

Little Moments. **BIG MAGIC!**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio

Put a Smile in Every Frame

Have you registered your team for Bowl For Kids' Sake yet?

You say you can't bowl anything but a gutter ball? That's okay because it's not REALLY about the bowling...it's about the kids! The work we do at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio is possible only because of people like you. People who care enough about the future of our children to spend time with friends and family raising money for a GREAT local cause.

You will have all the fun bowling and winning great prizes in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters while we make the mentoring matches. As a result of those matches, the Little Brothers and Little Sisters are more likely to stay drug and alcohol free and to stay in school. They also perform better in school and have improved relationships with their families and often make life-long bonds with their Big Brothers or Big Sisters.

Now that you know you don't have to be a good bowler, what's there to stop you from making a difference in the lives of children throughout Northwest Ohio? To get started visit our website at <http://www.bbbsnwo.org/> or contact one of our five offices (listed on the last page of this newsletter) for more information. Chose a date to bowl and recruit 4 of your friends, co-workers and family members and raise pledge dollars.

You could win our Ohio Staycation Grand Prize and explore what Ohio has to offer! For every \$100 you raise or every 5 teams you build you will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. Visit www.bbbsnwo.org/staycation.html for a complete list of attractions included in the staycation.

You say you can't afford the minimum amount to bowl? Not a problem! Here are a few ways to raise \$200 pledge dollars. It won't cost you a thing!

- Ask 4 family members for \$10 each
- Ask 5 co-workers or teachers for \$5 each
- Ask 5 friends for \$10 each
- Ask 3 businesses you frequent for \$20 each
- Ask 5 neighbors or church members for \$5 each
- Check with your company or church about matching your pledge dollars.

You could double your contribution!

The bowling gets rolling on February 20th and continues until May 21st. So gather up your friends, family and co-workers and help us put a smile in every frame.

Our Mission: To provide quality mentoring relationships between children and qualified adults in Northwestern Ohio and promote children's development into competent, confident and caring individuals.



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Bowl For Kids' Sake

February 20 - New Glass Bowl Lanes in Toledo

February 27 - Al-Mar Lanes in Bowling Green

March 13 & 14- Interstate Lanes in Rossford

April 16 - Swanton Sports Center in Swanton

April 17 - Bay Center Recreation in Oregon

April 23 - Nu-Arch Lanes in Archbold

April 25 - Harbor Lanes in Port Clinton

May 1 & 2 - Southwyck Lanes, Toledo

May 21 - Bryan Lanes in Bryan

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A Month of Mentoring

Need ideas on what to do with your Little?
Here are a few suggestions...

1. Form a team and bowl in Bowl For Kids' Sake
2. Make Valentines for your parent(s) and/or grandparent(s)
3. Have a game night and play board or video games
4. Build a family of snowmen



Our Wish List

- Games and Sports Equipment for the Site-Based Mentoring Programs
- New computers
- A VCR or DVD Player

If you have any of the things on our wish list and are interested in donating, please give us a call!

Match Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following matches with anniversaries in February!

Little Logan/Big Lori	6 years
Little Daniel/Big Myron	5 years
Little Deja/Big Erin	4 years
Little Troy/Big Sean	4 years
Little Timothy/Big Andrew	4 years
Little Marcus/Big Kevin	3 years
Little Johnathon/Big Michael	2 years
Little Nicholas/Big James	2 years
Little Walker/Big Dan	2 years
Little Hailey/Big Kelley	2 years
Little Jakazia/Big Jordan	2 years
Little Sabrina/Big Jennifer	1 year

Little Angelica/Big Jennifer	1 year
Little Krista/Big Meagan	1 year
Little Nathaniel/Big Jordan	1 year
Little Jonathon/Big Jordan	1 year
Little Alfonzo/Big Michael	1 year
Little Alejandro/Big Matthew	1 year
Little Anthony/Big Anthony	1 year
Little Shaunell/Big Jennifer	1 year
Little Taya/Big Autumn	1 year

Did we miss your match anniversary? Please give us a call and let us know.

Thank you to the Bigs for making a difference in a child's life! And thank you to the Littles because you may not know it, but you are also making a difference in your Bigs' lives as well.

Shop Kroger. Support Big Brothers Big Sisters!

Supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio is now as easy as using your Kroger Plus card. If you already have a Kroger Plus card you will have to register your card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available for free at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card and follow these steps:

1. Visit the above website and click on Sign In/Register.
2. If you are a new online customer, click on Sign Up Today in the New Customer box and enter the required information. Current customers use their regular log-in and skip to number 4.
3. You will be sent an email to your inbox. Follow the instructions in the email to complete the registration process.
4. Once you have completed the registration, click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and enter your Kroger Plus card number.*
5. Update or confirm your information.
6. Enter 83924 and select BBBS from the list and click confirm.
7. You're done...start shopping!

*If you use your phone number instead of your card when shopping, please call 1-877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Give Us an Update

We are required to keep a current copy of all volunteers' proof of auto insurance and driver's license in their files. If your auto insurance or driver's license has been renewed or changed, please send us a copy. Failure to do so may result in your file being closed. The safety of the children in the program must come first!

Case managers must also hear from volunteers to know how your match is progressing. Volunteers and parents are required to contact the office for match support once a month during the first year of the match and quarterly after the first year. If you have not heard from us, *please give any case manager a call or send an email*. We are here for you to provide support and assistance with your match. We also like to hear the success stories, so if your match is going well, we want hear from you!

Come Swim with Us at Splash Bay

On Sunday, February 28 we will be at Splash Bay in Maumee from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. You may stay as little or as long as you like. However, you will need to be there at 10:00 am to receive your wristbands. Cost is \$12.95 per person if you will be participating. If you just want to watch and not get wet the cost is \$6.00 per person. Do you think you might work up an appetite? Admission and 2 pieces of pizza and a drink will cost \$15.95. We must know if you want pizza and pop when you call in to RSVP. Want to know more about Splash Bay? Visit their website: www.splashbaymaumee.com/index2.php. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, February 18 to either Megan at 419-243-4600 or Kendra at 419-354-2113. When you call in make sure to let them know how many will be participating, how many will be watching and how many want pizza and drink.

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Upcoming Events and Activities

February 28: Splash Bay in Maumee from 10am-3pm. Swimming only costs \$12.95, swimming with pizza and pop costs \$15.95. Call Kendra at 419-354-2113 or Megan at 419-243-4600 to RSVP by February 18.

Don't forget to bowl in our Bowl For Kids' Sake Events. See our website <http://www.bbbsnwo.org> for more information.

Local Community Activities

The following websites have a list of upcoming community events:

www.toledo.com: covers Toledo and Lucas County

www.northwestohioevents.com: covers Fulton & Williams Counties

Please Note: When attending any Big Brothers Big Sisters activities, all children must be accompanied by their Big Brother or Big Sister, their parent, or an approved adult.

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