



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Central Missouri

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Big Rewards!



Sister, so great that Danielle and I wanted to be part of the Community Based program so we could spend more time together.”

When Mary Jo became a Big Sister her first two Little Sisters attended Russell Boulevard School. Danielle attends Paxton Keeley. Mary Jo emphasizes “the schools are all so supportive of Big Brothers Big Sisters and incredibly receptive of the Bigs.”

One of her first Little Sisters was here because of Hurricane Katrina. Mary Jo noted that once they were matched the little girl never missed school because she knew Mary Jo was coming. Statistics show that children who have a Big Brother or Big Sister really are more interested in school and less likely to miss it.

So Mary Jo encourages everyone to think about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister because remember, “it doesn’t get any better than spending an hour a week with a child.”

Be a Kid Again

If you think you don’t have time, believe me it doesn’t get any better than sharing an hour a week with a child. The rewards are so much greater than the inconvenience”, said Mary Jo Henry, a Big Sister who knows “it’s a great way to get started being a Big!”

When Mary Jo Henry signed up to be a School-Based Mentor in 2005, she had no idea of the fun and rewards she would have being a Big Sister to three different Little Sisters over the years.

Danielle, who had been her “Little” for the past two years in the School-Based program, just recently became her Little Sister in the Community-Based program. Mary Jo and Danielle had forged such a great friendship they wanted to be able to talk about school work, but also enjoy each other’s company outside of school.

From the beginning as a Big, Mary Jo made it a point to meet once each week during lunch hour at school. As many bosses do, Gary Drewing, Mary Jo’s boss and the owner of Joe Machens Dealerships agreed to extend her lunch hour one day a week so being a School-Based mentor became a little easier. According to Mary Jo, “it was a great way to get started, and an easy way to become a Big

Imagine the Great Fun of being a kid again? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Get involved in our School Based mentoring program. It only takes 1 hour a week and we currently have approximately 75 children waiting on you to sign up. Take the next step yourself (and why not invite a friend to join you). Become a Big Sister or Big Brother, which is just being a friend, a buddy, a role model. The kids are waiting! Shelli Adams, a recent principal at Lange Middle School, said:

“I saw daily the difference Big Brothers and Big Sisters made in the live of students. These relationships made such a positive impact on the lives of students both at school and in the community. On a personal note, I am also a Big Sister to a wonderful girl and have seen her grow so much as the year goes along. The work of BBBS is incredibly important to the children of Columbia.”

Find out more. Call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 874-3677, ext. 210 or www.bigsofcentralmo.org

Win A Wii!

There's still plenty of time to do fun, outdoor activities and maybe Win A Wii! Just look for outdoor activities that you can share with your Little Brother or Little Sister and help them Win This Wii! Ideas might include hiking in Rock Bridge State Park and taking a picture of your Little in front of the Devil's Ice Box Cave.

Be sure to watch your email from BBBS for other options. Bigs and Littles in the Community-Based program who do four outdoor activities by December 1 can enter the contest by taking a picture of the Little doing the activity and bringing the four pictures to BBBS or by emailing the four pictures to Ryan.Olson@bbbs.org. We prefer digital pictures but if you don't have a camera email Ryan and tell him that you are dropping by the BBBS office to get a free camera before you start your adventures.

Fall is a great time to explore Boone County and Bigs and Littles in the Community-Based program can have a great time exploring our natural environment—and maybe Win A Wii!

Catch the BIG ONE!

Win A New Bike & Other Prizes

What: Catch the BIG One Challenge

When: Extended Until December 1, 2009

"Catch The Big One Fishing Challenge" has been extended until December 1st. Help your Little win a spiffy new bike or other prizes just by going out together and having fun fishing. BBBS has fishing poles, reels, plastic worms, and other gear to check out if you don't have your own. We will also provide you with a camera and ruler to take a picture of your fish. It must be a picture of the Little showing off their catch as compared to the inches on the ruler. Photos should be submitted to our office by December 1st.

Discounts & Tickets

- Columbia Entertainment Co.** — Free seat for Little with purchase of seat for Big
- Glow Golf (in Columbia Mall)** — Each person plays for \$4.00 each — all 54 holes.
- Going Bonkers** — Free admission of Big with Little admission.
- Mud Room** — \$7 for Bigs and \$3. For Littles 12 and under (not including pieces)
- Perche Creek Golf Club** — Bigs regular price, Littles free for miniature golf
- Stephen's College** — \$1. Per person at Macklanburg Playhouse (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Cheap Eats

- Andy's Frozen Custard** — Free medium drink with purchase of Concrete or Sundae
- Chuck E. Cheese** — 10% discount
- Hot Box Cookies** — The Single for half price
- Jimmy's Steak House** — 10% discounts (excludes beer)
- Pizza Hut** — 20% discount (excludes beer)



Big Brother Chris Ashton and Little Brother Montoi measure the fish for the Catch The Big One contest.

Giving: Making Our Work with Children Possible

Making a gift to support matching at-risk children with positive adult role model mentors here in Central MO by BBBS is easy. Simply select a course of action:

- Write and send a check to BBBS of Central Missouri, 800 N. Providence Rd., Ste.110, Columbia, MO 65203.
- Visit our website and select “Donate.” This will take you to a secure site at which you can make a contribution. If you have registered for an event of ours in the last year on our website, your information has been stored securely and will “auto fill” if you so choose!
- Sponsor or even host a BBBS event (call for various business plans available).
- Designate BBBS of Central Missouri in your estate plan. Similarly, ask others to make a memorial gift to us in your name.
- Transfer gifts of appreciated stock or real estate, using your own financial planner.
- Contribute to us in honor or memory of a loved one.

