



# NEWSLETTER

**Big Brothers & Sisters  
of Portage County**

*A program of  
Family & Community Services*

January / February 2011

**92 children matched with adult volunteers. Over 90 children are waiting.**

**Start Something. Volunteer or donate today.**

**Call 330.296.6655 or visit [www.bbsportage.org](http://www.bbsportage.org)**



## Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011

Our annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011. This year we will hold Bowl for Kids' Sake at a new location: **Kent Lanes**, 1524 S. Water St., Kent.

12:00 - Family Fun session      3:00 - Adult session

Registration packets are now available. Each bowler is asked to bring in a minimum of \$50 in donations (\$250 per five person team) and will receive a BFKS 2011 commemorative t-shirt, pizza, pop, free bowling and shoes. In addition, for each \$50 the bowler brings in, he receives one chance in the drawing for a 32" LCD television. Additional chances will be available for purchase on bowling day.

All bowlers will be eligible to win door prizes and can purchase tickets for the 50/50 drawings.

For more information, to request your registration packet, or to volunteer to be on the Bowl for Kids' Sake committee, call the Big Brothers & Sisters office at 330.296.6655.

### **Thanks to those businesses and individuals who have already stepped up to become 2011 BFKS Sponsors:**

Mogadore Dairy Queen  
Rick Kuntz Trucking  
PARTA  
TMC Insurance  
Patrick Inc.  
Ravenna American Legion  
Ravenna V.F.W. Post 1055  
Penney's Auto Body  
Portage F.O.P.



Help us make BFKS a successful fundraising event! Become a sponsor or register your team today! All money raised will help us continue to have a positive impact on the lives of children in Portage Co.

### **Start Something...**

Your financial support starts lots of things, like:

- recruiting new Big Brother & Big Sister volunteers
- covering the cost of background checks, while ensuring trained professionals match Littles to responsible Bigs
- enabling on-going supervision and relationship support for every Big, Little and Little's family
- providing cultural & social activities to enrich the opportunities for children

**Become a part of the Big Brothers & Sisters family. Donate today.**



# BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE



## Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011

Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ Kent Lanes

### Sponsorship Opportunities

- \_\_\_ \$150 Shirt Sponsor** Company name printed on back of 2011 Commemorative Bowl for Kids' Sake T-shirt given to every bowler
- \_\_\_ \$150 Lane Sponsor** Company name on a sign hung from the overhead monitor on one of the lanes at the event
- \_\_\_ \$250 Shirt & Lane Sponsor** Company name on shirts and lane sign, as stated above
- \_\_\_ \$300 Team Sponsor** Pays for a team of "Bigs" & "Littles" to bowl at the event
- \_\_\_ \$500 Corporate Sponsor** Company name on shirts and lane sign, as state above; complimentary team of 5 bowlers; 5 personalized T-shirts with only the company name printed on the back
- \_\_\_ \$100 per Match** I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ matches (1 child & 1 volunteer) to bowl at \$100 per match for a total amount of \_\_\_\_\_

All sponsors over \$200 will be listed on the Big Brothers & Sisters Website  
All sponsors will be listed in the Big Brothers & Sisters Newsletter

**Questions? Contact Andrea or Deb at 330.296.6655 or [info@bbsportage.org](mailto:info@bbsportage.org)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

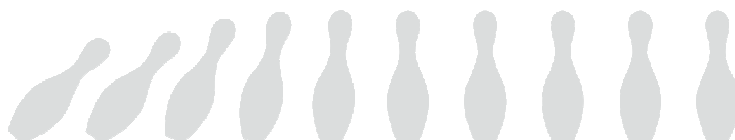
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to  
Big Brothers & Sisters  
and mail to:**

**705 Oakwood St., Suite 103  
Ravenna, OH 44266**

**Or call our office to pay by credit card:  
330-296-6655**

**We accept VISA, MasterCard,  
Discover and AMERICAN EXPRESS**



## To Do...

- Raise money for BFKS
- Thank Your Mentor Day is Jan. 25
- Make valentines
- Go sledding
- Build a snowman
- Visit a pet store
- Call your caseworker
- Make dinner together
- Participate in a service project on MLK Day
- Borrow movies from the library
- January 18 is National Pizza Day - eat pizza!



## Wish List

Our Wish List is made up of items we need as well as items we would like to have. If you can help us by donating something from the list, give us a call at 330.296.6655.

