speak to their group.
- Nancy Green & Brad Wiley of NCB Bank for their donations.
- Debra McQuinniff & Debra Proehl for their donations.
- WKKJ for allowing us to do a radio show on our Bowl for Kids Sake Event.
- Chillicothe Gazette for their articles on our Bowl for Kids Sake event.

Can't Bowl??? You Can Still Help

Be a Stay at Home Bowler - Make a donation of \$25, get a t-shirt and you are done - no bowling involved!

Organize a Wii Bowling Tournament - Groups, Organizations & Businesses can organize their own Wii Tournament to help us raise funds. We'll provide the Wii System & staff to help you with your event.

Sponsor a Little to Bowl - You can sponsor one of our Littles so they can bowl and the cost is only \$15!

Buy a Bowling Pin - Cost \$1 - You can purchase a paper bowling pin & put your name on it at the following locations:

Buffalo Wild Wings - Chillicothe
Cross Keys - Chillicothe
The Dock at Water - Chillicothe
Community Market - Chillicothe
Shawnee Lanes - Chillicothe
The Cutting Crew - Hillsboro
Frank's Place - Portsmouth
Stadium Lunch - Portsmouth
Fishbowl - Portsmouth

Be a Lane Sponsor for one of our Community Day Events.

Donate a Door Prize to be given away at this event.

Being a Lane Sponsor or donating a Door Prize is a great way to promote your business and it helps kids in the process!

You can also make online donations through Paypal by going to our website - www.bbbssco.org.

Tara's Welcome

We would like to welcome a new staff member – Tara Gilts. Tara is our new Regional Outreach and Training Manager for our Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program (also known as Amachi Ohio). Tara is a great addition to our team and we know she is going to recruit a lot of volunteers and kids for our agency!

Match News

Anniversaries February

BB John W. & LB Chris V. (5 years)

March

BB Brent R. & LB Harley D. (1 year)

BS Dafna R. & LS Sadi C. (1 year)

BS Danielle G. & LB Hunter P. (3 years)

BB Jim B. & LB Andrew M. (3 years)

BB Pat P. & LB AJ H. (4 years)

BB Mike H. & LB Joseph S. (4 years)



From Tara

My name is Tara Gilts, and I stepped into my position as the Amachi Ohio Regional Outreach and Training Manager in February. Amachi Ohio is a statewide initiative to provide mentors to children of prisoners. Our goal is to connect more Ohio children who have lost a parent to incarceration with mentors who are trained and supported by BBBS to meet the unique needs of each child. I am also reaching out to community members to recruit dedicated Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the children on our ready-to-be-matched list. I am hoping to speak with more businesses, colleges and universities, faith-based groups, social service agencies, public schools and other members of our community about the life-changing mentoring relationships South Central Ohio BBBS is creating and nurturing. Could I speak at your place of worship, employment, or to a social or service group you are a member of? Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member who would be an outstanding Big? Do you know a child who has lost a parent to incarceration? Please contact me at: tara.gilts@bbbssco.org or 740-773-2447 Ext. 107 and help provide more children with thoughtful and committed mentors. I look forward to meeting more Bigs, Littles, and supporters of South Central Ohio Big Brothers Big Sisters!

Ready to be Matched Child

This month we are “highlighting” Josh R. He is a Little Brother that is on our Ready to Be Matched List.

Josh joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in February 2008. He lives with his mother and younger sister in Circleville. Josh is in the 8th grade at McDowell Middle School which is in the Logan Elm School District. Josh enjoys doing a lot of things. He likes his video games, but also enjoys sports and being outside riding bikes and playing with his friends. Josh has been on the Junior High cross country team and wrestling team for the past two years. Most recently he took 2nd place at an open tournament. He has received many medals this past year for his wrestling and is looking forward to wrestling for Logan Elm High School next season. Josh has said that he is interested in going out for football this year, so he is going to be getting into football shape. Josh likes to go the movies, and of course being a typical teenager, scary movies are his favorite. He likes all types of food and being a growing young man can eat a lot.

Josh is a very caring young man. He is thoughtful, sensitive to others feelings, polite and easygoing. He is always ready to do something and is very appreciative of whatever he has gotten to do. Mom would like for him to have a Big Brother that he can pal around with, as well as, share his thoughts.

