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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County Newsletter

Note from our Executive Director

In January, we will honor those who are making a difference in the lives of children in Jackson County while we participate in Michigan Mentoring Month & National Mentoring Month. To this aim, we will celebrate outstanding “Bigs,” volunteers and sponsors in the beautiful City View 520 room located on the 5th floor on the Commonwealth Commerce Center (209 E. Washington Ave.) on Thursday, January 24, 2019 staring at 6pm.

Assistance is needed to help recruit new mentors. Former “Bigs” are invited to our event and are encouraged to re-connect with BBBSJC and/or bring a potential Big with them to understand the phenomenal impact one can have in a young person’s life by being that special mentor.

Connect with us so you can get our eNewsletters and eAnnouncements by emailing us your email address to: office@bbbsjackson.org.

Want to see who is STARTING SOMETHING BIG in our community? Visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/BBBSJACKSONMI or link us at twitter.com/BBBSJACKSONMI as well as, @TonyBBBS/ and YouTube.com

Did you know that 2019 marks our 52nd year of serving the children of Jackson County? Please join with us to spread the word about our longevity and commitment to mentoring youth. No other organization can stand on such a solid base and be more proud than we are to have been here for over 50 years! With your help and support, we will reach more children in Jackson County.

What are you doing in March? How about having fun and helping kids at the same time? See our Bowl For Kids’ Sake registration page for March 8th!

~Anthony Hollow,
Executive Director
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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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Community Based Match Anniversaries

**January**
*Seven Years*
Lisa Mudge & Skylenn-Rose
*Four Years*
Myeshia Jones & Ty’Janea
*Three Years*
Savanna Clore & Malina
*Two Years*
Rebecca Armstrong & Kamiya

**February**
*Three Years*
Lori Frewen & Annalise Lynch

**March**
*Eight Years*
Jason Butterfield & Corliss
*Five Years*
Kimberly DePew & Gabriella
*Four Years*
Lesley Delgado & Arora

Site Based Match Anniversaries

**January**
*Seven Years*
Katherine Allen & Alexcia
Ken Allen & Marius

**February**
*Two Years*
Andrea Desnoyer & Lauren
*Five Years*
Jeff Yankley & Sema’j

**March**
*One Year*
Ashley Ostrander & Lisette
Susana Ward & Addison
*Three Years*
Jordan Lawe & Alexander

Board of Directors 2019

- Sharon Rouse—President
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- Sue Shirkey
- Adam Tabor
Community-Based Match Highlight
Madison Richards & Mariah

I have exciting news to share...let me introduce our newest community based match, Madison Richards & Mariah. The two were matched in August 2018. The girls were matched because they have similar interests and energy. Mariah wanted a big who is funny, nice, active and younger, while Madison wanted to be matched with a little who would be comfortable being active, or just relaxing. Madison is actually considered a “Jr. Big” and is only 16 years old but even at her young age, she is a phenomenal mentor! The two have formed a connection and bond that is undeniable and they talk like they are best friends. Mariah’s mother has even expressed many times how awesome and wonderful Madison has been for her daughter. Madison has made a lasting impact on Mariah in just a few short months. I foresee this match becoming a lifelong friendship. Their goals for the year are to work on self-expression, math, and physical health.

Thank you Madison for all of your time and effort you have put in for Mariah. It’s mentors like you that make us successful.

~ Andrea Parshall
Community Based Match Specialist

Site Based Match Spotlight
Darbi Rowley & Haili

Haili and Darbi are the newest site based plus match! They were matched right before the holidays to make it a great holiday gift for Haili, Darbi, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County. Darbi is able to give back to her old Elementary school where Haili now attends. It is amazing to see the full circle of mentorship. The match plans on playing games and doing crafts in their time together.

Another recent match is Malachi and Walt. Malachi and Walt are a community based match, who have been going out to movies and dinner together. They are both outdoorsmen, so they are waiting for the lake to freeze to go ice fishing. We can’t wait to see what adventures they are going to accomplish!

~ Mackay Heasley
Site Based Match Specialist
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County
Big Of The Year 2018 Nomination Form

My name is ______________________________________ and I would like to nominate ______________________________________ as Big Brother/Big Sister (circle one) of The Year for Community Based / Site Based (circle one) because:

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Please return this form by Friday, January 18th by 11 am to Match Specialist Andrea Parshall (aparshall@bbbsjackson.org) or Mackay Heasley (mheasley@bbbsjackson.org). You can also mail the form to our office at: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County, 536 N. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201
A very special “Thank You” to Max Waagner, Dawn Food Products, Consumers Energy & BBBS volunteers!!

When: February 26, 2019 6:30-8:30pm
Where: Allskate Fun Center
Reminder to Parents: Please come in and register your kids, DO NOT drop them off and leave! Be there to pick your child up by 8:15 p.m. YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO PARTICIPATE!
RSVP is a must!!! Please call 784-7181.

Sponsored by the Breakfast Rotary!
Thanks to the generosity of the Rotarians, there is no charge for this event which includes:
FREE Skate Rental, Pizza and Pop for all our Bigs, Littles, and Families

“Bigs”, “Littles” and “On Deck” youth

Permission Slip for Roller Skating
I, ___________________________ give permission for my child, ___________________________ to attend the annual Roller Skating Party on February 26, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. I agree to bring my child into Allskate Fun Center to register by 6:15pm and will arrive to pick up my child by 8:15pm. I understand that staff will be present during this event.
** I give permission that my child’s picture may be taken and used for Big Brothers Big Sisters promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________________________________________
Date _______________ Parent Phone Number ______________________________
Bigs and Matches, please join us as we celebrate our incredible Mentors, Educators, and Community supporters at the

2019 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County

Mentor Appreciation & Recruitment Dinner Awards Ceremony

Recipients and guests will enjoy a delicious catered dinner by Davan’s Catering in the beautiful City View 520 room on the 5th floor of the Commonwealth Commerce Center while honoring our volunteers with a presentation of awards.

When: Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6pm

Where: 209 E. Washington St., Jackson, MI 49201
(parking available onsite)

Please RSVP by Friday, January 18th

Brian Schaffer
2017 Big Brother of the Year
Community Based

Faruk Pilav
2017 Volunteer of the Year

Jessica Czinder
2017 Big Sister of the Year
Site Based
Help Us Start Something

There are 3 ways to help:

- **Start a Team of 5 Friends/Co-workers**
- **Become a Sponsor of the Event**
- **Volunteer for the Day of the Event**

### Starting a Team is Easy...
- Find 5 friends to bowl & raise funds
- Sign up with BBBS (Mail, Fax, Phone)
- Choose a time to bowl
- Raise funds for BBBS
- Have fun bowling!

### Sponsorship is Easy...
- Choose a Sponsorship Level
- Sign up with BBBS
- Realize your sponsorship helps BBBS

### Volunteering is Easy...
- Decide to give a few hours of your time to support our great event
- Sign up with BBBS (Email, Mail, Fax, Phone)
- Realize your time is well spent helping BBBS support one to one mentoring relationships

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

Airport Lanes, 9:30-11:30 PM

Call 517-784-7181 OR Fax: 517-796-9004 to reserve your lane
As always, **Holiday/Year End Donations** are greatly appreciated. You can always make a donation *anytime* by mailing to P.O. Box 1802, Jackson, MI 49204 or calling our office at: 517-784-7181.