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MATCH SPOTLIGHT

Matt and Caleb

Big Brother Matt Eng and his Little Brother Caleb are celebrating something special this month, their one year match anniversary. “I can’t believe it’s already been one year since we first met. It’s been so much fun, the time has flown by,” says Big Brother Matt. Caleb agrees, “I like being with Matt. It is fun having someone to hang out with and be able to talk to about anything.”

Many great activities shared, one in particular stands out for Matt. “I took Caleb to an astronomy event on the ND campus and Caleb was able to look through a telescope and see planets and stars. He was so amazed by what he saw and learned that day.”

Caleb’s mother has seen a positive change in her son since Matt came into his life. “Caleb is so happy now that he has Matt for a Big Brother. He is more at ease with himself and doing better in school with Matt’s encouragement.”

Both Matt and Caleb’s mother are grateful for their Big Brothers Big Sisters staff support specialist, Debra Walker, who helps them maintain open lines of communication, and provides advice and support to Matt and the family.

We are all looking for human connection to one another. Big Brothers Big Sisters is an organization that provides that connection and gives kids healthy



role models as they find their way in the process of growing up.

Matt and Caleb are creating memories that will last a lifetime, for both of them.

You can create these special memories for you and a child on our waiting list by becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister. Just give us a call at 575-232—9958 or go to our website at www.bbbs-sjc.org to learn more.

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BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE




It's not about bowling . . . It's about the kids!

The 28th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake proved to be a great day for Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County. More than 300 bowlers of all ages turned out for a high-energy bowling party at Regal Lanes on Saturday March 16th. Individual and corporate donors raised over \$33,000 to fund our one-to-one mentoring programs.

Teachers Credit Union was once again the company with the most bowlers. They were represented well with a total of 12 teams.

BIG thanks to Laura Waite for her dedication and focus on team recruiting. For the 4th year in a row, Laura was awarded a special trophy for recruiting the most teams for this event. Way to Go Laura!

Many companies from the Michiana area joined in on the afternoon of fun:

1st Source Bank, AM General, Advanced Imaging Solutions / Pinnacle, Alpha-Phi Alpha Fraternity, Aanalytics, Crossfit061, Data Realty, Eaton Corporation, McGladrey, Meridian Title, Mutual Bank, Qumulus Solutions, Revell-Banes Electric, Riverbend Apparel & Promotions, Senior1 Care, Brian Stanley – Northwestern Mutual & WNIT.

Congratulations to our incentive prize winners:

\$50 Martins Supermarket gift card

Maurico Barletto	Theresa Bode
Robyn Minix	Nancy Tulledge x 2
Amy VanDyck	Glenda Williams

\$100 Visa gift card

Janee Carlisle	Frank Eisemann x 2
Shannon Sparazynski	

\$200 Visa gift card

Benjie Paul	Mike Lewandowski
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Grand Prize Winner - \$400 Visa gift card

Glenda Williams

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers including all the lane butlers and money room auditors from Notre Dame Retail Ops, Jordan Automotive and Mutual Bank. We could not do this event without YOU!

Mark your calendars for next year

Saturday, March 22, 2014.

We will be offering two time slots for bowling.

Teams will choose either 1:30pm or 3:30pm

More teams = More fun!!!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS:

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Inovateus Solar (x2)
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Lake City Bank
Policemen's Federal Credit Union
Zolman Tire

EVENT DAY SPONSORS:

Adams Remco, Kada Partnership/ dba McDonalds,
Martins Supermarkets & Texas Roadhouse.

OUR TOP 5 FUNDRAISERS:

Congratulations to Taryn MacFarlane who raised \$1,575.00. She is our 2013 highest in pledges winner and was awarded a brand new Kindle Fire HD

Beth Berry \$1,362.00
Mike Lewandowski \$ 1,166.00
Ben Norris \$ 1,070.00
Laura Waite \$ 765.50

Top 5 Teams: Lake City Bank: \$1,725.00
Big Time Bowling \$1,720.00
Bayer Grylls: Man vs. Pins -
Bayer Health Care \$1,513.00
Match Made in Heaven \$1,262.00
TCU Pretty Pins \$1,025.50

We had 2 Teams competing in our
RULER OF THE LANES
 Annual Corporate challenges this year:

1st Source Bank: Registered 4 teams to compete with each other to raise the most in pledge dollars. And the winner is...



Airport Angels: Stacey Wing, Mackenzie Franks, Debbie Morse, Cristy Nettavong & Holly Risner

Teachers Credit Union: Registered 12 teams to compete with each other to raise the most in pledge dollars. And the winner is...



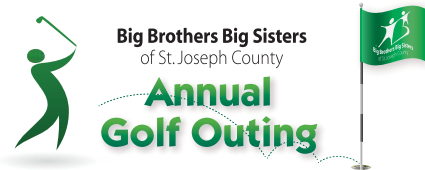
Pretty Pins – McKinley Branch: Laura Waite, Debbie Jackey, Kim Martz, Dianne Perciful, Monique Williams & Kelly Waite



On Saturday, June 22nd, At Heritage Square in Granger, CrossFIT061 is hosting a fitness competition and health fair, with proceeds to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County and our mentoring programs.

CrossFit 061 is a community of members who are passionate about overall fitness. We are grateful to Owner Nick Urankar for caring about our littles and the overall health of our community. Please contact Nick at 574-243-0061 to learn more about the event. THANKS NICK!

COMING YOUR WAY



Monday, July 22, 2013
13th Annual Golf Outing
 Morris Park Country Club

Teams are now forming and sponsorship opportunities await you! Call Beth Berry at 234-7444 for more information!



Friday, Oct 4, 2013
6th Annual Evening of Magic
Dinner / Auction
 Gillespie Conference Center
 Hilton Garden Inn

Your Help is Needed!

Please help us make this year's Evening of Magic auction even bigger and better than last year.

Collect a small amount from everyone in your department, company, social group, civic club, or just good friends and purchase items for the auction.

If 10 people each give \$10, that \$100 to buy a really nice item, to purchase items for a large gift basket, or to provide a gift card or gift certificate.

Everybody wins!

Call Beth Berry at 234-7444 for more ideas on how you can help!



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Did You Know...

Big Brothers Big Sisters has launched a nationwide campaign to locate and reunite with former Bigs, Littles, donors, staff, board and family members.

The reunion effort invites all adults—not just volunteers—to support quality one-to-one mentoring to change the odds for children facing adversity.

If you or anyone you know has been involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters and would like to offer your support as an Alumni, you are invited to register at www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org to help in this reunite effort to Start Something (Again) or contact us locally at www.bbbs-sjc.org.

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.

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