



Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region

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10th Annual Steve Smith Charity Challenge

June 30, 2009
Eagle Eye Golf Course

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. For more information, contact Jen McCollum at jen.mccollum@bbbs.org

Matches - Save The Date!

August 19, 2009

Annual Family Picnic
Lake Lansing Park South

Bowl for Kids' Sake

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"Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region"

E-Newsletter

June 12, 2009

Have you RSVP'd for the BBBS Service Project at Potter Park Zoo?

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to introduce your Little to community involvement and service!



BBBS & AmeriCorps invite Bigs & Littles to join us on Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a beautification project at Potter Park Zoo. Then after the work is done, explore the zoo for free!

Matches should bring a sack lunch or plan to visit the zoo concession stands during the 11:30 to 12:30 lunch break.

Please RSVP by June 15th by calling (877) 483-7145 or email 0196info@bbbs.org.

Remember, if your match is School-Based, Bigs & Littles need to meet at Potter Park Zoo.

BBBS Michigan Capital Region Receives National Recognition For Program Quality

We are happy to report that Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region is one of sixteen agencies in the country being recognized by BBBS of America for achievement in Program Quality for 2008. BBBS Michigan Capital Region exceeded national averages in three key quality performance areas related to match support, match retention, and average match length.

Ongoing quality match support plays a vital role in retaining matches beyond six months--the critical point at which positive outcomes for the child take hold--and in making matches last longer than one year. This is so important because the impacts on the child are deeper and more enduring the longer a match lasts.

This recognition for high quality is great news for everyone involved in our program. Our donors and supporters can be sure that their investment in the lives of children is producing wonderful results. These results are only possible because of their help, and we thank them for their support for children and the community.

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

Resources for Matches**Just For Matches activities****Bonus Program discounts**

New Gallup Poll Shows Importance of Positive Adult Support

A nationwide Gallup poll recently released finds children who have support from their parents, guardians or another caring adult are more likely to be hopeful, engaged and positive about their future well being educationally and socially. [Read more...](#)

The 1st Annual BMW Demo Days A Success!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the 1st Annual BMW Demo Days and supported Big Brothers Big Sisters! The event raised more than \$1,400 to support the children in our program!

Golf For Kids' Sake

For \$250, your company can become a Hole/Tee Sponsor. This is an excellent opportunity to support Big Brothers Big Sisters, show your support for children and the community, and advertise your business!

Visit www.bbbs.org/mcr to view sponsorship opportunities and download a brochure.

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Help Arby's Help Kids! - beginning in 4 days!

Arby's restaurants are giving residents of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, and Shiawassee counties an easy way to help the children in their community. Arby's customers who come into local Arby's restaurants from **June 15th through July 26th** may donate a dollar and sign a "Help Us Help Kids" pin-up to hang on the walls of the restaurant. Customers who donate will receive a coupon redeemable for \$1 off select Arby's menu items during their next purchase. All donated money will support Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region.

Participating Arby's

1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos 48864
1515 E. Main St., Owosso 48867
503 E. Lansing Road, Charlotte 48813
1881 S. Scott Road, St. Johns 48879
625 N. Cedar St., Mason 48854
2652 S. State St., Ionia 48846
1691 Grand River Ave., Portland 48875
13270 S. US Highway 27, DeWitt 48820
4219 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing 48917
3229 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing 48910
500 E. Oakland Ave., Lansing 48906
622 N. Homer St., Lansing 48912

6031 S. Cedar St., Lansing MI 48911

Scholarship Opportunity for Youth to Attend 4-H Mentoring Weekend!

The first 50 youth to register for this year's 4-H Mentoring Weekend are attending for FREE! Through a generous donation by West Saginaw Meijer, the first 50 youth (17 & under) who mail in their registration form by the deadline of July 3rd will receive a \$30 scholarship, which covers the \$30 registration fee. In order to receive the scholarship, youth must return the [registration form](#) and be one of the first 50 youth to register.

Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Mentoring Weekend is a retreat-style event designed for mentoring matches to strengthen their relationship through workshops and team building activities, as well as support the mentoring community statewide. This 3-day, 2-night retreat is taking place July 17th, 18th, and 19th at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. The \$30 per person registration fee includes lodging, meals, activities, and a free t-shirt. The weekend is only open to mentoring matches, mentoring program staff/volunteers, and AmeriCorps members. Mentoring matches must attend together. Youth who attend must be at least 11 years old by July 17th, 2009. For more information or to register, [download](#) the registration packet.

To be eligible to attend, BBBS matches must be in place in the Community-based program for at least 6 months prior to this weekend.

For more information contact BBBS at 517-372-0160 or toll free at 877-483-7145.

For Littles...

There Are Still Spots Open! Herb Haygood Football Skills Camp

Littles in Grades 4-8! Don't miss this opportunity to attend Herb Haygood's Youth Skills Camp, Monday, June 29th - Tuesday, June 30th at Eastern High School for FREE!

This camp is for youth (grades 4-8) just learning the skills needed to participate in football and focuses on instruction for all positions and learning techniques. Campers will receive instruction in quickness and agility drills, flexibility, and proper running techniques.

Littles interested in attending should call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (877) 483-7145.

Thank you to Howard Haas and Mercantile Bank for giving our Littles this opportunity.

For Matches...

Free Tickets Available!

US 131 Motorsports in Martin will host the AMA DRAGBIKE Inagural Summer Nationals on June 13-14th. This event is the fourth stop in the eight-race motorcycle drag racing championship series. Matches interested in attending the event, should contact the BBBS office at (877) 483-7145.

For more information on the event, vist www.amadragbike.com

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