



A donor-driven youth mentoring organization.

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Everyone can help during the holidays!

The holiday season is a perfect time for giving. There are many ways you can support Big Brothers Big Sisters during this holiday season. You can visit our website to see the impact your donations have and make a holiday donation today!

Donate While Holiday Shopping!

Use the GoodShop for all of your online holiday shopping. Simply visit www.goodshop.com, indicate you are shopping for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin, and begin shopping from a selection of over 1,500 stores.

Donate and Save!

My Local Deals is selling coupon books in the St. Croix Valley. The books are \$10 and all of the proceeds will go directly to Big Brother Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin.

Get Girly to Benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters! Silpada Jewelry Fundraiser

You can help raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin just with your love of jewelry! Silpada Designs, is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin for a fall fundraiser.

This is a great opportunity to tour the Big Brothers Big Sisters office, visit with staff and have fun! There are currently more than 80 kids ready to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Join us for the Silpada Open House Thursday, November 18th from 5 to 7pm to kick start the holiday shopping season. See brand new jewelry from the 2010-2011 catalog with more than 180 pieces under \$50!

See you at the Silpada Open House!
Thursday, Nov. 18 2010
5pm-7pm

Big Brothers Big Sisters NW WI
312 S. Barstow Street (2nd floor), Eau Claire

SILPADA STERLING SILVER JEWELRY

Funded in part by:



“ Our vision

consists of successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and stronger communities for all.”

“ Our mission

is to help children reach their potential though professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact.”

November Match Anniversaries

8 YEARS

Joy Walker & Jordana

5 YEARS

Stephanie LaBarge & Curtis

4 YEARS

Mark Miller & Casey

Melissa Dunlap & Abigail

Theresa Keske & Avery

Dana Turner & Andrew

3 YEARS

Sarah Robertson & Megan

Todd Straub & Michael

2 YEARS

Vergene Knudson & Alexandra

Linda Henderson & Kaitlyn

Sue Diel & Rachel

Dan Leibham & Desmound

Mary Beth Leibham & Destiny

Rachel Manser & Joey

Ryan Schaefer & Jared

Katie Nelson & Angelica

1 YEAR

Erin Abbott & Sasha

Emily Rogers & Haileigh

Richard Solum & Travis

Leah Korf & Joel

Rachel Severson & Lawrence

Denise Madland & Latavia

Heidi Nikolai & Joshua

Emily Eriksen & Victoria

Mari Kissell & Gage

Emily Smith & Ethan

Marilyn Anwar & Andrew

Nate Thoreson & Cole

Kelly Deutschman & Tyler

John Knutson *Little Moments, HUGE Impact Award*

We are seeking nominations! The “Little Moments, Huge Impact” Award was created in honor of John Knutson and his commitment to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. Knutson is a long-time Big Brother and strong supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. This award recognizes those in the St. Croix Valley who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of children.

Past Award Recipients

2008: John Knutson

2009: David Robson

Criteria for the award:

1. Must be engaged with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin in some way (i.e. donor, Big Brother/Sister, staff member, sponsor, Board Member, committee volunteer, etc.).
2. Individual has gone above and beyond for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin and shown outstanding dedication to the mission and vision of the agency.
3. Must reside or work in Pierce or St. Croix County.

If you know of someone who deserves this award please nominate them today! Applications for the award can be found at www.bbbsnw.org. **All nominations are due by November 30.**

Donors

Friendship Maker (\$25,000-\$99,999)

Fred B & Katherine C Andersen Foundation

Magic Maker (\$5,000-\$9,999)

St. Croix Commodities Inc.

Match Maker (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Ronald Gagnon & Eugene Clausen

RB Scott Co, Inc.

United Way of Chippewa County

Friend (\$500-\$999)

RBC (in honor of Jenny Westphal)

Allen & Karen Homeier

John & Rose Knutson

Helping Hand (\$250-\$499)

United Way of Greater Eau Claire

Designations

Vicki Hoehn

Supporter (\$100-\$249)

AKF Martial Arts Academy

Adam & Amy Bast

Brown County United Way

Designations

Judy Dekan

Mark & Maeta Gherty

Resultants for Business

Donor (\$1-\$99)

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Craig & Patti Monson

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Lisa Sun

John VanDeVoort

**Donors set up on monthly or quarterly payment plans will be recognized for their 2010 annual donations in the January 2011 newsletter.*

To make a donation and help more children reach their potential...visit

www.bbbsnw.org/donate/make_a_gift.html

Chippewa Valley Eau Claire, Chippewa, & Dunn Counties

Big Brothers Big Sisters Events Calendar

Country Inn CARES (CB)

Saturday, November 6th
6pm-9pm
Chippewa Falls Country Inn

Come in a costume and celebrate Halloween all over again! There will be a silent auction, refreshments and open swim from 7 to 9pm. The winner of the costume contest will receive \$75! Bigs & Littles are encouraged to attend.

Wii Bowl for Kids' Sake Tournament

Saturday, November 13th
Registration begins at 2pm, Tournament begins at 3pm
Happy Hollow Tavern, Altoona

Teams consist of two people and cost \$20. Cash and prizes will be raffled off and the top three teams will win prizes. All of the proceeds for the event benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. The first 50 tournament participants to arrive on the 13th will receive a free prize!

**Note: All children in attendance must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

Silpada Jewelry Fundraiser

Thursday, November 18th
5pm-7pm
Big Brothers Big Sisters Office 312 S. Barstow St (2nd floor), Eau Claire

Join us for an open house to kick off the start of your holiday season. See brand new jewelry from the 2010-2011 catalog with 25% of every purchase going directly to our organization to help with program costs.

