



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Receives Neighborhood Builders Award

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware is proud to be a 2008 recipient of Bank of America's *Neighborhood Builders Award*, which strengthens the capacity and infrastructure of nonprofit organizations.

The *Neighborhood Builders Award* is part of Bank of America's *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*, which recognizes and rewards community-based organizations that are working to improve their communities.

As an award recipient, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware will receive \$200,000 in core operating support over two years. These much needed funds will help us to recover from the significant loss of state mentoring funds, so we can



Ric Struthers (second from left) and Tom Horne (right) from Bank of America present Mary Fox (left) and Joe Duffy (middle right) of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware with a check for the Neighborhood Builders Award.

expand quality mentoring and educational programs to Delaware youth.

Thank you Bank of America for this extraordinary opportunity!

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A Child is Waiting...

This is T.J., one of many young boys waiting to be matched with a Big Brother in our program.



He loves sports and hopes to be matched with someone he can talk to and play sports with. T.J. enjoys fishing, swimming, baseball, and football. He wants to be a dirt bike racer when he grows up.

T.J. is outgoing and full of energy! He lives with his mother, grandmother, sister, and brother. T.J. really needs a male role model in his life.

For more information about how you can help a child like T.J., see page 2 or contact your local BBBS office today.





Big Brothers Big Sisters and Junior Achievement Working Together

In October, Junior Achievement Delaware invited 20 of our Little Brothers and Sisters, in grades 6-12, to participate in their JA World for families program at “Finance Park”.

JA programs introduce students to economic concepts using JA's unique experiential learning materials. Their goal is to provide students with the workforce readiness, entrepreneurial concepts and financial literacy skills that will help them succeed in life.

Thank you to our friends at Junior Achievement for making this unique opportunity available to our Little Brothers and Sisters.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child!

You can help a child succeed in life by becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer! Children who meet regularly with their mentors do better in school, are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, and get along better with their peers and families. All it takes is a few hours a week or every other week.

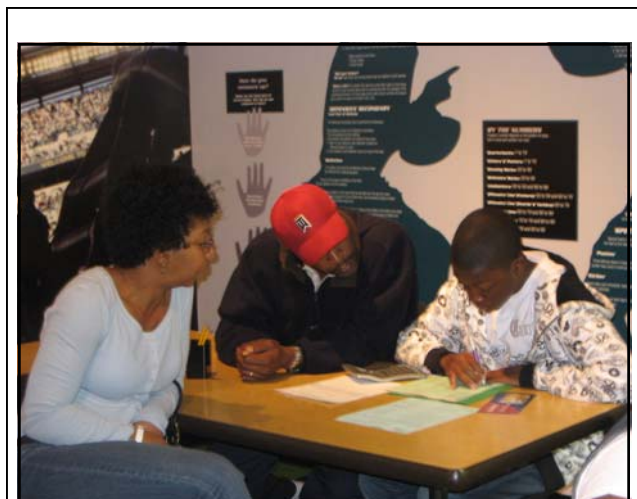
There are over 100 children on the waiting list in New Castle County alone, and over 200 children waiting throughout Delaware. They are waiting for a friend like you—someone to pal around with, someone to talk to, someone to learn from.

You can enroll as a school-based volunteer and visit your “Little” at a local school once per week during your lunch break, or volunteer through the community-based program and visit with your “Little” 2-4 times per month after school hours on nights or weekends.

If you are already a volunteer with our program or are unable to volunteer yourself, please help us spread the word by talking to others



Big Brother Bart Muziol and Little Brother Mickel at Finance Park.



Big Sister/Big Brother Couple, Jan and Tim Walker, with their Little Brother, Kadeem, at Finance Park.

who you think would enjoy being a “Big”!

You can also help us by participating in our fundraisers such as our annual golf tournament and Bowl for Kids’ Sake events (see page 3).



Big Brothers Big Sisters Gets into the Swing of Things with Two Golf Outings

Bradley Alan Hublein Golf Tournament—

On Friday, September 26th, White Clay Creek Country Club hosted the 2nd Annual “Tees to Tuxes” golf outing to benefit the Bradley Alan Hublein Fund.

Brad was a Big Brother in our program who passed away from Leukemia in 2007 at the age of 43. This year the Bradley Alan Hublein Fund donated proceeds from this golf outing to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware.

Over 50 golfers enjoyed a great round of golf at this top-notch course followed by a Caribbean after-party and an exciting live auction with over one hundred people attending. Even the mist of rain that fell in the afternoon could not dampen spirits for this annual event to honor a man who lived life to its fullest and believed each and every person should have the same opportunity.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Bradley Alan Hublein Fund and Big Brothers Big Sisters!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Tournament—

The newly renovated Rock Manor Golf Course was the place to be on Friday, October 3rd, for the 19th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware Golf Tournament.

The weather could not have been any better as over seventy-five golfers enjoyed lunch, refreshments, raffle prizes, and a delicious dinner all to benefit Big Brother Big Sisters.

We are looking forward to planning an even more exciting golf outing for 2009 ~ You won't want to miss it!

