



NEWSLETTER

**Big Brothers & Sisters
of Portage County**

*A program of
Family & Community Services*

March / April 2011

83 children matched with adult volunteers. 110 children are waiting.

Start Something. Volunteer or donate today.

Call 330.296.6655 or visit www.bbspportage.org



Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011 ~ Wrap Up

The 2011 Bowl for Kids' Sake event took place on Saturday, February 26, at Kent Lanes. It was a great venue and everyone had a lot of fun while raising funds for our program.

- Jim Palmer, owner of Kent Lanes, and his crew, were excellent hosts for the event.
- Thanks to Hungry Howie's of Kent for providing pizza for all of the bowlers
- Jocelyn Pasco was great as the DJ and we thank her for volunteering her services
- BB Frank Kurtz donated CAVS tickets to be auctioned off
- Thanks to everyone who came out to bowl, including teams from Aurora High School, Rootstown Middle School, Patrick, Inc., The Water Street Tavern, and The Bowling Stones from KSU
- Board members working at the event included Terri Silver, Bruce Saxe and Nichelle Shuck
- Thanks to KSU Special Event Intern Abby Hartman for all of her work on BFKS



Visit Rent-A-Center for the Spring Egg Sale supporting Big Brothers & Sisters

During March and April, Rent-A-Center in Kent and Ravenna will be selling paper cut-out spring eggs at the register. Customers donate \$1.00 for each paper egg that is then displayed in the store. Proceeds go to Big Brothers & Sisters. Spread the word to family and friends and stop by to support Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County by buying your spring egg!

Start Something...

Big Brothers & Sisters is looking for Advisory Board Members

We are currently taking applications for people who are interested in joining our Advisory Board.

- Advisory Board meets at 7:00pm on the third Tuesday of each month.
- Board members are responsible for assisting with fund development, special event fundraisers and volunteer recruitment

If you would like to find out more about joining our Advisory Board, please call Andrea at 330.296.6655.

Donate. Volunteer. Advocate.

Road Trip ~ Akron Art Museum

M.C. Escher: Impossible Realities, is one of the current exhibitions at the Akron Art Museum. Pictured is an example from the exhibition.

Museum hours:

Wednesday - Sunday: 11 am - 5 pm

Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Admission:

Adult \$7

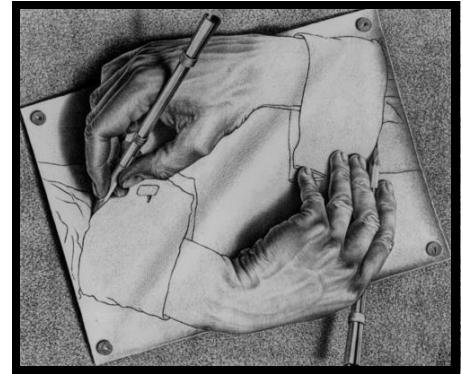
Student w/ID \$5

Senior (65) \$5

Child (12 & under) Free

On the first Sunday
of each month,
admission is free.

March 6 & April 3
are free Sundays.



The Museum is located on the corner of East Market and South High Streets in downtown Akron. The distinct Roof Cloud that hovers above the museum marks its location. Parking is available in the High Street municipal garage directly across the street from the entrance of the Akron Art Museum. Parking is \$1.00 per half-hour or \$6.25 per day. Parking is free for guests entering after 6 pm on weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information visit www.akronartmuseum.org

Scrambled St. Patrick's Day

Unscramble the St. Patrick's Day words and phrases

1 - 5 words - Lucky the Leprechaun outsmarted you!

6-10 words - You're a chip off the old Blarney Stone!

11-15 words - You're clever as a leprechaun!

16-19 words - You win a four-leaf clover!

20 words - You win all the gold at the end of the rainbow

To Do...

- Join us at Beef 'O' Brady's on Tues., March 8
- Cook something green on St. Patrick's Day
- Plan a project for Earth Day on April 22
- Start a list of summer activities to do together
- Go for a walk on a warm sunny day
- Plan your garden
- Look into joining a local community garden
- Put up a bird house in the back yard



- Make Mother's Day cards (May 8)
- Play catch or shoot hoops
- Color eggs
- Walk the dog



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3. oabrniw _____
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8. rpha _____
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Happy Birthday to...

