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Newsletter

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Ho! Ho! Ho! And Let It Snow

The holiday season is just around the corner and it's time to plan our Christmas Party. This event is always the biggest event of the year and we hope all of you can join us.

Volunteers – We need you to bring a dessert to share.

Parents – Rides may be limited due to the number of children who want to attend. Please call in early and transportation is on a first come basis.

Ross County Parents – We are asking you to bring your children due to the limited number of rides. We can only transport Ross County kids if we have space available or if there are extenuating circumstances in the family.

The agency will provide dinner and soft drinks as well as some fun entertainment. Santa will be on hand with gifts for all the children. In order to make sure that Santa gets your name, please call us no later than November 30th.

When: Tuesday, December 8th

Where: Open Door Church

3130 Bridge St. - Chillicothe

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Call in by: *November 30th.*

Directions:

Coming from 23 North - Take the Three Locks Road/Bridge Street exit. Turn Left off the exit and the Church will be on your left.

Coming from 23 South –Take the Three Locks Road/Bridge Street exit. Turn Left off the exit and the church will be on you left.

From Route 50 –Route 50 turns into Western Avenue. Take Western Avenue until it ends and turn left onto Main Street (Traffic Light). Take Main Street (5-6 Lights) to Bridge Street (Speedway will be on your left) and turn right onto Bridge Street. Go down a few miles and the Church will be on your right (before you get to Route 23).

Please note that this Bridge Street exit is not the one with all the Restaurants/Stores. Make sure you take the one that says Three Locks Road! If you get off at the other Bridge Street exit – it will eventually take you there and it will be past Glatfelter Paper.



Hope to see you there!



Thank you!! Thank you!!

The agency would like to thank the following:

- Ohio Christian University for sponsoring a Volleyball event for our Pickaway County Ready to be Matched littles.
- Clinton County Foundation for their recent grant.
- Deb Main & her friend, Teresa Shisler, Tami Schumaker, and Wayne & Robin Holland for volunteering to help with the Pure Prairie League Concert.
- Nelson Coleman for all of his hard work on our computer system. Our hard drive crashed and I'm not sure what we would have done without his help!
- James Segelhorst for his donation of clothing.
- Teresa Shisler for her donation of clothing.
- Deborah B. for writing the letter for our Annual Campaign.
- Al Rupiper for making a donation to purchase a new light fixture for our upstairs conference room.
- Wayne & Robin Holland for installing the new light fixture in our upstairs conference room.
- First Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro for their recent donation.
- Arby's Restaurants in Chillicothe, Circleville, New Boston, Portsmouth, Wheelersburg, Waverly, Jackson and South Bloomfield for their recent campaign to benefit our agency. They did an awesome job and we greatly appreciate their support!
- Darlene Schuster, Jasmine, Jade & Josh for representing our agency in the Pumpkin Show Parade!

Special Thank You's

We would like to thank Kohl's Department Store and the Jr. Civic League for sponsoring the outing with the Columbus Crew. We had a beautiful day for a soccer game and it was a great game. The kids got to meet Jack Hannah and Scooby Doo. They kicked the winning goal during the last few minutes of the game and we were seated just behind the goal! A special thanks to the Kohl's employees who joined us for the game.

We would also like to thank Michael Brady and the New Hope Church of God for sponsoring our October Bash! The church was a great facility and they had a lot of fun games for the kids to use. La Verna and the Pumpkin Carving were both great hits at the party. It was another beautiful day; we had lots of fun and wanted to thank everyone who helped with the event.

Scioto County Matches - OOPS

We made a mistake in the past newsletter about your Christmas Party. The party is on December 17th and not December 10th —Sorry! It will be held at the Elks Club in Portsmouth from 6:00 p.m. —8:00 p.m.! Sorry about the mistake.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Even though Bowl for Kids' Sake is a few months away, we want you to **Save The Dates.** We'll get you more information in January but the events are as follow:

- ▲ **March 28th** —Pickaway County at Pickaway Lanes
- ▲ **April 10th** —Kid's Day at Shawnee Lanes —Ross County
- ▲ **April 11th** —Ross County at Shawnee Lanes
- ▲ **April 18th** —Fayette County at LeElla Lanes
- ▲ **April 25th** —Highland County at Highland Lanes
- ▲ **April 25th** —Scioto County at Sunset Lanes



New Date

Items Needed

Each year we wrap hundreds of gifts for our Christmas parties. We can always use wrapping paper to help with this project. If you have any that you would like to donate either drop it off at our Chillicothe office or call us. If we are in your area, we may be able to pick it up.

Mandy's Baby

We just wanted to let you know that Mandy had a baby girl on October 16th. Her name is Lily Anne and she weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. We've seen pictures and she is adorable! Mom and Lily are doing fine and we're looking forward to meeting her.

