Note from our Executive Director

Emmons Service of Jackson was our Event sponsor for our 36th annual Bowl for Kids’ Sake Event. Evidence of the fun and interaction between our many bowlers and our supporters at this year’s event, which took place at Airport Lanes is obvious in the photos available for viewing on our Facebook pages.

We had a total of 43 teams with 215 bowlers. Special thanks to our event Co-Chair’s Kathy Schmalz and Jerry Jarzynka. Please mark your calendars for our next fundraiser on Friday, June 15th for our 27th annual Golf “Fore” Kids’ Sake at Hankerd Hills Golf Course in Pleasant Lake. We typically fill all our team openings so get your entry ASAP to make sure you don’t get left out of this opportunity to support BBBS of Jackson County! For reservations, call 517-784-7181. Gary Swartzlander and David Hawkins, are the event Co-Chairs of this fun-filled event.

Looking ahead, please note that the Frosty Boy BBBSJC picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 1st at 5:00 pm in the Cascades Park. Our fall entertainment dinner/silent auction is scheduled for Friday October 5th.

2018 is Big Brothers Big Sisters 51st year of community service in Jackson County. Because of your support and generosity we are able to celebrate this milestone anniversary of mentoring children who need it the most. Thank you as we look forward to our next 51 years!

~Tony Hollow, Executive Director

Mission:
The BBBS mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Vision:
BBBS vision is that all children achieve success in life.

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Golf Scramble

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
OF JACKSON COUNTY
27th Annual
Golf “Fore” Kids’ Sake Scramble
June 15, 2018
Hankerd Hills Golf Course
Registration 8am—Shotgun Start 9am
Contests * Prizes * Food * Fun
Every January, we always appreciate having the reason to show our great appreciation to our “Bigs” the thankfulness and gratitude they deserve for National Mentor Appreciation month. On January 27th, we held our annual Mentor Appreciation Breakfast at the First United Methodist Church. Our “Bigs” really do make such a magnificent impact and difference in the lives of their “Littles” and have such a powerful impact in their daily lives and nothing beats hearing exactly what they do when it comes directly from a “Little’s” heart. A huge thank you to each and everyone of our amazing mentors! You all do an amazing job!

**Jr. Big Sister of the Year SB:** Kaylee Comet
Jr. Advisor Award: Nevada Campbell, Emily Prater & Chey Curtis
**Jr. Big Brother of the Year SB:** Jacob Nichols
Jr. Advisor Award: Devin Derr
**New Big Brother of the Year Community-Based:** Brian Schaffer
**New Big Sister of the Year Community-Based:**
Sue Paruszewicz
**New Big Brother of the Year Site-Based:** Bill Blakemore & Joseph McGraw
**New Big Sister of the Year Site-Based:** Jessicaizer
Community Supporter of the Year: C.C.C Catering
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Event Supporter of the Year: Darlene LaVoy
BBBS Board Service Awards: Daniel Hyliard, Faruk Pilav & Steve Sukta
Marketing Contributor of the Year: Tripp’s Auto Shop & Collision Center
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**Big Brother of the Year Community-Based:** Joshua Guy
**Big Sister of the Year Community-Based:** Emily Walainis
**Big Brother of the Year Site-Based:** Charles Sinclair
**Big Sister of the Year Site-Based:** Andrea Desnoyer
Educator of the Year: Matt Desmara, Michigan Center High School, Honorable Mention: Kelly Vieau, Michigan Center
Educational Partner of the Year: Michigan Center, Honorable Mention: East Jackson
Media Advocate of the Year: JTV, Karen & Bart Hawley
Volunteer of the Year: Faruk Pilav
Foundation of the Year: Mid State Health Network, Heather English
“Dave Mulholand” Social Media Communicator Award: Rebecca Calkins
All Event Friend/Fundraiser Supporter: Sharon Rouse

#Giving Back

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A “BIG” THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 BOWL FOR KIDS’ SAKE SPONSORS!

Our Top Individual Pledge Winners were:

First Prize, $100
Visa Gift Card

Lynn Kenworthy

Student Prize, $25
Klavon’s Pizzeria Gift Card

Northwest High School

WAY TO GO BOWLERS!!!

A “Big” thank you to our Event Sponsor, Emmons Service, Inc: with a $1,000 donation.


Team Sponsors included: Advance Turning & Manufacturing, American 1 Credit Union, American Speedy Printing, Brock Ansel—Hanover Horton School, Bone Island Grille, Brandt & Dehnke Law Offices, Jack V. Butterfield Investments, CCC Catering, Community Choice Credit Union, Diversified Precision Products, Eaton Hydraulics, Flagstar Bank, Frosty Boy, Harry Howard, Huntington Bank, Integro, LLC., Jackson County ISD, Jackson County Youth Center, Jackson Glass Works, Jackson Pediatric Dentistry, Jackson Police Department, Jerry Jarzynka, Darlene LaVoy, LJ Ross Associates, Lumen Christi, Michigan Center Schools, Northwest Community Schools, OmniSource, Orbitform, Peak Manufacturing Inc., Katie Krezmierski, Sharon Rouse, Sheets Family Dentistry, South Central Credit Union, Subway—Yes Sir E Bob, Tri-County Water, Vandercook Lake Schools & Western Schools


Other Sponsors Included: Applegate Heating & Air, Controlled Turning, Frosty Boy, JFP Management, Plating Systems & Earl Polenski
The Site Based Program at Big Brothers Big Sisters is excited to introduce Joe and Thailik in our Site Based Plus Program. Joe Mcgraw is an employee at Consumers Energy who enjoys spending time with his family, as well as making a difference through being a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thailik is a 4th grade student in Jackson County. Thailik is an intelligent student, and he is very good at reading. Thailik also enjoys sports, board games, video games and just being competitive.

