



# Big & Littles

Winter 2007

## Bowl *for* Kids' Sake

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast wants you to bowl!



Bowl for Kids Sake 2007!!! It is here again. In just a few months we will all be bowling for Kids all across Rockingham and Strafford County. This is Big Brothers Big Sisters oldest fund raising event. This year we will have more celebrities helping from local towns, last year our chiefs (fire and police) were very successful in their fund raising. This year we are bringing back the coveted BFKS TROPHY to be placed in the winner's school and place of business. All year everyone will know that you and your team were the winning supporters of BBBS.

This year we are looking for:

- HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS
- CORPORATE TEAMS
- LOCAL CELEBS (chiefs, mayors, team coaches, who is extra special in your community?)
- INDIVIDUAL BOWLERS
- FAMILY TEAMS

Come join the fun. With our internet based fund raising tool you simply email your friends and family to raise dollars for our worthy agency. DID you know that if every Big and Little emailed ten of their friends and raised \$100.00 that would be equal to \$10,000!!!! Wow huh? Now just imagine our friends and supporters helping too? It is easy to see how quickly the numbers add up.

**ON APRIL 14th 2007 JOIN US FOR THE BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE CELEBRATION. COME AND BOWL, EAT PIZZA AND SHARE SOME FUN. SEE YOU AT THE LANES.**

# News From the Staff:

## Moves and New Space

As the New Year arrives things will be changing at BBBS. We are getting new space in Portsmouth NH. Our address there will be 909 Islington Street. The office is in one of the old warehouses in the West End of Portsmouth. We are in the same building as the Portsmouth Community Radio. We hope to spend some time on the radio! We will also be moving to a much smaller place in Dover. It is our goal to sublet a small space from the Hub Family Resources at the McConnell Center in Dover.

This move is directly related to funding. Not only did we lose 50% of our United Way funding we also have been cut over the past three funding cycles by Strafford County Incentive Funds and have never gained financial support from the towns making up Strafford County. Conversely the County and municipalities of Rockingham make up about 25% of our budget. They have asked for a presence and when we were able to work with the landlord of 909 Islington Street to actually reduce our occupancy costs it seemed like a perfect opportunity. We are excited about moving to Portsmouth and grateful to King Real Estate for their support. We hope you will all come and visit us in Portsmouth. Look forward to seeing you.

Deb Anthony  
Executive Director



## Roller skating Party

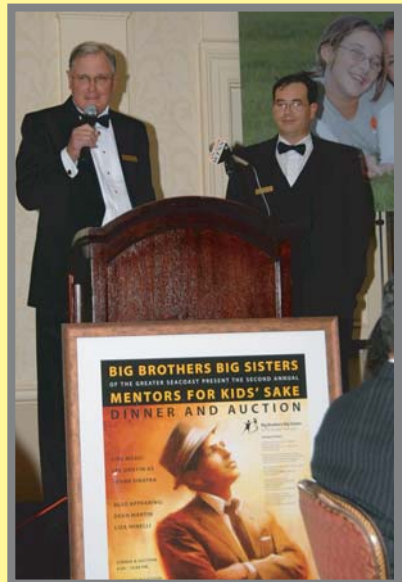
Wow we have some really good roller skaters! The BBBS were all very impressed. Over 80 people came to Roller Skate Newington for free roller skating, pizza, drinks, cookies and grab bags for the kids. Santa arrived and handed out candy canes. He did not come on roller skates but Mrs. Claus was spotted on wheels! There were lots of newcomers which is always wonderful to see.

The holidays are always a great time to remember the wonder of relationships. All of you who enter into matches know the magic of friendship and time spent together. It really is what we say: Little Moments Big Magic. I hope you all have lots of magic during the holidays and in 2007!

## Mentors for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast had a very successful Mentors for Kids Sake. The event allowed Big Brothers Big Sisters to continue growing and reach out to more children in the year ahead. We were very fortunate to have Scott Holloway chair this event he brought the event to a new level. Over 250 people gathered at the Wentworth by The Sea in Newcastle to honor four local supporters and the work done by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The people honored for their continuous efforts and support with the agency included State Senator John Sununu, award-winning Radio News Director and Talk Show Host, Mike Pomp, Big Brother and CEO and President of Margaritas Restaurant, Shawn Joyce and Portsmouth Hospital's Bill Schuler.

Entertainment was provided by Lee Griffin and company as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Liza Menilli. It was a great night and we exceeded our fund raising goal. We are grateful to our board, all those who attended, the honorees and the businesses who so generously supported BBBS.



Left: Bruce Crockett, Big Brother and Board President. Right: Scott Holloway, Board Member and Event Chair

## New Partners:

### Your Company Can Make a Big Difference for Kids

Is your company looking for a way to encourage community involvement and make a BIG difference? A Corporate Volunteer Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast achieves this and much more. Our Corporate Partnerships offer strategic opportunities for your business or company to enhance its public image while cultivating teamwork and increasing productivity. Research shows that businesses that encourage employee volunteerism have stronger public perceptions of the company, experience higher levels of company morale, and show improvements in communications and teamwork. Could your company benefit from additional positive public perception, increased employee moral and increased group cohesiveness?

By allowing your employees to spend one hour per week, often during a lunch break, at a local school mentoring a child, your business will be contributing to building stronger schools, communities and bettering our future work force. Our program evaluations indicate that children who have a Big in their life show increased self esteem, improved academic performance, improved attitude towards school, and improved relationships with friends, family, and other adults. Our programs work and can provide your company with immediate results.

The year 2007 marks the 30th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast's service. We are striving to serve 1000 children annually by the year 2010, which is 10% of the identified need in our service area. To reach this goal, we will need to match 150 children to caring mentors each year. These matches are made one-by-one and can start with you or perhaps one of your colleagues. With your company's volunteer support, this goal will become a reality.

To learn more about our Corporate Partnership programs please contact Deb Anthony at 603-516-2227 ext.301 or [debanthony@seacoastbbbs.org](mailto:debanthony@seacoastbbbs.org)

## CHECK OUT THE NEW COOL WAY TO HELP US EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP!

Our organization has a shopping page at [www.CharityBlast.com](http://www.CharityBlast.com)

Just go to Charity Blast pick up from the menu and as you shop, funds will be automatically credited to our organization.

It is very possible for even small organizations to earn tens of thousands of dollars per year with Charity Blast, based on how well they spread the word and encourage friends and family to shop through Charity Blast. High traffic to your page means high revenue. It's really that simple!

### Community mentor/mentee outing opportunity

Sixth Annual March for Justice and MLK Day Celebration, Portsmouth, January 15, 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Honor Dr. King by making MLK Day a day ON, not a day off by joining your community to strengthen the "beloved community" of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream. The event includes a short rally, a march through downtown Portsmouth, lunch, a United Way Volunteer Fair, and interactive activities. Families and children are welcome and lunch is provided. Portsmouth Middle School, 155 Parrot Ave. Sponsored by City Year New Hampshire.

For more information or to register please contact Matt Wilhelm, (603) 773-1607, or [mwilhelm06@cityyear.org](mailto:mwilhelm06@cityyear.org).

# January, February, March Events and Anniversaries:

## JANUARY EVENTS

**January 11th – Volunteer Appreciation Night.  
The Portsmouth Elks. 5:30PM**

“We make a living by what we get, we make a  
life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

This is the time we get to thank all of you for the time and energy you give to our Kids all year long. We recognize that it is your commitment that makes the difference. We look forward to a good meal, music, and a few fun awards. This is a night for the Bigs only – we want to give to you! RSVP to Amanda  
acole@seacoastbbbs.org

**January 28th – Skiing at Shawnee Peak.**

RSVP to Amanda.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**February 6th – Naked Plates Pottery  
Painting. 6-8PM**

No sitting fee, 10% off pottery, and snacks.  
RSVP to Amanda.

**February 28th – Dover Climbing Gym. 4-7PM**

Littles free, Bigs \$10. RSVP to Amanda.

## MARCH EVENTS

**Ice Skating at the Dover or Exeter Rink and  
Sledding at Wagon Hill. Dates TBD.**

## EXTRA STUFF!

**Check out Home Depot Workshops**

Kids Workshops are free "How-To Clinics" designed for children ages 5-12. The workshops are offered on the first Saturday of each month between 9:00 a.m. and noon at all The Home Depot stores. Children accompanied by an adult construct projects from pre-fabricated kits. The kits are designed to be both educational and practical.