March

LS Courtney
LS Elana
LS Jamie
LS Kaitlynn
LS Katelynn
LS Marilyn
LS Nicole
LB Anthony
LB CJ

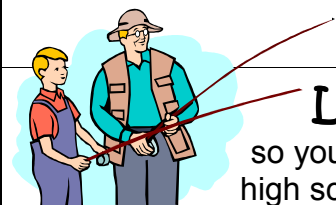


LB Marco
LB Noah
LB Zack
BS Bonnie
BS Brianna
BS Cori
BS Tara
BB Alec
BB Maurice
BB Scott



April

LS Ashlynn
LS Dallas
LS Darnasia
LS Darnisha
LB Chris
LB Eric
LB Joe
BS Kathryn
BS Michaele-lynn
BS Rachel
BB Chip
BB Logan



Match Anniversaries

March

LB Rico / BB John Maffitt – 11 years
LS Desirae / BS Joy Loper – 2 years
LS Shelby / BS Jennifer Boling – 2 years
LS Ausha / BS Alison Dickerhoof – 1 year

April

LS Brittany / BS Norma Ellis – 4 years
LB Lyvonne / BB Bob Taylor – 4 years
LS Cassie / BS Tara Christensen – 2 years
LS Angienette / BS Yolonda Bruyere – 1 year
LB Brandon / BB Vince Sack – 1 year
LB Jagger / BB Maurice Holloway – 1 year
LS Makayla / BS Courtney Crossen – 1 year

Welcome New Matches!

LS Katherine / BS Candice Pipoly
LB Chace / BB Scott Rawlings
LS Ashlynn / BS Erika Taylor

Match Scoops

- LB Mike was on the honor roll in January! BB Josh Sells is very proud of him.
- LB Joe rode the Zamboni at the Monsters hockey game! BB Frank Kurtz said Joe received a CAVS hat too!

Wish List

Our Wish List is made up of items that would help us better serve our Littles & Bigs. If you can help by donating something please call us at 330.296.6655.

- Copy paper
- Postage stamps
- Event tickets
- Funding for software
- Gift cards
- Event tickets
- Group activity funds
- Newsletter sponsor
- Advertising funds
- Social Media expertise

2-for-1 List

We are currently working to add businesses to our 2-for-1 list. This is a list of businesses where our Big pays & his Little is free. We have restaurants, bowling, movie theatres, ice skating, etc.

If you work at a place that would be a good addition to our list, please consider asking them to join us!

We will put the business name in the Newsletter, on our website & on the 2-for-1 list given to all Bigs. We will also send them a sample 2-for-1 card so they will know what it looks like.

Need more info before you ask? Just call your caseworker & she will be happy to answer your questions.

Look Who's Waiting...for You? Are you anxious for spring to arrive

so you can get outside? Do you like to fish, garden, hike or bike? How about attend high school baseball games, go bird watching, check out garage sales?

If you would like to share your favorite spring activities with a new friend, give us a call! We have children waiting for someone just like you! They might already share your interests or maybe you could introduce them to a new activity. Either way, it will be a few hours a month that you will both enjoy.

So give us a call or visit our website and take the first step toward volunteering. Start Something! A child will be happy you did & so will you!



Spirit Night

AT

Beef 'O' Brady's
GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS

Benefiting:
Big Brothers & Sisters Of Portage County

Join us at Beef 'O' Brady's
Tuesday March 8th, 2010
5pm to 8pm

Beef's will donate 20% of food sales to
Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County
from all Spirit Night Participants.
(Alcohol not included)

3975 Cascades Way, Brimfield, OH 44240
330.678.4800/ www.beefsneo.com

Please bring attached coupon to participate:

Your name: _____

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Support Big Brothers & Sisters Shop Fabulous Finds Thrift Superstore

- Clothing fashions feature name brands such as Gap, Mudd, Levi, Elizabeth and Liz
- A great place to shop for quality used furniture, sporting goods, house wares, exercise equipment, bedding, books, movies, games, toys and craft supplies
- Located at 9058 SR 14, Streetsboro, 330.422.0039
 - Open Monday through Saturday,
 - 10 am - 8 pm; Sunday 11 am - 6 pm

***A portion of all sales is donated to
Big Brothers & Sisters***

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Cars for Kids We'll take your clunker!

"Cars for Kids" helps to raise funds for our One-to-One Mentoring program.

To donate your running or non-running vehicle:

- Call the BB&S office at 330.296.6655
- Your vehicle will be towed free of charge, usually within 48 hours
- Donors need to provide the keys and title
- Donors may also be eligible to claim a tax deduction for making a charitable donation