



# BIG NEWS

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## Play Golf for Kids at the Big Brothers Big Sisters 7th Annual Golf Outing July 23

In order to raise funds to support its mentor programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County is hosting a golf outing on July 23, at the **Morris Park Country Club**,



**one of the area's premier private courses.** With sponsorships from Applebee's and other local



businesses, you can help make this golf outing a success by participating with your friends and/or colleagues. Every swing you make furthers the drive to provide essential mentoring services to the youth of our community. We hope you will be a part of this exciting afternoon!

### Golf Outing Details

Each team receives one round of golf with golf cart, buffet lunch, rangeballs and gift bag. Plus, participate in putting contests, win great



Major Golf Outing Sponsor, Applebee's

prizes and even putt with a "little". Special prize for a hole-in-one!

### Golf Outing Schedule

11:30 am: Registration & Buffet  
12:30 pm: Tee Time

### Sponsorship Levels

- **EAGLE \$1500** Receive a foursome and four player's cards, a sign at the hole of your choice, recognition of your support at the registration table, in the program, in our newsletter and on our website!
- **BIRDIE \$700** Receive a foursome, a sign at the hole of your choice, recognition of your support at the registration table, in the program and in our newsletter.
- **FOURSOME \$550** Assemble your team and play!

- **HOLE SPONSOR \$200** Receive a hole sign recognizing your generous contribution
- **PLAYER'S CARD \$25 ~ New this year!** Rather than having to pay for contests or extra raffle tickets while you're on the course, you can purchase a PLAYER'S CARD now to avoid the hassle and to save a few bucks, too! Pay now and pick up your voucher at registration. **For just \$25 you will receive:** Three raffle tickets (\$10 value), Three balls in the putting contest (\$5 value), One (1) mulligan (\$5 value), Take the Pro Shot (\$10 value).

Log on to our website, [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org) and download a registration form or give us a call at 574-232-9958 and we'll sign you up right over the phone!



Thanks to all of our golf outing sponsors.

## Rich Mullins Wins Big Brother of the Year Award

Rich Mullins has been a Big Brother for 26 years. Since 1981, he has committed himself to eight Little Brothers of varying ages, races, religions, economic backgrounds and personalities. By giving each Little unconditional friendship, guidance and life skills, all the while exhibiting a patient attitude, Rich has demonstrated a commitment that knows no boundaries.

That deep commitment to serve the youth of the community was not always an easy one. Although challenges cropped up along the way, each one was handled with patience and perseverance. In the early 1990's, Rich made the difficult decision to have one of his Littles move in with his family in order to allow his Little's mother to make some necessary life transitions. Af-

ter 18 months, his Little moved back in with his mother and Rich realized then how truly necessary mentoring a child in the community really is.

As a "lifelong volunteer", as he is affectionately known in our office, Rich always goes above and beyond to mentor his Littles, many of whom have had tragic circumstances occur. All the while, Rich patiently displays an attitude of unconditional love and commitment. It was no surprise that Rich won the Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Brother of the Year award in the state of Indiana.

We're proud of Rich's work in our community and are honored to witness his passion for children in need. In addition to Rich's dedicated efforts with Littles, he is also deeply involved in our community recruitment effort.

His personal experiences are truly an inspiration to all Bigs! Congratulations, Rich!



Rich and his Little Brother enjoy a game at the Cove.



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## Did You Know..

### Statistics show that Little Brothers and Little Sisters were:

- 46% less likely to start using drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking
- 52% less likely to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class
- 33% less likely to hit someone and generally more trusting of their parents or guardians



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*Making a donation online is easy at [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org).*

## Our Mission

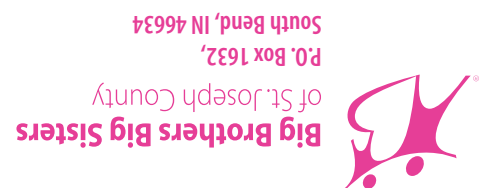
To provide children who lack sufficient adult support with the opportunities and skills necessary to develop positive personal growth. This is achieved through one-to-one relationships with volunteer mentors, and maintained with supervision and support services provided by the professional staff of the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

## Our Staff

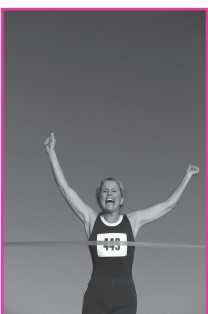
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## 1st Annual BBBS 5k Run/Walk



September 8, 2007 at Central Park in Mishawaka.

Sign up to be a Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsor for this event. We need all the support you and your organizations can give. All levels of sponsorships have benefits and best of all, your commitment to mentor-

Get ready to put on your running shoes for a great cause! Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County will be holding its 1st Annual 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, Sep-

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ing children in our community will be broadcast throughout St. Joseph County. Help make our Run/Walk a success!

For more information or to download a registration or sponsorship form, visit our website at [www.bbbs-sjc.org](http://www.bbbs-sjc.org).

## Thanks!

A big Thank You to everyone who participated in our annual Bowl for Kids Sake fundraising event on May 19-20 at the Beacon Bowl in South Bend. Stay tuned for next year's date and location!

## EMAIL WANTED!

We're building our email database to keep you better informed on BBBS! Email us your address at [bbbsstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbbsstjoe@sbcglobal.net). All email addresses are used for official BBBS correspondence only. Your email will not be shared or sold.

