



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Butler County

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www.bcfymca.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County is a program of the Butler County Family YMCA. Since December of 1993 we have been dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, and to assisting them in becoming confident, competent and caring individuals. We are able to achieve this by providing each child with a Big, a volunteer committed to the success of the program in general, and more specifically his/her Little. Each child is carefully matched to a Big who will serve as a positive role model as they spend a few hours each week having fun together.

Check It Out!

Be sure to check out the BBBS of Butler County website at www.bcfymca.org! You can check out the monthly calendar of activities, apply to be a volunteer online, sign up your child to be a Little online, get information about our special events and take a look at pictures that are updated regularly!

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15th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake

Fun Under the BIG Top!



Bowlers and community supporters had some fun "under the BIG top" at the "CarniBowl" to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County.

Forty-three teams of bowlers enjoyed the day of bowling, food, prizes, music and other fun provided by our many wonderful sponsors and donors.

Thanks to the sponsors, bowlers and supporters, \$27,000 net income was raised from the 2009 event for BBBS

of Butler County!

Be sure to check out the newsletter insert to see a listing of all the 2009 sponsors and donors who helped make the event another success!

Save the Date!!
2010 BFKS
Sunday,
April 18, 2010



Ninth Annual Fore the Children Golf Classic a Hole-In-One!!



Sixty-eight golfers and many volunteers enjoyed a beautiful day on the greens for the 9th Annual Fore the Children Golf Classic to benefit BBBS of Butler County. The event was held on Friday, August 7, 2009 at Olde Stonewall Golf Club.

The golf committee and program was also happy to welcome this year's honorary guest, Mr. Rob King of Fox Sports-Pittsburgh, who spent the day golfing and was kind enough to say a few words during dinner.

After golfing, everyone enjoyed a great dinner along with some raffles and auctions. Overall, the event raised more than \$31,000 for the program!

This year's sponsors and donors can be seen on the newsletter insert.

Be sure to keep looking for information regarding the 2010 event!



BIG Things to Come... by Nancy DeBor, Case Manager

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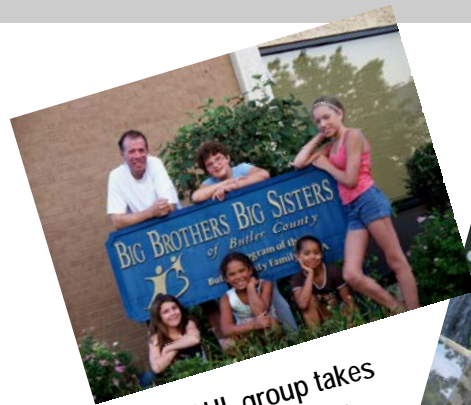
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Monthly & COUL Activities...



The September COUL group takes a rest after a nice walk & before having some yummy ice cream!

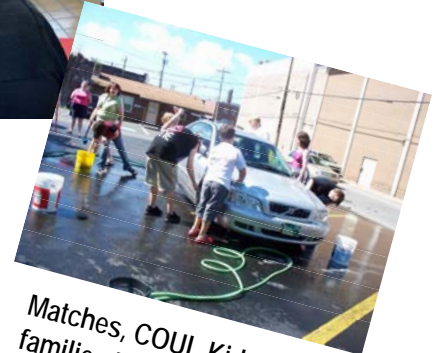
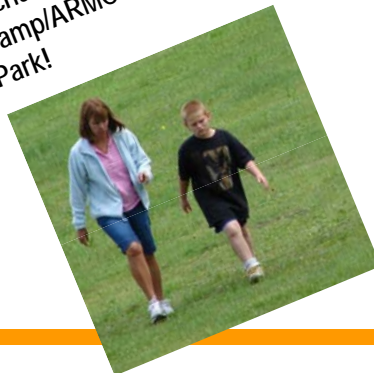


Little Sister Nancy and Big Sister Leticia spending the day helping at the Fore the Children Golf Classic!



COUL Kid Electra has fun in the Youth & Family Center at the Butler YMCA

Big Sister Sue and Little Brother Richard at YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park!



Matches, COUL Kids and families lend a helping hand at the annual BBBS Car Wash



Inexpensive Ways to have BIG Fun...by Jessica Porneluzi, Case Manager

The weather will be changing soon and it will be getting colder outside. Here are some great and inexpensive ways to have fun with your Littles and/or children during this time of year!!!

Go for a simple drive & enjoy the changing leaves. A picnic would be nice too, even if it is a little chilly.

Pick apples and make pie (or another yummy apple dish!)

Go to a pumpkin or fall festival

Volunteer to rake up an elderly neighbor's leaves

Jump in those leaves!

Bake cookies!!!! (you can bring some to us if you'd like!)

Carve or paint pumpkins and make pumpkin seeds!

Make homemade thank you cards for those you are thankful for and appreciate

Check out a high school football game

Play in the snow

Have a snowball fight or make a snowman

Buy a present to give to Toys for Tots together

Come to the Y to play basketball, go swimming or hang out in the Youth and Family Center

Watch a movie!

Take a walk in the snow at night, it's pretty cool!

Go ice skating

Breakfast with Santa!!!!

Cut down your own little Christmas tree to decorate together and put it in the child's room

Get your pictures taken together (A lot of places offer great prices for a small one-pose package)

Start a New Years resolution you can do together



Check out Tickets for Kids. They always have great activities and events year- round!

www.ticketsforkids.org



One Match = BIG Impact! BB Dave Brady & LB Brandon

Dave and Brandon have been matched since May of 2004!! Over the past 5 years, they have developed a great bond and relationship. Dave has taught Brandon how to fish, hunt, and many "do-it-yourself" projects. They have worked on the family's new home, and Dave has also helped Brandon explore his post-high school options.

Brandon has come to a decision about what he would like to do after high school. Over this past summer, Brandon completed Basic Training for the US Army and is now

officially in the Army Reserves-an exceptional achievement!

When Brandon graduates next June from Butler High School, he will be on his way to advanced training and is already scheduled to leave for active duty in October of 2010.

Dave couldn't be more proud of him as this is something Brandon deeply wants to do. Dave has been an excellent Big Brother, and we appreciate all he has done for his Little Brother and the program!

Brandon's mother, Ronica, and younger brother and sister are also extremely proud and happy for him. We wish Brandon and his family the best of luck in the future, and our thoughts and prayers are with you!

On behalf of all the staff here at BBBS of Butler County, as well as all the participants in the program, we congratulate Brandon on a job superbly done and thank him for his choice to serve our country!!



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Did you know??

BBBS of Butler County can come speak to your workplace, organization, church or other group. If you think your group would want to learn more about BBBS, let us know!

Call 724-287-4733

Local teachers who were surveyed about children who are matched with a Big said:

- 83% have improved their academic performance
- 66% have better self-confidence
- 32% are better able to make decisions
- 33% have better relationships with their peers
- 33% are better prepared for school



Help us spread the word about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County!

You know that BBBS of Butler County is making a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in Butler County, but not everyone knows!!

Help us spread the word about the program by telling your friends, neighbors, co-workers and families about BBBS.

There are many volunteer opportunities and we have some great posters, fliers and brochures you can hand out or put in your workplaces. Let us know if you can use any!

A "little" promotion can make a BIG difference!!

