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South Central Ohio Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association

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Newsletter

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It's Time to Talk Turkey

Each year, the Board of Director's hosts an event for the kids and volunteers in our program – the Thanksgiving Breakfast. This is a great event and the Board works very hard to make a great breakfast and they are pretty good cooks too! Petland will be on hand this year as the entertainment and they will be bringing lots of animals for you to learn about and enjoy. So, bring a big appetite and get ready for a fun filled morning!

When: Saturday, November 7th

Where: St. Peter's Church

126 Church St. - Chillicothe

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Call in by: *No later than October 30th.*

Directions:

From 23/35 -Take the High Street exit off route 35 and turn left (if you are coming from the east) or right (if you are coming from the west). Follow High Street to Water Street and turn right onto Water Street. Turn right onto Church Street and St. Peters Church is on the corner of Water and Church Streets.

From 50 – Take route 50 into Chillicothe and it will turn into Western Avenue. Take Western Avenue to Water Street (Moto Gas Station on the corner) and turn left onto Water Street. Turn left onto Church Street.

Hope to see you there!



Thank you!! Thank you!!

The agency would like to thank the following:

- Wayne & Robin Holland for doing some much needed yard work!
- Robin Holland for staffing our booth at Krogers.
- Big Brother, Pat Park for speaking to the Ashville Kiwanis Club.
- Jeanette Morris for her donation of a JC Penney's gift card.
- Wayne & Robin Holland for covering the cost of the facility for our Thanksgiving Breakfast.
- Tim Arms and Ye Old Lantern for hosting our Pancake Breakfast in Scioto County.
- Chillicothe Morning Rotary for allowing us to speak to their group.
- Melanie Hamilton, Tonya Askren, Brandy Pitzer, Cindy Wilson and Terry Boike for helping Erin staff our booth at the Highland County Fair.
- Tammy Russell, Cheryl Barlage and Wayne & Robin Holland for helping to staff the booth our day at the Ross County Fair.
- Clara Dixon and The Team from Ross County Community Action for doing some much needed yard work at our office.
- Ashville Kiwanis Club for allowing us to speak to their group.
- John Lloyd for his donation of school supplies.
- Walnut Street United Methodist Church for their donation of school supplies.
- Ann Thompson for her donation for school supplies.
- Sarah, Belinda & Davis Webb for their donation of clothing, luggage and games.
- Vicky Mytinger, Peggy Depugh Landrum, Becky Tinch and Ricketta Shoemaker for their Team Adena donations.
- Jeanette Morris for bringing lunch to our staff—it was delicious!
- Ronde & Glen Brushart for hosting a party at their home for our Board and our staff.
- Nelson Coleman for working on our computer system.
- Gail Carpenter & Larry Detty for helping us around the office.

A Very Special Thank You

We wanted to once again thank Angie Trego and the Harley Owners Group for hosting our Annual Harley Outing. This is the 11th year that they have done this for us and we really appreciate their support. While it was not a very pretty day for the event, it didn't dampen the spirit of the event. In 11 years, it has only rained twice so we are not going to complain! The Harley Shop gave all of the kids a really nice Christmas Ornament and local pizza parlors donated a great lunch. Even though the kids only got to take a short ride around the park in the rain, it was still fun. Sheriff Lavender, was on hand to keep us all in line! We'd like to thank everyone who helped with this event and it is certainly one that the kids look forward to each year.

Other Events in the Area

- ▲ Halloween in the Park —October 24th —Fayette County
- ▲ Circleville Pumpkin Show —October 21st —24th —Pickaway County

- ▲ Halloween Parade —October 31st —Ross County

Welcome New Committee Members

We would like to welcome three new committee members.

Tami Schumaker – Resource Development Committee
Kevin Norman – Resource Development Committee
Emily Gerber Poe – PR Committee

We are looking forward to working with them and putting their talents to work for our program. Welcome aboard!

Looking for Something Fun for the Holiday Season?

The Columbus Youth Ballet will be performing the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 12th at the Chillicothe High School Auditorium. Ticket costs should be reasonable and we'll try to have more information in our next newsletter.

Volunteers Needed

Bowl for Kids' Sake is just around the corner and March will be here before you know it. We want to increase our revenues this year and need some help to make that happen! We are looking for volunteers from each county to serve on our Bowl for Kids Sake Committee. The Committee will help us to increase teams, recruit lane sponsors, help to schedule Wii bowling tournaments and much more. It will be a fun project to get involved with and we need your help so we can serve more kids.

We are in the process of scheduling our events for 2010 and will have all of the dates confirmed by our next newsletter.

