

start something

Think of the possibilities. **What will you start?**



What if...

every child was started on the right path
stayed in school
graduated college
got a job
gave back to their community
fulfilled their potential

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2011 Annual Report



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Washington County

Our Mission:

To put hope in a child's future
by putting a friend
in a child's life.



Our Vision:

Successful mentoring relationships
for all children who want and need them,
contributing to brighter
futures and strong communities
for all.

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Program Information

Children Served

2011 brought about changes, challenges, and accomplishments at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County. Community Based matches continued with 173 children served county wide. A handful was served around the county in the School Based lunchtime program. The after-school program in Kewaskum school district served 50 children in four schools during 2nd semester, Jan-May 2011; however, a change in district scheduling caused that program to close at year end. The focus then returned to community and lunchtime matches and to the development of new alternative programming. In total, 240 children received services in the calendar year 2011.

Activities

In addition to time spent individually by "Bigs" with their "Littles," agency activities added group opportunities for matches. "Sister" matches met for 6 Girl Power activities, held in conjunction with the Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse of Washington County. In collaboration with Cabela's, "Brother" matches attended four Guys' Night Out activities. 2011 all match activities, sponsored by community groups, included a day of fishing on Pike Lake, salmon fishing on Lake Michigan, a picnic on Big Cedar Lake, a hay ride, a mini-golf competition and the annual Recognition Dinner, attended by over 200 people. Children Ready-to-be-Matched but not yet matched with a long term mentor also participated in a series of activities hosted by collaborating groups. These children were invited to bowling, mini-golf, lego-building, and a college basketball game. These activities offer them an opportunity to participate in group activities and keep them engaged with the agency and staff.

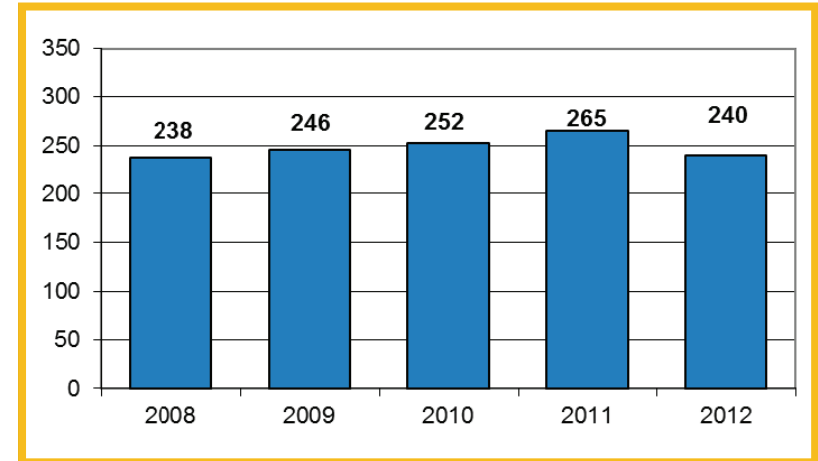
Outcomes

Once the matches are made and the activities are done, matches in place for at least one year are surveyed. The 2011 results were consistent with past years: 94% improved in at least one of the target areas of self confidence, competencies, and relationships. Children in one-on-one mentoring matches have an increased chance breaking family cycles of poverty, school failure, and dependence on public systems and instead succeeding as self-sufficient, contributing members of the community.

Financials

2011 saw a slight shortfall in revenue vs. expenses. Expenses were almost level after a 10% reduction in 2010. Fortunately, the agency has built a reserve fund for such years and was able to cover all expenses with no reduction in services offered.

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