



BIG IMPACT! 2019 NEWSLETTER



2019 Bowl For Kids' Sake

On May 3rd, 10th, and 17th, volunteers, sponsors and supporters came out to Greengarden Lanes to support Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake.

During 2019 Bowl For Kids' Sake, 52 sponsors and 666 bowlers helped raised more than \$102,000.

Bowl For Kids' Sake is the signature fundraising event of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA. All money raised stays in Erie County to help us match children with volunteer mentors and provide professional match support to the 168 children served this past year.

We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all bowlers, donors, sponsors, and volunteers who made this year's event a success.

A New Face at Big Brothers Big Sisters



In May, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA welcomed Dan Stone, the new Program Supervisor. Dan joined the team following the semi-retirement of longtime Program Director Paula Hayes.

Paula was a driving force behind the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for 11 years and continues to work for the program part-time as a Match Support Specialist.

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New Look. Same Empowering Mission.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA recently joined the more than 270 affiliates across the country in unveiling an exciting new brand. This transformation includes a new logo, new colors, and new messaging aimed at helping recruit more volunteer mentors.

This new brand is based on the idea that all children have the potential to do something great. The new logo is a powerful symbol of the real-life match, and the ongoing, powerful relationships between Big Brothers Big Sisters parents/guardians, the volunteer ("Big"), and the youth ("Little"). It was designed to represent the role of Little Brothers and Little Sisters in a mentoring relationship, and to appeal to every generation.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA was incredibly fortunate to receive a grant from the Erie Community Foundation to assist in the new brand campaign. Many of the marketing materials used to promote the new brand were purchased through this grant.

To learn more, visit www.BeABigErie.org.



Last fall, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA was the recipient of the "Doenation" fundraiser at Bonnell's Collision Center & Auto Glass. For every deer-related repair, Bonnell's donated \$50 to Big Brothers Big Sisters, resulting in a contribution of \$6,000.

The team at Bonnell's presented the check to Greg Loop, President & CEO of Family Services of NW PA and Daniel Stone, Program Supervisor of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

2019 Photo Gallery



See all BFKS
2019 photos
on Facebook!

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Special thanks to Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for
TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SUPPORT
as the Bowl For Kids' Sake Platinum Sponsor!



2019 Fundraisers & Events

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

Once again, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA participated in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. The staff and board would like to extend a huge THANKS to our donors and walkers:

AaNeissey Young
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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On August 15th, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA hosted the annual Volunteer Dinner. Highmark Blue Cross Shield sponsored the event. This year's honored guest was Annette Ruef.

Annette was matched with little sister Emilee in September 2017. Sadly, Emilee's caregiver passed away. Annette was identified as a resource and completed the adoption process through the Permanency Department at Family Services of NW PA. In August 2018, Annette officially adopted Emilee. As Emilee's new mom, Annette could no longer be her big sister. Emilee was then rematched with new big sister Bridget. Emilee spoke at the dinner and expressed why both Annette and Bridget are so important to her.



Ultimate Raffle

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of NW PA held its annual Ultimate Raffle fundraiser on November 1st, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Erie. Thank you to all that came out and participated!

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Program Impact



So Many Reasons To Be Thankful This Year

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I'm thankful that my big sister takes the time out of her day to see me and check on how I am doing.

- Little Sister Hope

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I like that Hope trusts me and is comfortable around me.

- Big Sister Rebecca

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I really appreciate everything she does for me. I love her to the moon and back!

- Little Sister Kendra

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I am so thankful to have Kendra in my life. I am thankful to have another child to mother.

- Big Sister Chris

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There is nothing about Ed that I don't like. I am thankful for everything Ed does for me.

- Little Brother Aiden

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I'm thankful for the very great relationship he and I have. He is reliable and fun.

- Big Brother Ed

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I am thankful for my big sister because she always comes to see me.

- Little Sister Za'Mauria

”

“

I am thankful because she likes hanging out with me and my puppies.

- Big Sister Jaslyne

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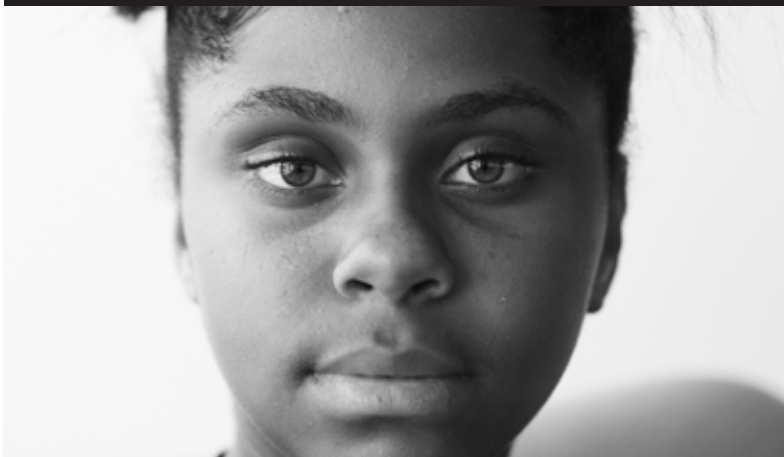


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POTENTIAL IS EVERYWHERE



Big Brothers Big Sisters is working to clear the path to a child's biggest possible future. Joining parents with our staff, we match each child with a mentor to foster a friendship built on trust, learning and growth.

Together, we are defenders of potential.

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