Kroger Community Rewards Information

We have enrolled into the Kroger Community Rewards program. It is very simple to register and we receive a portion of the money that is spent. This does not effect your gas rewards, you still get credit for those points. Once registered, when members swipe their Kroger Plus card when making a purchase, it will count toward the agency's & customer's rewards.

How to enroll your Kroger Rewards card:

Go to Krogercommunityrewards.com

Click on sign in/register. Since most customers are new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "NEW CUSTOMER" box.

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get a message to your email inbox and click on the link within the email.

Click on MY ACCOUNT and use your email address and password to proceed.

Click on EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS INFORMATION and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update/confirm your information.

Enter NPO number **84357** or select **South Central Ohio Big Brothers Big Sisters** from the list (make sure the circle is selected) and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see our name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER, that purchases will not count for agency until after registering your card.

Match of the Month

At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we define success by the level of friendship and commitment that develops between our volunteers, 'Bigs', and children, 'Littles'. One of our Highland County matches exemplifies these standards of dedication and have grown close in the months they have been matched.

I met Brenda after she and a group of friends decided to host a Christmas party for a group of our Littles at Star Cinema. I rounded up a dozen or so kids and she blew me away with the time and energy she had put into the event. It started with a Stephano's pizza party, homemade decorated sugar cookies, carefully selected and beautifully wrapped gifts for each child from Peebles, followed by a tour of the film room, a preview movie reel, quarters for arcade games, and popcorn and soda during the movie. She and her friends were as enthusiastic as the kids, playing games, asking questions, and forming friendships.

Soon after that event, Brenda became matched with one of the girls at the party, Alex. It did not take long for the two to become fast friends, sharing many interests. Brenda has helped Alex develop many new skills and hobbies, including scrapbooking, throwing pottery, leather working, cooking, painting, swimming and more. The two recently decorated for a wedding, and the last time I spoke with Brenda, she and her husband and Alex had made a leather belt. They have made dozens of cookies to give away, done special projects for both of their families, and have started a scrapbook of their adventures together.

Brenda says that she and Alex have grown close and having Alex around is like being with one of her family members. For Alex, having Brenda in her life means she has a friendship with someone outside of her family that she can trust, relate to, and share her victories and fears, joys and trials. Life for both of them is richer because they have each other, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

One of the misunderstandings about mentoring is that a volunteer needs to be a certain 'type' of person in order to relate to a child. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we aren't looking for cookie-cutter personalities, we are grateful for our Bigs of all personalities, with various interests and life experiences to offer a child. Brenda was perfect for Alex, sharing a love of arts and crafts. Maybe your passion is for cars, computers, baseball, dancing, or fishing. Our kids have a wide variety of interests, and some that they haven't even had a chance to develop yet. Imagine the satisfaction of introducing a skill or hobby to a child who may never get to have that experience otherwise. Imagine doing what you already love to do, only knowing that you are making a difference in the life of a child. Remember, it is the little moments that make big magic!

New Match

BS Lauren K. & LS Bralynne H. (10/5/09)

Anniversaries

BS Cindy W. & LS Julia W. (6 years)
BB Jack K. & LB Josh T. (1 year)
BS Mindy K. & LB Jerrod T. (1 year)
BS Erin D. & LS Stacey P. (1 year)
BS Shayna G. & LB Travis S. (3 years)
BB Bruce G. & LB Tyler S. (3 years)

November Birthdays

01 – LS – Desiree B.
05 – BB – Michael H.
06 - LS - Courtney C.
09 – LS – Ladonna C.
11 – LS – Trina S.
15 – LB – Jerry J.
16 – LS – Nakesha B
20 – LB – Quentin H.
20 – LB – Tyrese F.
21 – LB – Dustin S.
21 – LB – Joshua R.
24 – LB – Cody M.
24 – BS – Misty D.



December Birthdays

03 – LB – Tevin T.
05 – BS – Linda H.
07 - LB – Van E.
07 - LB – Brendon G.
08 – BB – Kyle D.
12- LB – Jaynard D.
16 – BB – Michael L.
17 – LB – Isaiah M.
21 – LS – Madison M.
23 - LB - Chris J.
23 – LB – Gayton B.
24 – BB – Charles W.
24 – LB – Dallas T.
29 – BB – Jeff G.



Karen's Korner

It's hard to believe the holiday season is just around the corner. This year has certainly been flying by. Our school based mentoring programs have gotten underway and we are hoping to get a few more going within the next few weeks.

Bowl for Kid's Sake is coming up soon as well and we are starting to prepare for this event. We know this could be a tough year for fund raising so any ideas you might have are more than welcome. We are also looking for people to help us on a Bowl for Kids' Sake Committee. If you are interested, please call Karen at 800-888-6335 or 773-2447.

Calendar of Events

Thanksgiving Breakfast –November 7th
Christmas Party –December 8th (Tuesday)
Christmas Party –December 17th –Scioto County Only

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