



## Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region

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### Help Arby's Help Kids!

**Don't forget to visit your local Arby's and support BBBS Michigan Capital Region - through July 26th!**

### Participating Arby's

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3229 S. MLK Blvd., Lansing  
500 E. Oakland Ave., Lansing  
622 N. Homer St., Lansing  
6031 S. Cedar St., Lansing

### Matches - Save the Date

#### August 19, 2009

Annual Family Picnic  
Lake Lansing Park South

**Look for your invitation coming soon!**

### Bowl for Kids' Sake

To donate, visit:  
[www.bbbs.org/bfks09](http://www.bbbs.org/bfks09)

## E-Newsletter

July 9, 2009

### Golf For Kids' Sake

**The 2009 Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf for Kids' Sake is in 11 days!**

### Have you registered your team?

Now, more than ever, we need your financial support to continue helping kids. Golf for Kids' Sake is a great way to support Big Brothers Big Sisters and enjoy a wonderful day of golf at the same time!

Please visit [www.bbbs.org/mcr](http://www.bbbs.org/mcr) to download a brochure and register your foursome or become a sponsor!

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### Watch the Lugnuts from a Box Suite!

**Last chance to enter your match into the Lansing Lugnuts Tickets drawing!** We have a limited number of tickets available in a box suite for the Lansing Lugnuts vs. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers game on Sunday July 19th at 2:05 p.m. It's Kid's Day at the park which means children in attendance can participate in the Pepsi Kids Run the Bases. Interested matches should contact the BBBS offices at (877) 483-7145 by **July 10th (tomorrow)!** All interested matches will be entered into a ticket lottery and winning matches will be contacted on Monday, July 13th.

Thank you to our Board Member Frank Reynolds and Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. for generously donating the suite and tickets for this event!

### Little Brother Jordan Goes To Camp

The Tim Horton Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers youth an enriched and memorable camping experience, sponsored Little Brother Jordan to attend the Foundation's camp.

Jordan traveled to Quyon, Quebec in June and spent 9 days at

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

**Resources for Matches**

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Camp des Voyageurs Tim Horton. The camp program included swimming, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, paddle boating, archery, and pontoon boat cruises. Campers can enjoy traditional evening campfires, arts and crafts, land sports and activities.

Jordan thought the camp was awesome. He was able to go tubing, swimming, and rock climbing but tubing was definitely his favorite. He also thought it was neat that he got to meet kids from all over the world - even two from France!

Thank you Tim Horton's for sending Jordan to camp, and for your long-time support for kids!

**Big's Thanked in Littles' Ways!**

Littles in one of our school-based programs wrote thank you letters to their Bigs at the end of the school year. We thought sharing some of those letters with you over the next few weeks would be a great tribute to all of our Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Dear Syed,

Thank you for spending time with me. It was really fun with you. I especially liked when we played sports. It was great to play football and basketball with you. I have big brothers at home, but the difference with you is that you play with me!

I hope you can keep being my Big Brother in 6th grade. Next year, I'll be at the middle school. I'm really going to miss you, and I really really hope you can come there. I'm going to miss you over the summer. Thank you so much for being a cool Big Brother - you are awesome!

From,  
Jo-Jo

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Supports National Conversation on Fatherhood and Personal Responsibility**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America President and CEO Judy Vredenburgh, who serves on the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Advisory Council, attended the Washington kick-off of President Obama's national conversation on fatherhood and personal responsibility. BBBS supports this initiative, which calls for dads - and men who aren't dads - to make a commitment to their own families, but also to the many young people who aren't lucky enough to have positive adult male support.

"We need committed, compassionate men to serve as mentors and tutors, and big brothers and foster parents. Even if it's just for a couple hours a week of shooting hoops, or helping with homework, or just talking about what's going on in that young person's life. Even the smallest moments can end up having an enormous impact, a lasting impact on a child's life," said President Obama.

These sentiments are consistent with our mission and Big Brothers Big Sisters greatly appreciates the continued emphasis on the need for positive adult support for children.

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