

LITTLE MOMENTS... BIG MAGIC

A Quarterly Newsletter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County

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LITTLE MOMENTS PROVIDE BIG BENEFITS!

Some of you may have attended one of our "Little Moments" programs we've been holding since last fall. These programs include information about our mission, the kids we serve, our goals for the future and a tour of our new offices. Besides spreading the word about Big Brothers Big Sisters, these programs have helped us connect with lots of different people throughout Butler County.

David Goodwin, editor of the Middletown Journal, came to a "Little Moment" in February and quickly connected with our mission. He invited us to make a presentation about Big Brothers Big Sisters at a Middletown event he was participating in called "the 100 Men Cook-Off." We were excited to be involved with this event and following our presentation, David gave a very impassioned speech about the need for mentors for boys in Middletown. David encouraged those present at the cook-off event to consider becoming a Big Brother or Sister.



Because of David's speech and an article in the *Journal* about the event, Rev. Michael Bailey of the Faith United Church invited Big Brothers Big Sisters to attend an open house at his church and to use that opportunity to recruit mentors. Three people stepped forward at the open house to volunteer. Rev. Bailey and Big Brothers Big Sisters are planning a similar event for April 26, 5 – 6:30 pm, at Faith United Church. We hope to find more new mentors at this program. The public is welcome!

Thanks to David Goodwin and Michael Bailey for taking our mission to heart! We appreciate their enthusiasm and commitment to help Butler County children!



ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF THE "LITTLE MOMENTS BIG MAGIC" SOCIETY

Over 100 individuals gathered together on a cold, rainy morning in late March, ate muffins and then made an amazing difference in the lives of Butler County children. At the breakfast, after hearing a moving testimonial from Big Brother Gary Hufstetler and his 28 year old "Little" Brother, Larry Stephens, the following individuals became the founding members of the "Little Moments Big Magic" Society. The "Little Moments Big Magic" Society is a multi-year giving opportunity that we are hopeful will allow our agency to plan for our ever-increasing budgetary needs far into the future.

Magic Maker—\$5,000/year for five years

Margaret and Carl Fiora

Match Maker—\$1,000/year for five years

Becky and Greg Martin

Debbie and Pat Pawling

McDonald's—PAWS

Tonya Beesley

Dan Smith

Cay and Steve Wittman

To become a member of the "Little Moments Big Magic" Society, call Julie Dichtl, Development Director at 867-1227 or 424-3397.

Many other individuals donated one time gifts that are [wonderful](#) and will help to fund our current situation of trying to match 163 youth who are on our waiting list with volunteer mentors.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANK IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

First Financial Bank and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County are working together to recruit new volunteer mentors! First Financial Bank is allowing their employees to leave work for 1 ½ hours each week to mentor a child in one of our site-based programs. This time is counted as work time. First Financial is also offering an incentive to employees to volunteer by providing four additional hours of paid time off to each employee who mentors a child!

There are currently 14 employees who are mentoring kids at site-based programs and we anticipate the program will continue to grow. We are excited about First Financial Bank's commitment to helping bring "Little Moments of Big Magic" to the lives of Butler County children! If you know of an employer—maybe yours?—we should talk to about creating a relationship like the one we have with First Financial, please contact Julie, 867-1227 or 424-3397.



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SITE BASED PROGRAMS...

Now during the School Day Too!

Did you know that our Site Based Programs are more than just after school programs? We have 3 pilot programs this year where volunteers can mentor during the school day. These programs are held at Madison Elementary in Hamilton, Wildwood Elementary in Middletown and Garfield Alternative High School in Middletown.

How does this work? How can I get involved?!

A volunteer will be paired one to one with a Little Brother or Sister and they will share either breakfast or lunch together for about a half an hour. Then they spend another half an hour working on tutoring and general classroom help. It's a great way to become a friend to a child and help with some school work.

Many employers are great supporters of volunteerism and even give work release time to volunteer. Our current corporate partners are Cox Publishing and First Financial Bank. They have truly helped us this year in our in-school programs.

