



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News







2010 Event Goal: \$310,000
2010 Match Goal: \$22,000
and 100% Participation!

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE, Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest fundraising event of the year, is upon us! We're asking you to come out and support us so we can support more children in our community.



Community-Based Matches:

-  Raise a minimum of \$110 (\$70/adult and \$40/child)
-  Choose your date and time or bowl with your company. Can't bowl in February? Not a problem! Raise the funds and we'll give you passes to bowl on your own through May.
-  Receive **FREE** Big Brothers Big Sisters t-shirts!
-  We've got some great prizes for you if you're one of our top fundraising matches! Raise over \$1,000 and be eligible to receive a Grand Prize!

Lunch Buddy Bigs:

We're asking you to participate in Bowl For Kids' Sake with your company. You can help get teams together and energize others simply by sharing inspirational stories about your match. Your company isn't participating? You can still participate by signing up at a time that works for you. Your Little can only bowl with you if their parent/guardian transports them to/from the lanes.

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Highlights:

- Join us for Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010!
- NEW! Events Calendar

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Wish List:

- Men to be Big Brothers!
- Help Recruiting Others to Become Bigs!
- Opportunities to Share our Story in the Community
- Financial Resources
- Help Finding Great Staff and Quality Office & Event Volunteers
- Active Business Leaders to Serve on the Board
- People to Organize Bowl For Kids' Sake Teams!



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Scott and Dalton first connected through interests in sports and education. Scott encouraged Dalton to join the HS soccer team. He led conversations about career interests and the importance of continuing education. He helped

Dalton establish a savings account to begin investing for his education. Dalton and his family lost their home in the flood. After several moves, they secured a FEMA trailer and were recently notified that they would need to purchase it, pay rent or leave. Dalton was quick to offer the money he saved from his summer job so his family could stay. Since then, supporters have rallied around them and the family is settled. Thank you, Scott, for being a great mentor to Dalton!

MATCH ACTIVITIES

Big's Littles Talks!

BLT: Opportunity for all community based matches to come together and learn more about a specific topic. BBBS hosts speakers on different topics appropriate for children and adults. Matches are invited to attend as many Training-BLTs as they'd like but ask that you attend at least 1 in the 1st year of your match. Meet your Case Manager. Enjoy pizza for \$5/match! Play games and get to know other matches!

Match Anniversary Party

Big Brothers Big Sisters now has a new opportunity for matches to celebrate their anniversary. Watch for your invitation in the mail with more details and join us for a celebration! Enjoy games, mingling with other matches, sharing favorite memories, receive awards and make your own sundae! Please bring your favorite topping to share.

BFKS Match Kick-Off

Come and learn more about Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010 on Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 1-3pm at Wright Elementary School. Join us for fun and games and learn how your match can help us reach our goals! This is the one time each year we ask our matches to give back to the program and we hope you can help. Call to RSVP today!

MATCH TIP!

How can I help my Little succeed in school?
As a big, you can encourage academics by showing sincere interest in what the child is learning in school, his/her grades and what kind of assignments are coming up. Offering to help with a science project, visiting the library together or attending a musical he/she is in are a few ways to show you have interest in his/her entire educational experience.



NEW! EVENTS CALENDAR

AGENCY EVENTS CALENDAR

Match Anniversary Party!

Thursday, January 21

From 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: BBBS office, 3150 E Ave. NW, Suite 103

R.S.V.P. 377-8993

Bowl For Kids Sake Kick-Off

Saturday, January 23

From 1-3pm

Location: Wright Elementary School
Hollywood Blvd. NE

Free Games, Activities, & Refreshments

R.S.V.P. by January 22 at 377-8993

DISCOUNTS & TICKETS

Applebee's

Big buys entrée, Little receives free kid's meal and drink

Brewed Awakenings Coffee House

50% off for Littles and Bigs purchase
1271 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids (Across from Coe College)

Cedar Rapids Ice Arena

Free skate rental for Bigs and Littles
100 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids

Collins Road Theatres

Little admitted free when Big pays regular price
1462 Twixt Town Rd, Marion

In the Zone

2 for the price of 1 Mini Golf
1000 N. 18th Avenue, Hiawatha

Planet X

20% off activities

The Play Station

Little pays \$3.00, Big is free
200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Community Events

Marionette Show

edgarwibblepuppets.com

The Story of Robin Should - Jan 9-17 2PM \$5

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

Jan 23 11-3PM - This free Family Fun Day event will be connected directly to the CRMA's exhibition Less is More: The Vogel Collection.

Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center

10260 Morris Hills Rd, Toddville

Jan 24 9-11:30

Bigs and Littles can learn to ice fish and receive a prize for participation!

Indian Creek Nature Center

666 Otis Rd SE

Jan 28 7 PM

Night Walk: The Moon After Yule

Join naturalist for a series of winter evening walks featuring sensations of the night: the sky, sounds and plant and animal adaptations!

The Carl & Mary Koehler History Center

Cedar Rapids

Feb 20 10:30AM

Decorate A Diary

Each child designs a booklet for telling the story of his or her daily life in words or drawings.



Holiday Party 2009!

Thank you for joining us for another hugely successful Holiday Party on November 12th! An estimated 650 guests enjoyed a turkey dinner, dancing to the beat of Eclipse Entertainment, a visit from Santa and taking their photo together in the booth provided by Red Curtain Photo Booth . Barnes & Noble provided free books from the Holiday Book Drive! US Bank's donation provided hat, gloves and scarf sets! Iowa author, Ann Bell, donated copies of her recent book, "First Down, Iowa!". What a great event!



Little Sister Kelsey & Big Sister Sandra

A very special thank you to our Holiday Party Sponsors:



Your financial support made this event a huge success!

"I am honored to be a part of the program and to add value in the life of a child."
Audrey, Big Sister

Theatre Cedar Rapids event: ANNIE

We hope that all who joined us for the spectacular performance of **ANNIE** at Theatre Cedar Rapids on Saturday, December 5th had a great time!

The cast was fantastic and provided an afternoon of fun entertainment for all. Many of the children who attended were experiencing their very first live theatre performance! Thanks to our sponsors, matches were able to attend this otherwise SOLD OUT show!

We are very grateful to our Theatre Event Sponsors:



Ruth Altermatt





HELP US SERVE MORE CHILDREN – RECRUITING NEW BIGS!

Do you know someone who would be a **great** Big Brother or Big Sister? Perhaps you have always thought that your friend, neighbor or uncle would love being a Big is and you've been thinking about talking to them about getting involved. You know the importance of volunteering, how easy it is and how much your help is needed. So why not share your story today?

There are children waiting today to be matched with a caring adult mentor. It doesn't take any special training to be a friend and to have a good time. Anybody can toss a ball, go for a walk, or watch an old movie. Anyone can be a Big. That's part of the magic of it. So tell your friends why you are involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and to contact us today to get started!

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for their dedication and commitment to helping change the way children in our community grow up.



Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010! (continued)

CALL AND SIGN-UP TODAY!

OR

**Complete the form below and return it to
Big Brothers Big Sisters!**

REMEMBER:

**It's not about bowling.
It's about having fun to help kids!**

POLICY REMINDER: Big Brothers Big Sisters reminds you of our policy while bowling with your Little: *The volunteer cannot consume alcohol during or before contact with their Little.*

NOTE: *On January 11, 12 & 14 we'll be calling all Community-Based Bigs to encourage participation in Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010! If you do not wish to be called, please contact our office.*

Gratitude and thanks to our Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010 Sponsors!

Corporate Sponsors: Cargill, Farmers State Bank, Hy-Vee Food Stores, Intermec, Lil' Drug Store Products, Quaker/Tropicana/Gatorade, RuffaloCODY

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Level Prize Sponsors:

Casey's General Store, Gringo's, Hy-Vee Food Stores

Please submit 1 form per match **2010 Bigs & Littles Bowler Sign-Up/T-Shirt Order Form**

For office use:
CM: <input type="text"/>
Team: <input type="text"/>

Big: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Little: _____ **Age:** _____ **Big's Phone #:** _____

We plan to bowl with (names): _____

(Reminder: Each adult bowling needs to raise \$70, each child \$40)

Bowling Shift (circle one)

Sat Feb 6 1pm	Sat Feb 6 3:15pm	Sun Feb 7 1pm	Fri Feb 12 9pm
Sat Feb 13 1pm	Sat Feb 13 3:15pm	Fri Feb 19 9pm	Fri Feb 26 9pm
Sat Feb 27 1pm	Sat Feb 27 3:15pm	Sun Feb 28 11:30am	Sun Feb 28 1:45pm
Not Able to Bowl In Feb – Need Bowling Passes		Big will schedule with company. Company Name: _____	

T-Shirt Size (circle)

Big: Youth L Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL

Little: Youth L Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL