



Big Brothers Big Sisters
Michigan Capital Region

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Save The Date

Wine Tasting Fundraiser
November 18th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Uncle John's Cider Mill

For more information, check out upcoming issues of the E-News.

Just For Matches

Things To Do!

Please visit the [Things To Do](#) page on our Web site for a weekly updated list of things to do in the community.

Match Support

Monday - Thursday
from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(517) 372-0160 or toll free
at (877) 483-7145.

Or send an e-mail to
0196matchsupport@bbbs.org

Seeking 2010 Event Committee Members

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the planning committees for our three signature events.

If you are interested in helping with Bowl for Kids'

E-Newsletter

October 30, 2009

Happy Halloween from Big Brothers Big Sisters



Lollipops, chocolate, licorice and candy bars-Halloween is chock full of sugary treats for what seems like the entire month of October, not just All Hallows' Eve. With the constant threat of cavities and childhood obesity, it might be the right year to try out some healthier snack suggestions. Who knows, your Little might not even notice the change if you create some tasty substitutes. [Prepare a healthy treat with your Little this weekend!](#)

Another Successful Chili-Dawg Challenge

The 11th Annual Independent Bank Chili-Dawg Challenge last night was bigger than ever and a rousing success. Attendees enjoyed chili-dawgs from thirteen different local vendors and watched contestants with BIG appetites devour dawgs during the eating contest. Three of the thirteen contestants finished ten dawgs in ten minutes! Title Sponsor Independent Bank won the People's Choice Award, selling its allotment of 400 dawgs in less than 90 minutes, followed immediately by St. Peter and Paul School, returning this year with the famous Angel Dogs (they are heavenly!).



The Chili-Dawg Challenge was established by "Little" Brother Bill Lynch to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. Independent Bank has graciously picked up the mantel and Bill, a.k.a Liam the Giant Leprechaun, was recognized with a special Big Brothers Big Sisters gift for his long-time leadership.

A very BIG thank you to Independent Bank, the Ionia Chamber of Commerce, and all the sponsors and participants for a wonderful event. Special thanks, as well, to WION I-1430. The station's live broadcast was sponsored by several local businesses, and WION generously donated half of the sponsor fees to Big Brothers Big Sisters!

Texting Can Make a BIG Difference!

Without the support of our donors, we could not impact the lives of children throughout mid-Michigan. If you are not already a donor, we hope that you will consider making your first contribution by picking up your cell phone and texting "Big"

Sake, Golf for Kids' Sake or
the Annual Dinner, please
e-mail

jm.mccollum@bbbs.org

Resources for Matches

[Just For Matches activities](#)

[Bonus Program discounts](#)

to 40579 to donate \$5.00.

Thanks to technology, it's easier than ever to be a part of
something BIG!

FREE Tickets for Matches!

Movie Passes

Where the Wild Things Are
Valid at Any Celebration! Cinema Theatre Location

MSU Football

MSU vs. Western Michigan
Saturday, November 7, 2009

MSU Men's Basketball

MSU vs. Grand Valley State University
Monday, November 9, 2009

MSU Women's Basketball

MSU vs. Wayne State University
Thursday, November 5, 2009

MSU vs. Grand Valley State University
Sunday, November 8, 2009

MSU Hockey

MSU vs. Nebraska - Omaha
Thursday, November 5 and
Friday, November 6, 2009

*Thank you to the following for donating tickets for our
Matches: Robert & Roxanne Chatman, Lesly M Jordan,
Michael Leffler, Paul Mullins, Neil Oppenheimer, Gary Smith
and Grand Ledge Ford.*

Interested Matches should contact the agency
(877) 483-7145 or (517) 372-0160

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