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# Big News



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Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of St. Joseph County

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## 100 MEN in 100 days

### When it Comes to Men... There's a Void

More than 80% of the children waiting for mentors through Big Brothers Big Sisters are boys, but only three out of 10 interested volunteers are male.

### There Are Boys Who Need You NOW!

These are boys whose caregivers signed them up for a mentor because they understand the benefits of Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring. These boys are eagerly waiting for a call from us, telling them that we have found a Big Brother. Some have been waiting for a few years. We're happy to tell you more, but really, what we need to talk about is you, or rather your men!

Through our "100 Men in 100 Days" campaign, we are working

to recruit 100 men (or more!) to become Big Brothers between July 1 and October 8. Partnering with individuals, organizations and businesses will help us to achieve this goal – giving 100 more boys a better chance at a better future.

### Can you help?

Become a partner in our "100 Men in 100 Days" campaign and help boys in St. Joseph County do better in school and stay away from drugs, alcohol and violence.

- Give us a call.
- We will schedule a time to meet with you and your staff, co-workers, supporters, volunteers etc.
- We will explain what it means to be a Big Brother. Good news: our mentors don't have to change their lives

to positively impact the lives of children.

- We will be there to help from start to finish – supporting your volunteers.
- With your partnership, we can also give you the recognition and visibility you deserve!

### Please contact us today

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# Annual Golf Outing



# 14th Annual Golf Outing

*Presented by Jordan Automotive Group*

## Monday, July 21, 2014

The Big Brothers Big Sisters 14th Annual Golf Outing was held at Morris Park Country Club on July 21st. It was a perfect day for golf and for raising both funds and awareness for our one-to-one mentoring programs!

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO

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**1st Place Team:**  
**Ladue Curran & Kuehn**

*(pictured with Executive Director Deborah Burrow)*



**2nd Place Team:**  
**Duley Press**

*(pictured with Beth Berry – Fund Development Coordinator and Mark Criniti, Board President)*



**Closest to Pin:** Marty Ruszkowski

**Men's Longest Drive :** Nick Kanczuzewski

**Women's Longest Drive :** Ashley Dykstra

**Longest Putt:** Don Freeman

**Putting Contest:** Tyler Kanczuzewski

**Other Winners:**

Karen Haun, Mary Jane Elias, Mile Lowenhar, Travis Walerko, Ben Norris, Jason Whitmer & John Brickley

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### BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

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**Presenting Sponsor:** Jordan Automotive Group

**Eagle Sponsors:** Aero Machine, Duley Press, Inovatues Solar, Lake City Bank, Ladue Curran & Kuehn, Zolman's Tire and Auto Care

**Birdie Sponsors:** Classic Transport, Crowe Horwath, Holladay Properties, McGladrey, Mathnasium, Newmark Grubb Cressy & Everett

**Team:** Al Ex Inc., Bendix Coffee, Hahn Funeral Home, Ladue Curran & Kuehn, Lock Joint Tube, and Midland Engineering

**Hole sponsors:** Barnes & Thornburg, Dr. Fred Ferlic, First Response Disaster Restoration Specialists, Foley & Small, Global Linking Solutions, Lake City Bank, Mutual Bank, Brian Stanley – Northwestern Mutual, Peltz Services, Pete for South Bend, Place Builders, Samantha Hickey Foundation, Ryan Sousley – State Farm, and We R Xhibits.

We are grateful to all our volunteers who spent the afternoon with us creating more fun for our guests, pictured right: Hilary Yordy, Lindsey Bauer, and Erin Heldstab





*right:* Big Brother Zach and Little Brother Peyton shared their experiences.



*below:* The Presenting Sponsor plaque was accepted by the Jordan Automotive team.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of St. Joseph County

**BOWL**  
FOR KIDS' SAKE

**our 30th YEAR!**  
**2015**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

Help us plan our **2015 Bowling at the Beach Party** by volunteering for the Planning Committee! Call Beth Berry at 234-7444.  
Watch our website [bbbs-sjc.org](http://bbbs-sjc.org) for more information

## PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!



### 7th Annual Evening of Magic Dinner & Auction

*Presented by Jordan Automotive Group*

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

**Gillespie Conference Center  
Hilton Garden Inn**

6:00 p.m.

Doors Open & Silent Auction bidding begins

7:00 p.m.

Dinner and Live Auction

Open Bar til 9:00 p.m.

Dancing following Live Auction

You won't want to miss this year's event. The silent auction items are the best yet and the live auction items will be in great demand!

Visit our website at [bbbs-sjc.org](http://bbbs-sjc.org) to purchase tickets, pre-register for auction bidding, and preview the auction items. Mobile text bidding will once again be made possible by Auctions by Cellular.

Tickets are still available so act quickly! *Ticket deadline is September 5th.*

**Individual Tickets \$75**

**Patron Couple Tickets \$250**

*Patron Couple Ticket includes recognition in the program*

**You can make a difference!** Your dinner ticket, your auction bid, your event sponsorship -- all help us provide mentoring service to children in need of positive role models. Our Bigs and our Littles thank you!

For more information, visit  
**[eveningofmagic.org](http://eveningofmagic.org)**  
or call Beth Berry, (574) 234-7444

# Match Happenings



Our School and Community Program matches shared in the fun of Board Game Night.



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## Did You Know...

According to teacher evaluations for our School Mentor Program...

**90%** of our Littles improved their *reading skills* and

**79%** improved in *math competencies*.

Successful educational outcomes are a hallmark of our program!

### Our Vision Our Mission

Our vision is that all children achieve success in life.

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better – forever.

Big News is published by Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County three times annually in April, August and December. Our office is located at 218 West Washington Street, Suite 710, South Bend, IN 46601.



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