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Big News

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It's a "Fun"draiser

Have the winter blues got you down? Are you looking for something exciting to do? Then, dust off your bowling shoes, polish up your ball, and join us for our 23rd Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake event.

When: Saturday, March 15, 2008

Time: Bowling Begins at 1:30 pm

Where: Chippewa Bowl, 225 West Chippewa, South Bend

Registration is now in progress, read further for more details.

We have **new prize levels** and **new prizes**. As an **added bonus** for all of our bowlers, Tony Rice, quarterback of the Notre Dame's 1988 National Championship Team, will be signing autographs and taking pictures one hour before the bowling fun begins. Please bring your own camera and join us at 12:30 for this exciting experience.

New, easy, and no hassle registration can be found on our website, www.bbbs-sjc.org. Just click on the Bowl for Kids' Sake logo and you will be on your way to participating in this ever so important fundraising day! If you are not computer savvy, just call our offices, (574) 232-9958, and we will be happy to mail you a registration form and pledge sheets. While you are checking out our website be sure to check out the Grand Prize Package that will be awarded to the participant who raises the most money for this year's event! Wow! That is a awesome challenge!

For our non-bowling friends we invite you to sponsor one of our bowlers by selecting them from our many on-line registrars. Visit the website and learn how easy it is to contribute.

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank our corporate sponsors for making this wonderful event possible.

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Spring 2008 Match Events

February: Roller Skating at United Skates of America

March: Bowling at Chippewa Bowl

April: Picnic and Games at Notre Dame

May: Miniature Golf at Putt Putt Golf & Games

New Board Officers

President: Noah Davey, *Commercial and Real Estate Sales Person-Office and Retail Specialist with Grubb & Ellis/Cressy & Everett*

Vice-President: Kyle Dentino, *Lead Coordinator-Material Planning with AM General*

Secretary: Allison Sell, *Associate Attorney with Baker & Daniels*



Honored Big Sister, Becky Zakowski, and her Little Sister, Danielle, spoke about their match at the event. Both are seen here with Buddy King from Oldies 94.3.

A Big Honor

The November Luncheon at Bonefish Grill was presented to a full house. The event was a big success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. This year we had a special presentation awarding our Bigs who have been mentoring with us for five or more years. Those mentors recognized include:

Susan Guljas: 6 Years

Dorothy Odom: 5 Years

John Gumkowski: 6 Years

Lakisha Clark: 7 Years

Tom Olson: 5 Years

Becky Zakowski: 7 Years

Greg Patterson: 6 Years

Kevin Stanley: 6 Years

James & Carol McCaffery 7 Years

Rich Mullins: 26 Years, Big Brother State Award Winner 2007



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Did You Know

The impact of our program is big; the landmark Public/Private Ventures Study, an independent study by a nationally recognized research firm, confirmed that which we already inherently knew, children in our program are more likely to excel in school, make better choices in their lives, and are much less likely to be involved in violent behaviors or use drugs and alcohol.

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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