



# Big Brothers Big Sisters

## Michigan Capital Region

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### Did You Know March Is...

- Michigan Parent Awareness Month
- Women's History Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Noodle Month
- National Craft Month
- National Kite Month
- Social Workers Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Umbrella Month

### 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.

### Rent-A-Center Eggs for Big Brothers Big Sisters



Rent-A-Center's Big Brothers Big Sisters promotion continues through April 11th. At the

## E-Newsletter

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### United 4 Kids Event Pre-Event Meet & Greet Special Pricing



There are still tickets available for the United 4 Kids pre-event Meet & Greet on Thursday, March 26th at Eagle Eye.

Big are invited to purchase tickets for \$50 a match. Supporters are also encouraged to be a "Send a Match" sponsor for \$50 to give a Little and Big the opportunity to attend together.

For more information, visit the [United 4 Kids Web Site](#) or call Jen McCollum at (517) 372-0160.

### Michigan Big is Idol Finalist

If you're a fan of American Idol, you probably know finalist Matt Giraud hails from Kalamazoo, but did you know he's a Big? [Click here](#) to read more about Matt and his Little Brother Tre.

### Meijer Bowl for Kids' Sake

The 2009 Meijer Bowl for Kids' Sake is quickly approaching! Don't miss out on the fun! Participants are invited to join us for food, fun, and prizes (and of course bowling!) at one of the following locations:

Friday, April 24th - Redwing Lanes, St. Johns  
Friday, May 1st - Capitol Bowl, Owosso  
Thursday, May 7th - Royal Scot, Lansing  
Friday, May 8th - Royal Scot, Lansing

Visit [www.bbbs.org/bfks09](http://www.bbbs.org/bfks09) to register or make a pledge to your favorite bowler.

### Tax Season Help

The tax deadline, April 15th, is fast approaching. Last minute reminders:

following Rent-A-Center locations customers can sign colorful cut-out eggs for a \$1.00 donation:

3700 W. Saginaw, Lansing  
6250 S. Cedar St., Lansing  
3222 S. Martin Luther King

All proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region.

#### 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](mailto:0196matchsupport@bbbs.org)

#### Resources for Matches

### **Just For Matches activities**

### **Bonus Program discounts**

- Don't forget the Earned Income Tax Credit; a special tax benefit for working people whose earned income is low or moderate. Visit [www.icanfile.org](http://www.icanfile.org) for qualifications and filing instructions.
- **Bigs:** You can deduct \$.14 per mile incurred picking up and driving your Little around. You can also deduct the cost of meals, movie tickets, museum admissions, etc. which you spend on your Little. You cannot deduct the cost you incur for your own expenses.
- **Parents:** Tax filing help is available. For income tax assistance programs, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.centalmichigan211.org](http://www.centalmichigan211.org).

Did you know 2-1-1 is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year? Central Michigan 2-1-1 is a free phone service providing streamlined access to health and human services information including rent, utility, and food assistance, clothing, counseling, substance abuse resources, health care services, parenting resources, and support groups.

### **Mobile Food Pantry March 21, 2009 Lansing**

The City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department and the Mid-Michigan Regional Food Distribution Center are sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The pantry will be located at the Bingham Street Elementary School - 121 Bingham Street, Lansing, 48912.

Free non-perishable food items will be distributed to families/individuals with limited or low income jobs and senior citizens on a fixed incomes. All participants must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license. For more information, please call (517) 483-4477.

### **Did you participate in Big Brothers Big Sisters as a child?**

Would you share your experience with us? Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for former Littles to participate in a short email survey.

To register, please  
[click here.](#)

### **Contact Information**

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