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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MAY
11 | MIKE'S CARWASH FUNDRAISER
Mike's Carwash(1300 N Green River Rd.) |
| MAY
17 | BBBS NIGHT AT THE OTTERS GAME
Bosse Field |
| MAY
18 | CHARITYWERQ FUNDRAISER
St. Vincent Manor Auditorium (3700 Washington Ave.) |
| JUN
19 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NIGHT
Deaconess Pavilion (4011 Gateway Blvd.) |
| AUG
5 | 7TH ANNUAL GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE
Cambridge Golf Course |

LET'S CELEBRATE!

This year is a BIG year for Big Brothers Big Sisters locally as it marks the 50th Anniversary of our local mentoring programs. January 20th, 1969 is when Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Indiana officially began, but we have something special planned this summer to celebrate.

We invite current and former staff members, board members, volunteers, and donors to join us for an evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and celebration as we reflect back on the past five decades. Join us Wednesday, June 19th at the Deaconess Pavilion (The Orthopedic and Neuroscience Hospital, 4011 Gateway Blvd, Newburgh, IN 47630)



DATE: Wednesday, June 19
TIME: 6:00PM
LOCATION: Deaconess Pavilion

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MENTORINGKIDS.ORG/50



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BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE RESULTS

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BOWL For Kids' Sake

PRESENTED BY:
SHOE CARNIVAL

This spring has been full of Bowl for Kids' Sake success! Evansville's Bowl for Kids' Sake event presented by Shoe Carnival reached its goal and over \$50,000 was raised. Hundreds of bowlers, donors, and volunteers worked together to achieve this goal on March 6th & 9th at Franklin Lanes. "We are proud to meet this goal on such a monumental year," says Executive Director, Eric Smith. "Bowl for Kids' Sake has been taking place for decades and we are excited that we raised \$50,000 for our 50th Anniversary."

In Posey County, over \$28,000 raised at Bowl for Kids' Sake on March 17th. Special thanks to Posey's title sponsor, Cargill! Students, teachers, community members, and several local businesses made up teams filling up the bowling alley during all four sessions. Thanks to all of the bowlers, sponsors, and volunteers who made this event a success!



2019 GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE

Did you know that Big Brothers Big Sisters started hosting golf scrambles in the early 2000's? However, the first official Golf for Kids' Sake event was held in 2013 marking this year as the 7th Annual Golf for Kids' Sake event. This year we will be out at Cambridge Golf Course on Monday, August 5th. It doesn't matter if you're a casual or avid golfer, Golf for Kids' Sake is a fun event that raises money for local mentoring programs! Lunch will begin at 11:30AM with shotgun starting at 1:00PM. If you have any questions, contact Kayla McKenzie at 811-425-6076.



GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE
AUGUST 5

Learn more at
mentoringkids.org/golf

TITLE SPONSOR:



Steve Gorman and Anna Hargis
The Gorman, Cope, Seger & Mattingly Team

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Milestones deserve to be celebrated. Every year we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries because we realize the importance of the changes that take place over

time. This year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Indiana has had the privilege of serving the youth in our community for 50 years. Our programs have provided kids and teens with a positive role model, a friend, a listener, and a guide. As we celebrate our 50th birthday, or anniversary depending on how you look at it, we would like to hear your story. Chances are, if you are receiving this newsletter, you have had a relationship with our agency. We want to hear about it. Please reach out and tell us your story about Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The other thing that I would ask of you is that you help us continue our mission. You have the power to help a child. You have the power to advocate to others about our organization. Please join me in making sure the next 50 years are even greater than the last. Every child has potential, let us work together to defend it and ignite it. Our community can be a better place and together we can make it happen.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

YOU CAN ALSO LEARN ABOUT ALL OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AT **MENTORINGKIDS.ORG/EVENTS**

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MATCH SNAPS



Brittany and Tyler aren't afraid of heights! They recently went rock climbing at Vertical eXcape.



Sherilyn and Chloe stopped for coffee on one of their outings!



Eula and Jayla are a match from Henderson and always enjoy bowling in Evansville's Bowl for Kids' Sake.

TOP BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE EVANSVILLE SPONSORS

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TOP BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE POSEY SPONSORS

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TITLE SPONSOR



Here are just a few of our top sponsors for the 2019 Bowl for Kids' Sake event in Posey County. Thank you to all of the sponsors who made Posey Bowl for Kids' Sake a success. Because of you, more local children have someone who will step up and defend their potential.

DEFENDING POTENTIAL

MATCH FEATURE - AMANDA AND DE'AVIAH

After growing up in Canada without family nearby, Big Sister Amanda was looking to make a lasting connection in her community. When she met Little Sister De'Aviah in May of 2018, she knew this was the perfect opportunity to get more involved locally and empower the potential within a local child.



Little Sister De'Aviah's mother describes her as "a ball of energy, very smart, passionate, caring, makes herself laugh, and cares about everyone around her". While in the enrollment process, De'Aviah stated that she wanted a Big because it's an opportunity to learn more than at school. Her biological brother is also currently in the program so her family was well aware of the benefits. Amanda and De'Aviah have a box full of ideas they would like to do together and choose one to do every outing. During their time together, they have been on many adventures including rock climbing, zip lining, decorating gingerbread houses, and even recently attended Disney on Ice!



Amanda says she has seen De'Aviah mature and grow in their time together over the past year. "Having a Little Sister gets me out to enjoy the fun things in life and be a role model and a good support system to De'Aviah. Growing with my Little is a big deal to me," she says. Currently, De'Aviah participated in archery and Girl Scouts and Amanda is always there to support her. In addition to these new activities, De'Aviah is now doing great with in school and recently achieved A honor roll. Amanda is extremely proud of her Little Sister and cannot wait to see what adventures their future holds.

To learn more about how you can make an impact through mentoring, please visit mentoringkids.org/volunteer.

MEET SAMANTHA WHITCOMB



Originally from Texas, Samantha found herself in Southern Indiana after choosing to attend the University of Evansville. After studying mathematics and business administration, she graduated in 2013 and decided to stay in Evansville and build her own roots. In YEAR, she decided to become a Big Sister where she truly saw the impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

She was formerly matched with Little Sister Ka-Leigh and they went on many adventures together. Sam wasn't sure if she was making a

difference in her Little's life, but Ka-Leigh called her on Mother's Day to say thank you for being a second mother to her. This was a huge moment for their relationship and it brought Sam to tears knowing that she mattered to Ka-Leigh.

Sam became a board member in January 2017 and is currently the chair of the Program Committee. She is dedicated to making sure our program runs efficiently and everyone understand the power of mentoring.

DID YOU KNOW?

The longest match currently enrolled in our program has been together for over **12 years!**

Learn more about volunteering at mentoringkids.org!

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