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# Big News

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters Turns 40!

To celebrate 40 successful years in our community, Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County will be throwing a 1960s themed birthday bash! This exciting celebration will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Corpus Christi School. We will be having many exciting things happening at this event including: food, music, dancing, live and silent auctions, and contests, including a costume contest; so you are all encouraged to dress in 60s themed attire. For more information, see our website, [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank our major sponsors for the Birthday Party: Rieth-Riley Construction, Teacher's Credit Union, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, and Wendy's of South Bend.



## 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk Registration Begins

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be hosting it's Second Annual 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 9:30 am.

This year's course will be a beautiful run through Mishawaka including: Central Park, Riverwalk, Beutter Park, Kamm Park, and Battell Park.

Registration for this fun event is \$20 per runner if received by September 19th and \$30 the day of the race. The first 50 runners who register will receive a free appetizer coupon from our wonderful sponsor, Chili's.

For more information or to register for our event, please visit our website, [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org), or call our office at (574) 232-9958. We hope to see you all there!



## 2008 Bonefish Grill Luncheon Announced

Bonefish Grill, one of our community's premiere restaurants, is once again generously hosting a special luncheon just for us on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you attended last year's luncheon, you'll remember just how delicious it was and what a great time you had. If this year will be your first time attending, we guarantee an amazing lunch and a fun atmosphere where you will be able bid on some unique auction items. (All proceed from this special auction benefit our mentoring programs.)

### TICKETS

Call our office now to reserve your spot at this special luncheon. Individual tickets are available for \$40 each or corporate sponsored tables of six or eight are available from \$300 to \$500 per table. Call us at 574-232-9958 to place your name on our reservation list. More details along with on-line reservations will be on our website soon at [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org).

We are excited to announce that this year's golf outing was our most successful event of this nature in the history of our agency. Financially, we increased our revenue by 30% over last year's event. The day overall, was a big success as well, everyone had a fantastic time and we had amazing weather for golfing.

We want to first thank all of our golfers for making this such a great event; we hope that you all had a fabulous time and will join us again next year.

We would also like to take time to thank our major sponsors again for their generosity. Our major sponsors for this event were: Artisan, AM General, Modineer, Precision Industries, Demmer Corporation, Defiance Metal Products, Metro Beverage, Inc, and Sweeney Julian.



*Big Brother, Idris Oladipo, and Little Brother, Isaiah, kicked off the event by speaking to our golfers about the successes of their match.*

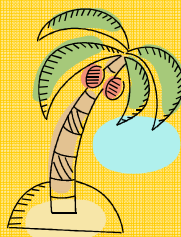


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## Did You Know?

We have a Family Match Program available for married couples with or without children of their own? You can mentor a child together. It's easy, fun, and you can help a child in need without taking time away from your own family. Give Debra Walker a call at 232-9958 for more information or to get started today!



## Our Mission

To provide children who lack sufficient adult support with the opportunities and skills necessary to develop positive personal growth. This is achieved through one-to-one relationships with volunteer mentors and maintained with supervision and support services provided by the professional staff of the agency.

## Our Staff

**Deborah Burrow**, Executive Director  
**Beth Berry**, Fund Development  
Coordinator  
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