And did you know that we offer Youth Opportunities Program tax credits at the 50% level? That’s how you get half of your gift returned to you. When you give, for example, \$5,000, you complete a form that we send to the Dept. of Economic Development. You then receive, in this example, \$2,500 of your gift back on your taxes. Plus, you still get to take the charitable tax deduction on your gift – in addition to this 50% refund. It’s true. Call us with any questions you may have about this: 573-874-3677, ext. 209.

November Thank You’s

Hats off to the gals behind the Pinkel’s Posse t-shirts. A BIG Thank You to Kammie Teeter of White Dog Promotions and Heather Stewart who came up with the idea. The t-shirt sale, so far, has netted a donation of several hundred dollars to BBBS.

And a HUGE Thank you, also, to Hemingway’s Restaurant for donating part of the restaurant’s Homecoming Week proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters. And thanks to everyone who ate at Hemingway’s and enjoyed their always outstanding menu.

Business of the Month



Celebrating VA Mortgage as the September Business of the month are from left: Big Brother Matt Brand, Big Brother Alberto Barba, Big Sister Dorothy Topa, Big Brother Kaleb Long, Brock Bukowsky owner of VA Mortgage, Big Brother Jake Presti, Amy Nelson from Andy’s.



Staff members of Cumulus Broadcasting, the October Business of the Month, recently enjoyed Andy’s Frozen Custard. They included Spencer Kane and Wes Bond and Chris Kellogg and Tim Murphy.

BBBS Holiday Events

Wednesday — Dec 2 — BBBS Christmas Party for Community-Based Mentors and their “Littles”. Rockbridge High School. **RSVP REQUIRED TO YOUR MATCH SUPPORT SPECIALIST BY NOVEMBER 25TH.**

Saturday-Dec 5 — 9:30am — Breakfast With Santa- You and your Little under the age of 10 have been invited to join the local forester’s group for Breakfast With Santa. There will be breakfast, games, crafts, and a gift from Santa. **RSVP REQUIRED TO YOUR MATCH SUPPORT SPECIALIST BY NOVEMBER 20TH**

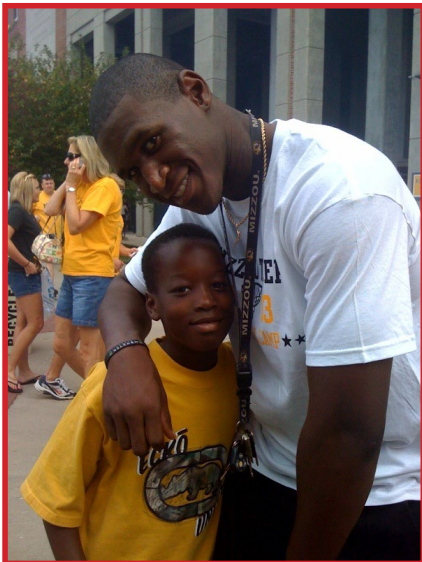
Saturday — Dec 12 — 3 pm — Holiday Cookie Bake at Sweet Tooth Bakery. Make yummy holiday cookies from scratch to decorate and take home. **RSVP REQUIRED TO YOUR MATCH SUPPORT SPECIALIST.** Space is limited.

Mark Your Calendar

November 13 - No School for Columbia Elementary & Middle Schools

November 25-27 - Columbia, Mexico, and Moberly - No School for Thanksgiving Recess

November 21-28 - MU - No School for Thanksgiving Recess



Big Brother Chris Ashton’s Little Brother, Montoi, was excited to meet MU Basketball Star JT Tiller at a recent event.

Sports at Mizzou

Football — Faurot Field — Tickets: various prices.
Saturday, Nov. 21 — Tigers vs. Iowa State

Volleyball — Hearn Center Arena — Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths
Saturday, Nov. 21 — Tigers vs. Iowa State @ 6:30pm
Saturday, Nov. 28 — Tigers vs. Baylor @ 6:30pm

Basketball (Men’s) — Mizzou Arena
Friday, Nov. 13 — Tigers vs. NW Missouri State
Tuesday, Nov. 17 — Tigers vs. Tennessee-Martin
Sunday, Nov. 22 — Tigers vs. Texas-Pan American
Tuesday, Nov. 24 — Tigers vs. Chattanooga

Basketball (Women’s) — Mizzou Arena
Sunday, Nov. 15 — Tigers vs. Northern Iowa
Wednesday, Nov. 18 — Tigers vs. Memphis

Holiday Events Around Mexico

Saturday — Nov 21 — Holiday Parade — 10am around the Square

Thursday-Sunday — December 3-6 — Disney’s Beauty and the Beast — Presser Performing Arts Center — 7pm Thursday-Saturday; 2pm Sunday. Tickets \$10. For adults, children 12 and under \$5.

Holiday Events Around Columbia

Sunday — Nov 22 — Columbia Jaycees Holiday Parade — 3pm on Broadway

Saturday — Dec 5 — 9am to 3pm — Santa Hotline — Children age 3-10 can call the North Pole from 9 am to 3 pm. Children will have the opportunity to speak with Santa or Mrs. Claus or one of the many elves and personally give them their Christmas lists. **CALL 874-7473 or 874-6335 ONLY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.**

Saturday — Dec 5 — Columbia Kwanza Celebration — 2 to 5pm — Douglass High School Gym. FREE.