Winter Blast (SB, CB & Families)

Saturday, December 4th
5:30pm-8pm
Eau Claire YMCA

One of our favorite annual events is almost here! There will be refreshments, cookies, decorating, dancing, swimming, dodge ball and much more! To RSVP call 715-835-0161 or email rachel.murray@bbbsnw.org

**CB = Community-Based Matches, SB = School/Site Based Matches*

Community Events Calendar

(all events are open to the public)

Holiday Crafting for Kids

Saturday, November 13th
9am-11:30am
Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek Wi
\$8 kids, \$6 members

For ornaments and decorations for the upcoming holiday! To register visit www.beavercreekreserve.org

Christmas Time in the City

Saturday, December 4th
Activities start at noon.
Downtown Eau Claire

Come out to this holiday event for some hot chocolate, treats, carols and much more all afternoon. Fun for the entire family! For more information visit www.nothingartificial.org.

BIG Benefits!

Games by James:

(Oakwood Mall)
10% off to all matches!

Hobbs Ice

Center:
(915

Menomonie St,
Eau Claire)
Come join us for open skate! Little FREE when Big pays. Call for open skate times
715-839-5040

Burger King:

(228 W River St,
Chippewa Falls)
Menu items
50% off! (Does not include value meals.

Hoffy's Skate

America:

(3120 Melby Rd,
Eau Claire)
Stay Active!
Inline and Roller Skating.
Little is FREE when Big pays.
Admission is \$5, blades are \$2.

St. Croix Valley st. Croix & Pierce Counties

Big Brothers Big Sisters Events Calendar

****Coupon Books**

My Local Deals will be selling coupon books with all of the proceeds going to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. They started selling the books at the end of October. The books are \$10 and all coupons are good thru 2011.

Youth Action Hudson Community Wide Leaf Raking

Saturday, November 6th

8:30am-1pm

Meeting at Hudson High School and dispersing to local houses from there

Youth Action Hudson has organized this event to help those in the surrounding Hudson area who need a hand raking their yard this fall. Matches are encouraged to come out and volunteer at this local event to help the community! A free lunch will be provided for all of the volunteers.

For more information call our office at 715-381-7289 or email Josh at hamborg.youthactionhudson.org

SAVE THE DATE for the Pancake Breakfast and Annual Appreciation

Saturday, January 22nd

8am-10am

Green Mill in Hudson

On January 22nd, join us in raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwestern Wisconsin through the annual Green Mill Pancake Breakfast! Come out and help us recognize the volunteers and donors who impact the lives of children.

For more information, contact michel.tigan@bbbsnw.org at 715-381-7289.

St. Croix Valley Community Calendar

(All events open to the public)

Surviving and Thriving Session

Tuesday, November 9th

6pm-7:30pm

Ellsworth High School, Rooms 101&102

An informational session presented by Pierce County Public Health Department. Learn what to do when illness happens at school and in your home. There will be door prizes and time for questions. To arrange free child care call Cindy at 715-273-6766.

River Dazzle Extravaganza

Friday, November 26

(This event tentatively starts at noon. For more information visit www.rfchamber.com)

Downtown River Falls

River Dazzle Extravaganza is a lighted parade in downtown River Falls. There will be reindeer, horse-drawn wagon rides, food, and even an appearance from Santa himself! There will also be a chili crawl. Dress warm and head outside for this seasonal parade!

Tree of Spirit Lighting

Sunday, November 28

(This event is tentatively scheduled for 5pm. Check www.ellsworthchamber.com for updates)

East End Park, Ellsworth WI (Off of East Summit Avenue)

Join the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce as they light the Tree of Spirit. The event will include caroling, a choir concert and treats. Bring your holiday spirit and come dressed warm!

BIG Benefits!

Hardees:

(2070 19th Ave,
Bloomer)
Big pays and Little
is FREE!

New Richmond & Theater:

(1261 Heritage Dr,
New Richmond)
\$.50 off of
concession
purchase!

St. Croix Lanes:

(1153 N St. Croix
Street)
Monday thru
Friday, Big pays
and Little is FREE!
Buy one game
and the second is
free!

YMCA:

(2211 Vine St,
Hudson)
Big and Little
FREE, when
together, during
any open hours!

Thank you for attending the 2010 Fall Boat Cruise!

We would like to thank all of those in attendance of the 2010 Fall Boat Cruise. This is an event we hope to make a tradition so mark your calendars for the same time next year!



Amy Bast and friend enjoying dinner on the 2010 Fall Boat Cruise.

Social Media Guidelines

New guidelines have been put in place regarding social networking. Big Brothers Big Sisters **discourages** Bigs and Littles and/or the Little's family members to be "friends" on any social networking or gaming site.

For more information, contact your Match Support Specialist at 715-835-0161.

Welcome Kelly Richie!

Kelly Richie is our new Match Support Specialist at the St. Croix Valley branch. Kelly received her bachelors degree from Winona State University in Social Work and is now pursuing her masters in education for school counseling from UW-River Falls. Originally from Hudson Wisconsin, Kelly enjoys fall and watching Packer games. With her Italian background, she loves to cook and spend time with family. We are excited to have Kelly as a new part of our staff!

Volunteer Recruitment

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin seeking members for our Volunteer Recruitment Committee, to help recruit more Big Brothers and Big Sisters. It only takes about an hour a month, and is essential to our organization. If interested, please email [Rachel Murray](mailto:Rachel.Murray@bbbsnw.org) or call 715-836-0161 for more information

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NEW Staff Emails

All Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin staff have new emails. The emails have been changed from `firstname.lastname@bbbs.org` to `firstname.lastname@bbbsnw.org`. Please note the change! Staff will **only have access to old email accounts until Dec. 31st, 2010**.

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