Joe and Thailik have been crushing their match goals since they were matched in August! They initially established a good relationship through asking each other questions, playing UNO and playing outside. After their 90-day meeting it was clear the pair needed some more challenging goals as they breezed through their initial goals. Joe and Thailik then switched to the site-based plus program and established new goals! For the rest of this year this match will be crushing a math goal, a communication and competition goal! We are so excited to see where Joe and Thailik go next!

~ Jenna Darling,
Site-Based Match Specialist

Site Based Match Anniversaries

April:
*Five Years*
Sherry Kail & Selida

*Three Years*
James Burris & Trequan

June:
*Two Years*
Melissa Choate & Spirit

Site-Based New Matches

January
Raegan Kennedy & Akaysha 1/24/2018

March
Ashley Ostrander & Lisette 3/19/2018
Susi Ward & Addison 3/20/2018

A BIG Thank You to Consumers Energy for their continued support of BBBS!!

Consumers Energy
Count on Us®
Matt and Jacob have been matched for 7 years, since 2011. Matt Stoner and Jacob were matched when Jacob was 8 years old. Jacob and Matt really enjoy spending time together. Jacob stated that Matt talks to him about life stuff, marriage, fatherhood, work, politics and money management. Jacob really looks up to Matt and has learned over the years that he would like to have a family, and a stable job. Jacob really wants to discover which jobs would allow him to make the most money and take a small amount of money to be trained/educated for. Jacob also has mentioned wanting to become a computer programmer. Matt encourages looking toward the future. Matt also wants to help him figure out what comes next in life for Jacob. This match is a success story for sure! Jacob is an open minded, well rounded kid, who has potential and drive to be successful and live a life he enjoys. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County is proud of Matt and Jacob’s success. Just being a part of a child’s life for a few hours a month is proven to help build character, self-esteem and future success. Thank you Matt for being a support in Jacob’s life, and thank you Jacob for putting in the work and allowing Matt to help you.

~ Andrea Parshall,
Community-Based Match Specialist

Community Based Match Anniversaries

April:
*7 Years*
Matthew Stoner & Jacob

*4 Years*
Helen Sowards-Emmerd & Nalani

*3 Years*
Shelby Ankeny & Elizabeth

*2 Years*
Emma DuBois & Marina

*1 Year*
Erica Czolgosz & Emily

Shirlee Cuffman & Taylor

May:
*7 Years*
Bill Wright & Shawn

*3 Years*
Annie Steward & Autumn

*2 Years*
Robyn Anes & Cheyla

*1 Year*
Brianna Chick & Mara

Garrett Dowell & Bran'Don

Brenda Rilette & Mary

Cody Cochran & Caiden

June:
*4 Years*
Jennifer DeWeese & Malia

*3 Years*
Jim Brian & Trystin

Darlene LaVoy & Shaniah

*2 Years*
SaTerra Clark & Kaneisha

Cayla Upham & Marcia

Community Based New Matches

January
Judd Snyder & Ashton 1/24/2018
A BBBS "Big" Thank You! to the Jackson Breakfast Rotary Club for another great evening of roller skating!!!!

We always greatly appreciate your annual commitment to having fun with our kiddos!

Have you been coming to our Monthly Events? Make sure to mark your calendar and join us for

**Monthly Events**

**Where?** St. Paul's Episcopal

**Time?** 5:30-7:00pm

309 S. Jackson St. Jackson, MI 49201

Monthly Events are the fourth Thursday of every month. You will receive a reminder call as time gets closer.

**NEW WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County is proudly launching a new website this spring. We are excited to introduce you to our new look. Our new website provides a more user friendly interface by providing a clear message of who we are, what we stand for and where our energies lie through our vision and mission. The website also boasts a clean design and intuitive and consistent site-wide navigation system with improved menu functionality that directs you to the information most relevant to you. It is also fully responsive with mobile devices, making it easy to navigate on a wide range of web browsers and portable devices. We've introduced a range of new content to the website and we are excited for you to take a look upon completion to see our additions.

We're really proud of our new website and feel it will create the experience you're looking for when you pay us a visit.

Check out the new website soon here: [http://www.bbbsjackson.org](http://www.bbbsjackson.org)
27th Annual
Golf "Fore" Kids' Sake Scramble
Sponsored by—Flagstar Bank
Friday, June 15, 2018
Hankerdl Hills Golf Course

Come out to have fun golfing while you support mentoring youth in Jackson County.

8:00 am Registration, 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Men's, women's, and co-ed teams are encouraged to participate.
Awards will be presented in each division.

Course prizes will include: *Closest to the Pin  *Longest Drive  *Longest Putt

Golf Packages include:

☐ Team & Hole Sponsor Package ($400)  ☐ 4 Person Team ($320)  ☐ Individual Golfer ($80)

Sponsorship Opportunities:
☐ Mulligan Sponsor $300  ☐ Cart Sponsor $300  ☐ Hole Sponsor $175  ☐ Longest Putt $150

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United Way of Jackson County
Grand Slam Tigers Baseball Game

When: Sunday, July 22, 2018
Game time: 1:10 pm
Please plan on arriving at the United Way Center no later than 10:00 am,
RSVP’s REQUIRED & Space is limited!

"The Heart of Mentoring...Getting the most out of life isn’t about how much you keep for yourself; but how much you pour into others.” - David Stoddard