- Copy paper
- Postage stamps
- Funding for software & computers
- Gift cards
- Event tickets
- Funding for group activities



## Activities Update

In November, matches had a bowling and pizza outing at Kent Lanes. Everyone had a great time and they are ready for BFKS!

December was our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The Stepping Stones provided a delicious dinner and "The Party Dude" had everyone dancing! Santa visited and had candy for everyone.

We are planning a movie and lunch afternoon for early February so watch your email and stay in touch with your caseworker.

Training sessions for volunteers will be scheduled soon. If there are topics you would like to have addressed, please let your caseworker know.

## Road Trip ~ MAPS Air Museum

MAPS Air Museum at the Akron Canton Airport is an internationally known museum of aviation and serves as a center of aviation history for Northeast Ohio. The museum features exciting educational displays of its collection of acquired artifacts, interactive exhibits and historical archives in its own library.



You feel it when you first step into the hanger. You are surrounded by extraordinary aircraft. From the earliest days of flying to supersonic jets, each aircraft is significant in its contribution to aviation history. You can see aircraft that helped to win wars, push the boundaries of flight and change the face of society.

History is not made by airplanes, but by the men and women who designed, built and flew them. The "Gallery of Heroes" tells the stories of many of these heroes; of their sacrifices & achievements. You can even see a relic from the USS Arizona, sunk by a Japanese air attack at Pearl Harbor.

For hours of operation, directions and admissions cost, go to [www.mapsairmuseum.org](http://www.mapsairmuseum.org) or call 330.896.6332.



## Match Scoops

- BS Kristin Benner has moved to NYC to attend graduate school. LS Casey will soon take her first trip to the Big Apple to visit!
- Congratulations to LS Mackenzie who is starting at the Falcon Academy in January. She will study drama. Her proud BS is Nichelle Shuck.



## Welcome New Matches!

LS Shayla / BS Amy Keller  
 LS Nicole / BS Jessica Mudgett  
 LB Ryan / BB Corey Cecil  
 LS Labrea / BS Antonique Dawson  
 LS Elana / BS Rachel Ripepi  
 LS Kaitlyn / BS Rachel Carabotta  
 LB Aaron / BB Mike McClusky



## Thank you to...

- BB Frank Kurtz & LB Joe for working a shift at our info booth at the Rootstown Community Expo
- Phyllis Harouff and Terri Silver for donating candy for our Volunteer Appreciation dinner.
- Santa for stopping by our Appreciation Dinner



## Match Anniversaries

### January

BS Rebecca Alexander / LS Jerica – 5 years  
 BS Bonnie Jones / LS Marilyn – 3 years  
 BB Stephen Laird / LB Dion – 2 years

### February

BS Carole Gatian / LS Ty-lyn – 6 years  
 BB David Walter / LB Christian – 4 years  
 BS Christine Luketic / LS A'Lanyae – 2 years  
 BS Maureen Sweeney / LS Jessica – 2 years  
 BS Amanda Cross / LS Ciara – 1 year  
 BB Cody Alfien / LB Marco – 1 year  
 BS Michaele-Lynn Stone / LS Mercedes – 1 yr.  
 BS Molly Finneran / LS Jennifer – 1 year

## Happy Birthday to....

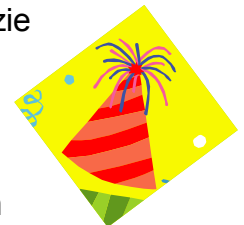
Oops...Happy belated birthday to BS Kristin.

### January

LS Brittany  
 LS Courtney  
 LS Jessica  
 LB Dominick  
 BS Emily  
 BB Barry  
 BB Matt  
 BB Stephen

### February

LS Jerica  
 LS Kayleigh  
 LS Kimberly  
 LS Labrea  
 LS Mackenzie  
 LS Paige  
 LB Jacob  
 LB Toby  
 BS Jessica  
 BS Maureen  
 BS Tami  
 BB James  
 BB Jeremy  
 BB John



Look who's waiting...for you?

**Start Something in 2011!** We have over

90 children waiting to be matched. They live in all areas of Portage County, have all kinds of different interests and personalities and are all different ages. What they have in common is the need for a Big Brother or Big Sister! **YOU can be that person!**

Call today to become a volunteer and Start Something! Start a friendship. Start a desire to attend college. Start a new interest. Start good homework habits. Start healthy eating habits. Start building self confidence. Start a better future. A Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer can start any number of positive behaviors in their Little. Call today and volunteer!



# **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***

## **Program Manager**

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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