Josh has participated in several events with the Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and is liked by them all. He is always ready to go and is polite, as well as, helpful. Josh has a great sense of humor and enjoys pleasing others. Josh would make someone a great Little Brother.



Volunteer Appreciation Month
Parents and Littles - Please remember that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Remember to thank them for everything that they do for you!

Calendar of Events

Adena Mansion & Gardens- Saturday, May 21st
Paint's Game – Wednesday, June 15th
Golf Tournament – Saturday, June 18th

Adena Mansion & Garden Event

Thanks to the generosity of Adena Mansion & Gardens, we will be having our May event at their location. We will have a picnic prior to the tour so mark your calendars now!!

When: Saturday, May 21st

Where: Adena Mansion & Gardens – Chillicothe

Time: 12:30 (Lunch) 1:30 (Tour)

Cost: Kids – Free

Adults - \$5

We will have more on this in our next Newsletter.



Karen's Korner



By Karen McDonald-Myers
Executive Director

Welcome to Spring! It's been a long, cold winter and we know it's Springtime because our bowling event is just about here! Like many agencies, we have lost funding from several sources over the past few years. That's what makes this event more important than ever. We have so many generous supporters and that's what allows us to provide our services free of charge. So come out and join the fun at one of our events.

Also, you can help us recruit more volunteers so we can match more kids. If you belong to a club, organization or church, we would love to come and speak to your group and let them know how they can help us.

If you know someone who would be a good volunteer – bring them to one of our events so they can see how much fun it is to help a kid!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

01 – BS – Monesa S.
01 – LB – Brayden G.
02 – LB – Chad G.
03 – LS – Victoria O.
03 – LB – Brandon P.
04 – LB – Zach C.
05 – LS – Christie S.
06 – LS – Caitlyn C.
06 – LB – Carson C.
08 – BS – Anna C.
09 – LS – Courtney S.
10 – LB – Breanna C.
13 – LS – Meagen L.
15 – LB – James B
15 – LB – Jeffery O.
16 – LS – Macee M.
19 – LS – Madison G.
21 – BS – Ronde Cook-Brushart
23 – LS – Tessa W.
26 – LB – Corey S.



MARCH

03 – LB – Dylan H.
04 – LS – Sadi C.
08 – LB – Tony S.
14 – LB – John G.
14 – LS – Caroline L.
15 – LB – Jeffrey H.
17 – BS – Robin H.
17 – BS – Terry B.
18 – LB – Christopher S.
18 – BB – Dwayne D.
19 – LB – Jayden Y.
19 – BS – Debbie P.
21 – LS – Finch S.
25 – LB – James H.
25 – LB – Joseph S.
26 – LS – Ellie F.
28 – LB – Brandon C.
31 – LS – Brittany W.
31 – LS – Deanna S.

New Matches

BS Kristina R. & LS McKensie
H. (2/1/11)
BS Tessa B. & LS Hannah B.
(2/4/11)
BS Lisa B. & LB Killian R.
(2/9/11)



A Special Thank You

We would like to thank Terry Mull, the director of the Highland County YMCA, and Chad Abbott of Abbott signs in Hillsboro, for putting up signs on a snowy Friday in Hillsboro for us. Thanks to you we have gotten a new volunteer!



Golf Tournament

Yes, it's our fund raising time of year!! We have our golf tournament scheduled and the details are as follow:

When: Saturday, June 18th

Where: Jaycees Golf Course
Pleasant Valley Road -
Chillicothe

Time: Registration - 9:00
Tournament Starts - 10:00

Cost: \$60 A Person/\$240 Per
Team

This event is sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings and it's a great day and lots of fun. We have sold the tournament out the past two years so be sure to get your team registered early!!

We have attached a flyer on the tournament and the information and registration form is on our website - www.bbbssco.org.

Planned Giving Information

Many people want to help strengthen the long term viability of Big Brothers Big Sisters and provide funds beyond what they can normally give. A Planned Giving bequest by Will or Revocable Trust can be tailored to complement your personal lifestyle and financial goals and also support Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you have not already done so, please consider putting Big Brothers Big Sisters in your Will or Revocable Trust and leave a Legacy. See our website for additional information.