How can you or your company get involved?

Contact Jessica Greene at 867-1227 or jgreene@bbbsbutlercounty.com



PLANNED GIVING: TAX BENEFITS FROM LIFE INCOME GIFTS

In the January newsletter we provided information about tax benefits from outright gifts. This type of gift includes cash, securities, personal property, real property, life insurance, an life estate reserves.

In this issue, we will address possible tax benefits from life income gifts—donations which produce income for the donor. A life income plan is a good way to bypass capital gains, create charitable tax savings, and increase income. A life income plan can produce much higher income than the donor is receiving from the property.

- **charitable gift annuity:** the difference between the fair market value of the gift and the investment in the annuity contract may be tax deductible. The donor receives a tax deduction, partially tax-exempt income, gains reported over life expectancy, recognition from Big Brothers Big Sisters and income for life. Big Brothers Big Sisters benefits by having the use of the donation for the agreed-upon needs or purposes and receives the benefits of the gifted assets at the death of the beneficiary.
- **charitable remainder annuity trust and unitrust:** the donor is eligible for an income tax deduction for the present value of the charitable remainder interest and also receives a tax deduction, avoidance of tax on the gain portion of the gift, recognition from Big Brothers Big Sisters, and income for life or for the life of the trust. Big Brothers Big Sisters enjoys the ultimate use for the agreed-upon needs or purposes and the benefits of the gifted assets at the death of the beneficiary or at the end of the trust term.
- **pooled income fund:** the donor is eligible to receive an income tax deduction on the present value of the charitable remainder interest and also receives a tax deduction, avoidance of tax on the gain, federal estate tax savings, recognition from Big Brothers Big Sisters, and income for life. Big Brothers Big Sisters receives ultimate use of the donation for the agreed-upon needs or purposes, and the benefits of the gifted assets at the death of the beneficiary.

If you would like to receive additional information about any of these life income gifts, please call our office, 867-1227 or 424-3397.

As always, we recommend you consult with your personal financial advisor.

NEW MATCHES

Emily Fenneman/Crystal Burdick
Franklin Grace/Aaron Brown
Amanda Miller/Amy Bellerson
Suzin Lenzo/Dora Vazquez
Andrew Dunn/Damian Whitt
Pat McNab/Hunter Beltz
Jordan Whathen/Deandre Maffett
Aanchal Soni/Kamaria Madson
Jynefir Slesher/Shabrice Sims
Bobbi Wells/Abe'a Murphy
Joanna Schulman/Jordan Granda



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

At Big Brothers Big Sisters we appreciate all of the wonderful donations that we receive. Now that we are publishing an Annual Report every August, we plan on recognizing all of our donors annually in the report. However, when we receive a donation of over \$500, we will also include that gift in our newsletter. We will also list all gifts given in memory or in honor of someone.

A special thanks, this quarter goes to:

Cox Publishing
AK Steel
Cinergy
Community Foundation of West Chester and Liberty
Middletown Community Foundation
Talawanda School District
First Financial Bancorp
Posey Properties
McDonald's
Beaton Insurance
Central Park Properties
The Bever Family
Butler Rural Electric Cooperative

State Farm Insurance, *in honor of Agent Gary Hufstetler's volunteer efforts*

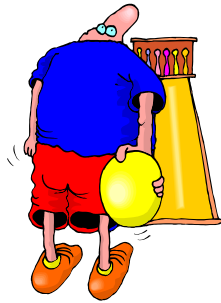
In honor of Jerry Burkhouse
Dotty and Earl Folker
Kathy List
Jennifer Winslow
Pat and Bob Gump

Thank You!



FENWICK BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

WHEN: May 3rd
WHERE: Eastern Lanes, Middletown



For more information contact Sheila at Big Brothers Big Sisters or Nick Berry at Fenwick High School.