Volunteer Highlight

This month we are highlighting a Big Sister that works for the National Parks Department. Dafna works at the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park located off of State Route 104 in Chillicothe. She is matched with Little Sister, Angel in Ross County. Recently, Dafna was called upon by the Parks Dept. to help fight the wildfires in California. She has had specialized training and must attend a one day refresher course each year to maintain her eligibility in the fire crew. She never knows when she will be called upon and must be able to pick up and leave many times with only two or three hours notice. Many times when called out to fight a fire, crew members can be asked to stay two to three weeks depending on the intensity of the fire. Dafna was a full time firefighter for the National Parks Department. She has fought wildfires in all of the Western states, as well as, Florida and Georgia. She now works primarily at the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park.

On her most recent trip to California, Dafna partnered with twenty other crewmembers from all over Ohio. They were responsible for putting in fire line (cutting away vegetation to bare ground so nothing will burn), putting in fire hoses (sometimes miles at a time), putting on connectors and nozzles, and directly fighting the fire. They were able to contain the fire, but not before it had burned 90,000 acres. There were homes, ranches, and remote areas that were affected by the fire. They worked fourteen to fifteen hours a day trying to contain the fire. Dafna reports that it was "pretty exhausting work, but fun". She also views her time fighting wildfires as an adventure, as well as, a great way to see the country. She has met new people on each adventure. Fire crews are

made up of a mix of people. She has met teachers, police officers, and college students. They sleep in tents and have a mobile kitchen that feeds the crew members. The food is plentiful since the crew members are doing very arduous work and working long hours.

While on this trip Dafna reports that two people were injured. One became dehydrated and was taken to the medical tent and re-hydrated before returning to the fire line. Another was airlifted out of the area after falling off of a cliff and breaking his leg. While she views each experience as an adventure the seriousness and the risk involved is never far from her mind. Dafna has fought approximately 250 wildfires in her time as a firefighter. Some have been as little as a day and others for as long as three weeks.

We appreciate the service that Dafna provides to Big Brothers Big Sisters but also for her service at the National Parks Department. We hope that she continues to be safe and healthy on her future trips.

New Matches

BS Darlene S. & LS Jasmine B. (8/17/09)
BB Chuck S. & LB Harley M. (9/20/09)

Anniversaries

BS Michelle L. & LS Ellie F. (1 year)
BB Mason B. & LB John G. (1 year)
BS Terry B. & LS Debbie W. (1 year)
BB Jason B. & LB Jeffrey H. (3 years)
BS Kelly B. & LS Brooke M. (5 years)
BS Amy R. & LS Perlina D. (5 years)

Barb Retired

After 17 years of working for our agency, Barbara Herman retired on September 25th. Barb has been with the agency longer than any other staff member. She will certainly be missed and I'm not sure how we will find things without her! I'm sure we will be calling her for awhile to locate things around the office. It was a pleasure to work with her and we will miss her smiling face!

BIRTHDAYS

September

01 – LS – Jade R.
02 – LB – Trystin D.
03 - BS – Christina M.
06 – LB – Bill H.
07 – LB – Anthony W.
12 – LB – Matthew M.
13 - LS – Perlina D.
15 - LB – Raymond P.
18 – LS – Angel N.
19 _ LS – Candice Je.
22 – BB – Jason B.
26 – LS – Alexis L.
27 – LB – Daniel P.
28 – LB – Willy D. III
29 – LB – Noah C.



October

01 – BB – Patrick P.
03 – LS – Trista B.
03– LB – Bryce B.
03– BB – Christopher S.
03– LB – Logan G.
07 – LS – Taylor T.

10 – LB – Jacob S.
12 - BB - Gail C.
12 – LS – Maira M.
13 – BB – John W.
17 – BB – Clinton K.
17 – LB – Dylan B.
19 – LS – Stephanie A.
19 – LS – Amber P.
20 – LS – Crystal S.
20 – LS – Madison C.
21 – LB – Mikel M.
24 – LB – Micheal J.
25 – LS – Bralynne H.



Karen's Korner

It's hard to believe that it's already October! But, with the fall comes our school based programs. We are getting those started and it appears it will be another good year for this program. Due to some budget cuts, have had to suspend some of these programs but hope to revisit them in January. For those same reasons, we have to limit the number of children on the Ready to be Matched list. We will be taking information from parents who want to enroll their children and will process them as space becomes available. We hate to do this but in these tough economic times, we have no choice. We have not replaced our staff when they have left the agency and are hopeful that things will get better soon.

We will be enrolling children in Fayette, Pike & Highland Counties. The Ready to be Matched lists are not as large in those counties as they are in Ross, Pickaway & Scioto Counties.

Please know that we will enroll your child as soon as possible so don't let that hinder you from calling our office.

Calendar of Events

Christmas Party – December 8th (Tuesday)
Christmas Party – December 10th – Scioto County Only

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