



BIG NEWS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Fall Charity Luncheon To Be Held at Bonefish Grill

The Big Brothers Big Sisters annual fall charity luncheon is coming up in November! Even though we haven't yet pinned down the exact date, keep your calendars ready to pencil in this terrific afternoon event. You won't want to miss it! Bonefish Grill, one of our community's premiere fresh seafood restaurants, is opening its doors for lunch just for us.

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 to bid on some unique auction items. (All proceeds from this special auction benefit our mentoring programs.) All luncheon attendees are encouraged to take the opportunity to meet some of our wonderful mentors and their Littles. This luncheon is truly the best opportunity to hear how the Big Brothers Big Sisters brand of mentoring changes lives, directly from the source!

TICKETS

Call our office now to reserve your

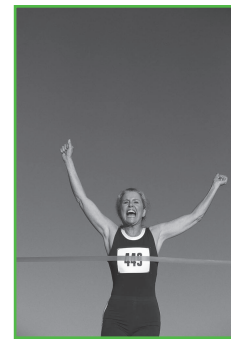


Thanks to our luncheon sponsors,
Bonefish Grill and WSBT Radio

spot at this special luncheon. Individual tickets are available for \$40 each or bring your friends and co-workers and host a table of six or eight 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 available soon on our website at www.bbbs-sjc.org.

1st Annual BBBS 5k Run/Walk



Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County will be holding its 1st Annual 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at Central Park in Mishawaka.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the race begins at 8:30 a.m. Haven't registered yet? It's not too late! Registration fee is \$20 and there is a student discounted rate available for \$15.

For more information or to sign up on line, go to our website at www.bbbs-sjc.org.

Golf Outing a Hole-in-One!



July 23, 2007 was a terrific day for the 7th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Outing at the Morris Park Country Club. The annual fundraiser helped secure the necessary funds to continue our mentoring programs in the community. That is great news for those children who depend so much on the positive influence of their Big mentors.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our major sponsors for their generous support: Applebee's Wightman Petrie, Precision Industries, Defiance Metal Products and Demmer Corporation and AM General.

Special thanks are also due to our



Major Golf Outing Sponsor, Applebee's



Thanks to all of our golf outing sponsors.

team sponsors, AEP, Carpenter's Local #413, CB Richard Ellis, Constare Group, Grubb/Ellis/Cressy & Everett, It's Tops, Meridian Tile, Metro Bever-

ages, Gramtel and River Bend Hose Specialty.

We would like to thank the Morris Park Country Club for their generous hospitality hosting this year's event. Everyone loves the opportunity to play this wonderful course!

Finally, thank you to Board Members, Brian Peterson and Kyle Dentino, co-chairs of the planning committee. Your leadership and drive to make this event a success is truly appreciated.

We hope you'll consider joining us next year at the 8th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Outing. We haven't yet set a date, but you can be sure that clubs will be swinging sometime in the summer of 2008!



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Volunteer Mentors Wanted!



- Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is unlike any other volunteer experience. How would you like to:
- have fun mentoring a child?
- recognize a child's hidden potential?
- nurture academic achievement

and growth?

- reinforce positive social behavior and etiquette?
- influence positive character development?

You can by becoming a Big Brother or a Big Sister!

This mutually-rewarding

little moments
big magic

little moments **big magic huge impact**

experience is all about sharing little moments and making big magic happen between you and a child. Consider volunteering for one of our programs today! For more information or, visit our website at www.bbbs-sjc.org.

EMAIL WANTED!



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

Did You Know..

Our Littles are making great strides. Did you know:

- 82% improved their grade in one or more subjects.
- 84% improved their attitude towards school.
- 72% learned to express their feelings in a more positive way.
- 68% completed homework on a more timely basis.



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Making a donation online is easy at 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

- Deborah Burrow Executive Director
- Erin Hershberger School Mentor
- Laurie Morlan Case Manager
- Debra Walker Outreach Coordinator
- Gene Wroblewski Bookkeeper

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