



A donor-driven youth mentoring organization.

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John Kell Making a Difference Award

We are seeking nominations! The John Kell 'Making a Difference' Award was created in honor of the late John Kell and his commitment to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin.

The 'Making a Difference' Award recognizes someone in the Chippewa Valley who has gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of children.

Criteria for receiving the award also includes the following:

- 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 Chippewa, Dunn, or Eau Claire County.

Past Award Recipients

- 2005: Michael Falk
2006: Michael Sullivan
2007: Janet Proctor
2008: Jerry Spies
2009: Brandon Richards

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 October 31.

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.

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.

Past Award Recipients

- 2008: John Knutson
2009: David Robson

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.

## “ 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.”



*Lauren and Chasseddy cheer on the Vikings with their very own Adrian Peterson sign!*

## “ Our mission

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

## October Match Anniversaries

### 9 YEARS

Arlan Henke & Christopher Jean Erickson-Schlimme & Michael

### 6 YEARS

Karen Jacobson & Diamond

### 7 YEARS

Al Noll & Logan

### 5 YEARS

Barbara Bohlig & Karly Gregg Bohlig & Tyler Neil Seidling & Jacob

### 4 YEARS

Nathan Anderson & Kobe Joel Roesch & John Jason Wahlberg & Killion

### 3 YEARS

Denise Pedersen & Sara Serena Wildt & Miranda Christine Allen & Travis

### 2 YEARS

Jill Lindell & Andrea Rachel Murray & Britni Alison Stueber & Kenze Melinda Johnson & Jenna Katie Berends & Tasha Brian Wert & Kenny Joan Benson & Christina Nancy Major-Olson & Keiarah

Tim Kaiser & James Sandra Northway & Selena Heather Day & Chandra

### 1 YEAR

Jacob Graf & Rylee

Pamela Speckien & Krystin Marvin Monte & Lawrence Michael Levenick & Austin Eric Pallin & David Paige Meier & Ikwewedug Kay Granger & Katlyn Jason Hausler & Jeremy Jim Cipera & Tyler Megan Karls & Sydney Olivia Iverson & Emily Klaudia Glowacka & Sofia David Peschman & Elijah Gretchen Schultz & SueAnn Andy Sersch & Isaac Mary Bennett & MacKenzie Richard Bennett & Jayden Kevin Urbik & James

## Welcome New Staff and Interns!



**Molly DeCleene**  
*Marketing & Public Relations Intern*

Molly is a Senior at UWEC studying Economics and

International Business. She is from Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her two favorite things are baseball and peanut butter.



**Jessica Jesswein**  
*Event Planning Intern*

Jessica is a Senior at UWEC studying Sociology and Event Planning.

She is originally from Germantown, Wisconsin. Along with being our Event Planning Intern she is also the secretary of the UWEC Big Brothers Big Sisters on Campus Organization. Her favorite food is guacamole and homemade taco dip!



**Laura Sunday-Zeimis**  
*Site-Based Enrollment and Match Support Specialist*

Laura was born in Northfield, Minnesota and graduated from UWEC in 2006 with a degree in Social Work. She recently moved back to the area, got married and has a 2-year-old son named Parker.

## Donors

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

United Way of Greater Eau Claire  
Department of Education  
Arby's Foundation

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

United Way of Chippewa County  
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities  
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Barbara Brandt  
Mike Falk  
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Andy Sersch

*\*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](http://www.bbbsnw.org/donate/make_a_gift.html)

# Chippewa Valley Eau Claire, Chippewa, & Dunn Counties

## CARSTAR Safety Seat Check

October 16th from 10am to 1pm

Tower Auto Body CARSTAR

1231 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire



Tower Auto Body will be hosting a child safety seat check. They will be hosting this event to educate caretakers on how to properly install safety seats and insure their child's safety. Refreshments will be provided and safety seats will be available for purchase.

**\*\*Also when you bring your vehicle to Tower Auto Body CARSTAR, simply mention Big Brothers Big Sisters and they will donate \$25 to BBBS for any repair over \$500!\*\***

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Events Calendar

### Big Brothers Big Sister's Night at the Museum (CB, SB & Families)

Tuesday, November 2nd 5pm-8pm

Chippewa Valley Museum

Join the Chippewa Valley Museum for a night at the museum! Scavenger hunts, old time crafts, prizes, movies and more will be part of the night's fun! Ice cream cones will be available for purchase. Don't miss it!

To RSVP call 715-835-0161 or email [Rachel](#)

### 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. The winner of the costume contest will receive \$75! Bigs & Littles are encouraged to attend.

### Winter Blast (SB, CB & Families)

Saturday, December 4th 5:30-8pm

Eau Claire YMCA

One of our favorite annual events is back! There will be refreshments, decorating, dancing, swimming, dodge ball and much more!

To RSVP call 715-835-0161 or email [Rachel](#)

### 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!*

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

## Community Events Calendar

(all events are open to the public)

### Oakleaf Family Friday Nights

Every Friday night from 5pm-9pm at the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center

\$7 per match. Come enjoy large inflatable's, a variety of sports balls, riding toys, games, popcorn at no charge, movies and so much more!

### Eau Claire Youth Aviation Adventure—One Time Big Benefit!

October 2nd 9am-2pm

Eau Claire Regional Airport

'Littles' 12-18 years old and their 'Bigs' are invited to join the Eau Claire Youth Aviation Adventure to experience a fast-paced, hands-on introduction to aviation! A special guest from NASA will also be on hand to talk about rockets and our manned mission to Mars! **Show your Big Benefits card and your match will get in for just \$5!**

## BIG Benefits!

### Wagner's Lanes:

(2159 Brackett Avenue)

When it starts to cool down outside head inside to Wagner's for \$2 games and \$1 shoe rentals!

### Taco Johns:

(Eau Claire & Chippewa Falls Locations)

Buy a combo meal as a Big and your little will receive a FREE Kid's meal!

### UW-Stout

#### Recreation:

(Menomonie) Stay Active!

Buy one get one free at the climbing wall, bowling, swimming pool and gym. Free parking after 4pm.

### Chippewa Valley

#### Theatre Guild:

(102 West Grand Avenue)

Little is free with a paid Big admission. Please call for tickets in advance.

# St. Croix Valley St. Croix & Pierce Counties

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Events Calendar

### St. Croix Valley Boat Cruise

October 7th

Hudson Dike Docking Area

Boarding begins at 6:00pm, Departure at 6:30pm, Returns to dock at 9:30pm

Cost: \$50 / individual, \$90 / couple, \$350 / table of 8

Come out to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin celebrate 10 years of serving children in the St. Croix Valley. Dinner, live music, great people, and amazing scenery all while raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. Seating is limited, so get your tickets today!

For more information or to register, contact [Michel Tigan](#) at 715-381-7289.

### SAVE THE DATE for the Pancake Breakfast and Annual Appreciation

Saturday, January 22nd 8am-10am

Green Mill in Hudson,

On January 22nd, join Big Brothers Big Sisters in raising money for the annual Green Mill Pancake Breakfast! And new for 2011...help us recognize the volunteers and donors who impact the lives of children.

For more information, contact [Michel Tigan](#) at 715-381-7289.

## St. Croix Valley Community Calendar

(All events open to the public)

There are LOTS of great autumn activities for matches! Check out one of these places for fall fun!

### Hilltop Fall Pumpkin Party

Saturday October 23rd 10am-4pm

Plaza 94 Shopping Center, 1801 Ward Av, Hudson

There will be entertainment, food vendors, demonstrations and a free pumpkin for each child (while supplies last), face painting, hay and trolley rides, pet costume contest, fire department & paramedics demos, community business information, and more!

### St. Croix Valley Apple Fest

October 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17; 10am-6pm

Afton Apple; Hastings, MN

Celebrate the fall season with area apple orchards and Carpenter Nature Center. There will be hay rides through the pumpkin patch, games, face painting, cider, mazes, farm animals, a children's play area, musical entertainment and an outdoor market. It is truly a grand celebration of the fall season!!

For more information visit [www.aftonapple.com](http://www.aftonapple.com).

### Badlands Sno-Park (727 Kinney Road, Hudson)

Saturdays and Sundays 10am-5pm

Hayrides, pick your pumpkin, farm animals, kids games, pumpkin launching, and more! Beginning Oct 22nd a haunted trail is available Fri and Sat evenings! For more information visit [www.badlands-snopark.com](http://www.badlands-snopark.com).

### BIG Benefits!

#### SUBWAY:

(Hudson & Elsworth Locations) Buy one 6" sub, get one FREE!

#### Bloomer Bowl:

(1319 Oak St) \$1.00 per game!

#### The Phipps Center for Arts:

(109 Locust St, Hudson) Opportunities to take part in workshops, theater set design and more for free!

#### Bloomer High School:

(1310 17th Ave, Bloomer) Big and Little free to all school events. Come on out for a football or basketball game!

#### Green Mill:

(2410 Gateway Court, Hudson)

Buy on adult entrée and receive a free kids meal.

## Attention Former Littles

When you were a kid, did you have a 'Big'? Please let us know! We are looking for people in our area who had a Big Brother or Big Sister when they were a child. Call 800-648-1696 or email [christina.thrun@bbbs.org](mailto:christina.thrun@bbbs.org).

## Staff Anniversaries!

Craig Monson- 10 years  
(September 11th)

Jan Proctor- 30 years  
(October 24th)

Congratulations and thanks  
for all of your hard work!

## October GoodSearch & GoodShop Giveaway!

In the month of October, GoodSearch & GoodShop will be donating \$15,000 in bonuses! The five organizations that download the most toolbars this month will receive \$1,000 bonuses, and the first 100 organizations to reach 100 downloaded toolbars will receive \$100 bonuses.

If you have not already downloaded a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin [toolbar](#), please do so this month! Simple use the toolbar (powered by Yahoo!) like you would any other search engine. And the *best part* is that when you make online purchased it *automatically* will donate money to us when you purchase something from a GoodShop retailer!

## Wish List Item of the Month: Helmets

We are currently in need of helmets! It's back to school season which means lots of bike riding and outdoor activities. Many of our Littles are in need of helmets for all of these fun activities. Any effective helmets would be greatly appreciated!

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## Our Community Needs Big Brothers!

Big Brothers Big Sisters currently has over 50 boys ready to be matched with a Big Brother today!

If you are (or know of) a male who would be willing to spend at least 4 hours/month to be a friend to a boy in our community, please encourage them to Man Up for Mentoring!

Children who have a Big Brother or more likely to set higher goals, do better in school, go to college, and be more successful in life!

**For more information on getting started: call 800-648-1696 or email [erin.andresen@bbbs.org](mailto:erin.andresen@bbbs.org).**