C.O.U.L. CLUB ACTIVITIES

(Club of Unmatched Littles)

Explore the Boonschoft Museum and Planetarium

Saturday, April 29th

Drop off at office: 12:00 Noon

Pick up: 4:15 pm

Note: Please eat prior to the event.

Lunch will not be provided.

We will have a light afternoon snack.
 RSVP: 513-867-1227 or 513-424-3397

by 4/26/06

Space is limited!

YOU MAY HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO CREATE MAGIC!

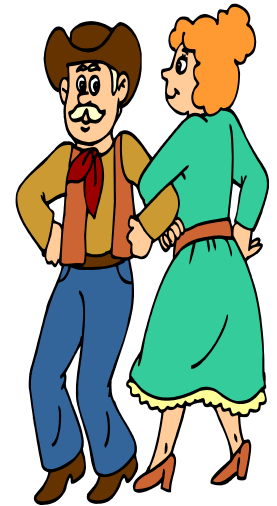
(A Wish List from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County)

- New laptop computers
- Pentium 4 computers
- Volunteers to serve as mentors
- Volunteers to help with activities
- Volunteers to help with fundraising
- Volunteers to help with copying and filing
- Color copy machine
- Nice board room table to seat 18
- Board room chairs (18)
- Large planters for front entrance (2)
- Billboard space
- Loveseat for lobby
- Reupholstering
- Window treatments (22)
- 5x8 rug for lobby
- Shelving
- 15-passenger van

COWBOY BALL

May 13th
 Barn'N'Bunk
 3677 Wayne Madison Road
 Trenton, OH 45067

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County is "rounding up" some friends to hold a Cowboy Ball. Dinner, music, dancing, a corn hole tournament, a "sweet walk", 50/50 drawing and a raffle will have everyone singing "Happy Trails to You"! Cost: \$30/person



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

26 Board Meeting 12:00 (tentative)

MAY

3 Fenwick Bowl For Kids' Sake

13 Cowboy Ball

17 Board Meeting 12:00

29 Office Closed—Memorial Day

JUNE

21 Board Meeting 12:00

26-30 BBBSA National Conference

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BOWLERS!!!!

Thank you to everyone who bowled at this year's Fairfield and Middletown Bowl For Kids' Sake event! It was lots of fun and we are still working to meet our fundraising goal of \$57,400.00. Thank you to all of our food donors and lane sponsors! We hope to see you next year!



LETTERS TO "GRANDBIGS"



The volunteers at Fairfield Central are truly wonderful. Even on their birthdays, and when they are too sick to go to school, they still show up for their Littles. The dedication the Fairfield High School volunteers show these kids is astonishing. Knowing this we wanted the children to realize everything their big brothers and sisters do for them. In order to do this, we decided that the children should learn to value volunteering, and give back to the community. To do this, we started a pen pal program with the Fairfield Pavilion, a retirement home near the school. Now the Littles not only have time spent with their Bigs to look forward to each week, they also have letters from their Grandbigs! The children write and decorate letters every few weeks and they also make their Grandbigs presents for the holidays. The children and residents both seem to be really enjoying the letters. Now our children not only learn the importance of a good education and friendship from their Bigs, they also learn the importance of community service and helping others from their Grandbigs!

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 24th to the 30th so we would like to take this opportunity to give a Big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers! Thank you so much for the gift of your time and energy to help make a difference in the life of a child! Whether you volunteer for us as a mentor, help with activities or you are a committee or Board Member you help us to bring Big Magic into lives of the children we serve. We couldn't do it without you!



THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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KEEP IN TOUCH!... If you need to contact us about any of the following, please snip and return this portion to Big Brothers Big Sisters, 5539 Eureka Drive, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Your name _____

Address _____ New/Changed

Your phone number _____ Email address _____

Please send me information on finding a match for my child. I would like to receive this newsletter via email.

Please send me information about making donations. Please add the following person to your mailing list.

Please send me information on volunteer opportunities. Name _____

Please remove me from mailing list. Address _____

Phone _____