

Let's start something™

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio

Think of the possibilities. **What will you start?**

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Bowl For Kids' Sake

Wood County

Al-Mar Lanes

February 28, 2015

11:00AM, 1:30 PM &

4:00 PM

Lucas County

Southwyck Lanes

March 6, 2015

March 20, 2015

7:00 PM

Jugs Bowling Center

April 18, 2015

11:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Interstate Lanes

May 2, 2015

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

~Mentor for the Day~

Be matched with a child from our waiting list in a one-time special activity.

Call the office today for more information on how to make a "BIG" difference, in the life of a child.

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Our New CEO: Thinking "Big" for our "Littles"

Anyone who really knows **Johnny M. Mickler, Sr.**, the new **President/CEO** of **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio**, is well-aware that his mission in life has always been to **"Start Something"** – to make good things happen for our young people.

Previously, **Mickler** served as **President & CEO** of the **Urban League of the Upstate** (in Greenville & Spartanburg counties in SC). He also successfully ran the national award-winning **Greater Toledo Urban League** for 10 years; The **Madison Urban League** in WI; and The **Greenville Urban League** in SC. **Mickler** began his professional career as a cost-accountant with **CRS-Sirrinc**, a design & construction engineering firm in Upstate SC. He's earned **three (3) Associate of Science degrees** from **Greenville Tech** in **Accounting, Marketing, and Management**; a **Bachelor of Science degree** from **Limestone College** in **Business Mgt.**; and, he has earned several hours toward his **Master's degree** in **Human Resource Management** at **Clemson University**.

A community activist at heart, **Mickler has served on several area boards:** The **Medical College of Ohio Foundation**, **Owens Community College Foundation, Inc.**, the **Corporation for Effective Government**, and the **Northwest Black Chamber of Commerce**. Mickler was a member and Vice-Chair of the **Ohio Council of Urban Leagues**. Also, he served on a national-level for prospective CEO's.

Johnny Mickler became a social services, civil rights, and children's advocate due to his own upbringing. . . He credits his **teachers, grandparents, neighbors, church**, and the **three pharmacists who encouraged him to do well in school** – for his success. **"Had it not been for – My Mentors (who believed in ME),** said **Mickler – I don't know where I'd be today."**

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A "Little's" Story

Niesha—Age 9

"I go to **Dorr Elementary** and I am in the fifth grade. **I am getting all A's and B's in school.** I was matched with Peggy when I was eight years old. I do not remember much about the first time we met or even a lot of the things that we did the first year. Peggy has taken me to **Cedar Point** a couple of times and that was fun. She also got me involved in Cheerleading with her daughters at **Bowling Green State University.** I really like cheerleading with her daughters Kala and Kelly. I have my own cheerleading outfit to wear when I cheer.

Peggy taught me to ride a horse two weeks ago for the first time and it went poop while I was riding! I just sat on the horse because I didn't want to clean it up. We go swimming at the **Holiday Inn** and at the beach where Peggy lives. I went to Pennsylvania with Peggy, we went swimming, to the zoo, shopping, to see a show with ballerinas and out to eat. I had never been to Pennsylvania before; it was fun staying in a hotel. I like to dance and Peggy dances with me.

Peggy helps me do math with M&Ms. She tells me to count them and put them in a group in a circle. Then I have to times them and count them to get my answer. If I get the answer right I get to eat the M&Ms. Peggy also helps me with my science projects. When Peggy helps me it is much easier to do. We go skating at the skating ring. My first time on skates, I fell on my butt and was crying. Peggy helped me up and told me that I needed to keep trying. Now I skate good without falling all the time.

We went to Peggy's house for Thanksgiving. We ate and played games. My sister, mom and brother went too. I play with Peggy's dogs Nelly and Cassidy. I like playing with both of them. Peggy taught me to do flips and cartwheels. Peggy does not do them with me, but Jeff does. Peggy gave me a frog book to read and then I had to tell her what it was about, to get a piece of candy. I have to read for a few minutes each time. It is not long.

I love Peggy because she is nice and she is always there for me. I can call her any time I want to talk to her. We talk about school, my sister and brother, and Peggy's family.

I want to stay matched with Peggy for the rest of my life because she's my **BIG SISTER.** I hope Peggy wins the **"Big Sister of the Year"** award, because **I really love her!"**

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Our Programs

Traditional Mentoring

Provides children 5-15 years old with a mentoring relationship with a qualified adult-volunteer in which — the "Match" spends a few hours each week enjoying activities together — and building a strong and lasting relationship.

Site-Based Mentoring

Serves children ages 5-15 years old with a mentoring relationship in a supervised group setting, at a predetermined site for one-hour, one-day a week.

The M-3 Project

Provides services to children 5-15 years old in an effort to help them avoid being drawn into alcohol, nicotine or other drug use.

WIA Project: A Mentoring Tescera

Provides mentoring and job-skills training/coaching to help students 16-18 years old improve academic achievement, develop job-skills, enjoy a mentor/mentee matched relationship and have a positive volunteer/work experience.

Mentoring Children of Prisoners ~ Amachi

Serves children 4-15 years old — who have one or both parents — currently incarcerated in a **State** or **Federal** correctional facility.

Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Provides mentoring services to targeted youth (ages 9 to 18) — with the intent of reducing juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, truancy, chronic absenteeism — and other problematic and high-risk behaviors.

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