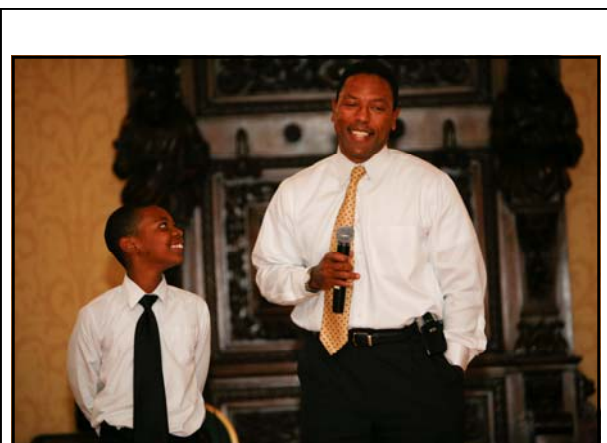
Bowl For Kids' Sake

With a new season of Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraisers approaching, there will be plenty of opportunities for the community to show support for our program! Stay tuned for information about these upcoming events, such as our annual Community Day and Girls' Night Out bowling events, as well as individual company bowls.

Are you interested in having a private bowling event for *your* company?

We organize and facilitate the event and provide refreshments **at no cost to your company**. You and your co-workers will obtain pledges and then come out to a local bowling center to bowl two fun games and win great prizes. It is a great way to get together to raise money for a good cause and build camaraderie among your co-workers.

Call your local BBBS office to learn more!



Big Brother Don Bowman, Jr. and Little Brother Da'Quann speak at the Bradley Alan Hublein Golf Tournament in September to tell people about their experience in the program and help spread the word about the need for more volunteers.



News from Kent and Sussex Counties

Georgetown—

Our Sussex County office and programs have undergone some big transitions over the past several months. We hired a new Senior Social Worker, Danielle Hastings, this past summer who has the passion, energy, and drive to help us revitalize our community program and to jumpstart our school program downstate.

A few months thereafter, we were ready to

bring on another team player, Nancy Raihall, who joined Danielle as a part-time Case Manager to help support the growth of both the school and community programs.

Finally, we successfully moved to a **new office location at: 111-A N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947.** It is a small, yet charming office, and offers us plenty of parking for our clients.

Dover—

Our Kent County office is made up of 4 full-time staff members who serve the children of Dover and surrounding areas by matching them with Big Brothers and Big Sisters from the community as well as in schools throughout the Capital and Caesar Rodney School Districts.

Over the summer months we extended invitations to our Bigs, Littles, and their families to join us on a road trip to visit the Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. and to attend our annual Killen's Pond Picnic. We were getting ready for 'back-to-school' days before we knew it and have had lots of fun scheduling all of our resuming school-based matches. We have also been busy with different recruitment events in efforts to gain more dedicated volunteers like the ones we already have.



On September 13, 2008, the New Castle County branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware sponsored a Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. for 50 Bigs, Littles, and parents. For many of the children, it was their first trip to our Nation's Capital. *Pictured above: Big Sister Rebecca Lauginiger and her Little Sister, Suzy, in front of the Washington Monument.*

Sussex and Kent Counties are joining together to host their annual Holiday Party in December, date and time to be announced. The party will be open to all volunteers, children, and parents involved with our program. We are planning to have lots of food and activities ... even Santa himself is scheduled to drop by! Be on the lookout for more information to come.



Big Brother Receives Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Big Brother, Stewart Krug, who recently received a Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award!

Big Brothers Big Sisters was proud to nominate Stew for this prestigious award which recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers throughout the state.

Stew has been a Big Brother to David for over six years. In addition to his commitment as a Big Brother, Stew was recognized for his tireless work on behalf of the Matthew Krug Foundation, which he established in memory of his son.

The Foundation is dedicated to saving lives of young people through immediate response to sudden cardiac arrest, by actively educating the public and promoting public access to defibrillators.

For more information on this foundation, go to:

<http://matthewkrugfoundation.org>

In the words of his Little Brother's mother, Kimberley Rodgers, "I cannot believe the strength and perseverance that he has, working a full-time job, running a foundation that he created since losing his son to sudden cardiac arrest and making time just about every weekend for David. He is extraordinary."

Stewart Krug's selfless contributions have not only had an immeasurable impact on one very deserving young person, but on the community as a whole.

Congratulations, Stew, we are honored to have you as a part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program!



Big Brother Stewart Krug accepts the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award from Gov. Ruth Ann Minner at the Governor's Awards Dinner in October 2008.

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WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO UNITED WAY THIS YEAR!**

Big Brothers Big Sisters needs your help. 2009 will be a challenging year for our organization due to our loss of \$150,000 in state funding, as a result of the recent state budget cuts. You can help us in a very special way by designating Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware when you make your pledge to the United Way this fall. Simply enter the BBBS of Delaware designation code on your pledge form, and the United Way will pass your donation on to us. As a friend and supporter of our organization, you know how vital our services are for kids. Please help us to face these critical financial challenges by making your tax-deductible contribution today.

Thank You!

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