

# Start Something

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### New Year's Message from the Director

As we reflect on 2010, we recall the challenges but also the many successes. It was a year of making new matches and sustaining old ones. We watched Little Sisters and Little Brothers grow and become more confident and more skilled in many ways. We saw Big Brothers and Big Sisters experience the satisfaction of having made a difference. We enjoyed seeing matches together at many events – Girl Power, Guys Night Out, the Cedar Lake Picnic, Fishing on Pike Lake and Lake Michigan, at the Recognition Dinner and more.

The staff could not accomplish all this without the support of so many. All the different avenues of financial support combine to keep us going and growing during challenging economic times. Our business and organization partners provide the little extras – activities, events and support -- to our matches. And, of course, we value every volunteer and every hour spent with a child. The cumulative effect of regular activities together creates a huge impact on a child.

As 2011 takes off, the agency will be adopting the new national PR campaign with the tagline “Start Something.” We will invite many more volunteers to “Start Something” and become mentors who start children on the right path. We will invite new donors and sponsors to “Start Something” to decrease poverty, increase graduation rates, and decrease youth involved in risky behaviors in the community. We will invite new partners to “Start Something” to support matches with activities and opportunities for fun and learning.

Thank you to everyone who supported Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2010. We look forward to continued success and are ready to “Start Something” in 2011 with more new matches, more continuing matches, and more opportunities to enjoy the benefits of mentoring.

*Mary Gamberdinger*

**Happy New Year!**

**2011**

**Come on...Back to the 80's**

*At Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011 February 18•19•20•25•26*

### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### Ready-To-Be-Matched Littles

*For boys only*

Northbrook Men's Group  
will be hosting a

**Guy's afternoon out  
Bowling Party**

**Sat. January 15th  
1-3 PM**

**Bowling, Pizza and FUN!**

You MUST RSVP for  
**ALL** Activities  
[info@bbbswashco.org](mailto:info@bbbswashco.org)  
262•334•7896

#### Community-Based Matches

BBBS Day at

Bombers Hockey-West Bend

FREE for matches

**Sun. January 23rd-1:30 PM**

#### Female Matches-Girl Power

**GET YOUR GAME ON**

**Fri. January 28th**

**location TBA 6-7:30 PM**

Matches do not need to bring  
anything but their game faces!

**BRING YOUR LITTLE TO  
WORK DAY!**

**Thur. January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Bigs..check your email for  
info!**

### We're Getting Closer . . . To the 80's!!

1986 is just around the corner – at least for the Bowl For Kids' Sake Committee. We are busy planning the 2011 fundraiser and want to see everyone there!! The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme is “Back to the 80's”.

Bowl For Kids' Sake is a fundraiser and a **FUN**draiser. Do NOT worry about your bowling skills – this event is about getting out of the cabin fever of February for a fun afternoon or evening. Ask your family, friends, co-workers, or your “Little” to join you and help more kids get matched with volunteer mentors.

Just form your team of 5 and sign up for one of 5 dates and three locations. Each member raises a minimum of \$75 (Start with a \$15 donation yourself and get six \$10 donations and you are there), to be eligible for bowling, shoes, T-shirt, food, prizes and an 80's blast!

Dress up or decorate 80's style to compete for the Team Spirit award. Increase your fundraising to earn an iTunes card or iPod!

There are so many ways to participate. Form a team to bowl and get ready for a blast! Place a poster in your workplace to encourage others to participate. Find out if your company provides matching funds to its employees for charitable events. Ask your company to donate a raffle prize. Let us know if you think of something else!

See you in the 80's!

### January Anniversaries

#### One Year

Heidi Gold & Ruth K.  
Danielle Kohn & Destiny F.  
Michael Payne & Lawrence F.  
Beth Hentz & Mariah K.  
Bob Meyer/Sandra Sawyer & Marvin C.

#### Two Years

Justin Meissner & Diego H.  
Rodney Temple & Cory M.  
Connie Kempke & Breanna B.  
Kara Kinas & Alex D.  
Abby Zuber & Jacob S.

#### Three Years

Rosemarie Kearns & Courtney F.  
John Theisen & Nick F.

#### Four Years

Chuck Seegert & Cody G.

#### Five Years

Lee Litzau & Jordan C.  
Brian Weninger & Alec N.

#### Six Years

John Hoerchner & Robert P.

#### Seven Years

Timothy/Jeremy Parks & Terelle R.