## NEW MATCHES

### Fourth Quarter

Christine Rich & Krystle  
Ashley Ahl & AriaH  
Ryan Rafford & Nick  
Susan Wright & Brandi  
Candace Stanley & Amanda  
Adam Thurston & David  
Tabatha Arnold & Adrianna  
Alisa Geoffrey & Ann-Marie  
Tristin Reilly & Kayla  
Jamie Moore & Taysha  
Josh Balance & Nicholas  
Steve Chouinard & Joey  
Criag Burgon & Max  
Michael Peters & Steven  
Asmaa Shaikh & Sonya  
Jessica Carter & Christy  
Chelsey Robinson & Zhanay  
Cassie McCoy & Cashandra  
Julie Mittelman & Mikayla  
Jessica Buyak & Devin  
Rachel Diosi & Madison  
Vania Crevier & Meredith  
Eric Woodmansee & Timothy  
Ryan Tuttle & Nick  
Stephanie Williams & Kiana  
Marie Durfee & Leona  
Alyssa Leuchte & Daria  
Jayme Wintle & Jamie  
Liz Frangione & Katlynn  
Sheena Ridley & Taylor  
Cody Bodwell & Cody  
Jillian Caulfield & Alexandra  
Kim Norton & Chelsea  
Charlie Sawyer & Alex  
Meghan Friolet & Brianna  
Anthony Mazalouski & Thomas  
Matthew Law & Thomas  
Timona Hendricks & Hunter  
Elizabeth Edwards & Darrian  
Kaitlin Couture & Nicole  
Haroula Tsolakidis & Angelina  
Stephen Wood & Austin  
Matt Burkard & Michael  
William Tatman & Joshua  
Kristine LaBranche & Courtney  
Lauren Freedman & Brittney  
Caleb Shaw & Nathan  
Chad Murphy & Bradley  
Carrie Leatham & Zachary  
Katie Dow & Alysha  
Brian Donner & Robbie  
Rose Polito & MacKenzie  
Jared Andreasson & Jacob  
Zach Rojas & Tyler  
Dane Maron & Joshua



## Anniversaries Continued

### NEW MATCHES CONT...

Lexi Neuman & Saige  
Michelle Tremblay & Kathryn  
Kim Zinck & Michaela  
Susan Morehouse &  
Elizabeth  
Laura Wilhelm & Tatyanna  
Julie Coakley & Cheyenne  
Jennofer O'Neal & Courtney  
Marisa Novello & Marina  
Carli Greeson & Megann  
Jordenne Sargent & Caitlyn  
Krist Hausken & Jonathan  
Shauna Bolton & Samantha  
Justin DiMatteo & Justin  
Ernie Lemelin & Hunter  
Aaron Schumacher & Max  
Katherine McDonough &  
Amanda  
Chris Patrowicz & Kayla  
Jack Welnak & Bobby  
Judy Kosman & Monica  
Crystal Tobin & Paige  
Hilary Douglass & Juanita  
Jeff Falkingham & Nathan  
Kristen Laizeh & Amanda

### 8 Years

Nick Rowe & Shane  
Tracy Heine & Nicole

### 6 Years

Cindy Conlin & Nicole

### 5 Years

Bill Armstrong & Jonathan  
Tracey Leighton &  
Katherine  
Jeff Lockhart & Gabe  
Melissa Lesniak & Abby  
Jim Sconyers & Allen  
Mary Rulison & Ashanti

### 4 Years

Bruce Larrabee & Austin  
Paula Brousseau & Cody  
Dave Anderson & Colby

Lisa Tilton & Courtney

### 3 Years

Kelly Boston & Katelyn  
Alan King & Dylan  
Alan Smith & Tyler  
Pam White & Theresa  
Jeff Gustafson & Devan  
Katelyn Varney & Bridget  
Lisa Caraminis & Kalynn  
Janet Hilber & Melissa  
Doug Breault & Troy  
Frank Easton & John  
Dieter Knauss & Jordan

### 2 Years

Heather Urmston & Jessica  
Jasmine Yelle & Caroline  
Troy Killman & Brad  
Laurie Inman & Olivia  
Kelley Simpson & Cady  
Wanda Thivierge &  
Bethany  
Pete Newbury & Zach  
Steve Langevin & Christian  
Phil and Robin & Duncan  
Carrie Jackson & Paige  
Michael Chaput & Tyler

### 1 Year

Scot Bradstreet & Keith  
Justine Fallon & Alyson  
Amanda Gingras & Abrielle  
Wynne Levine & Hannah  
Ken Fonseca & Jon  
Pauline Frisina & Ashley  
Melissa Couture &  
Annaliese  
Michael Thompson & Keith  
Rebecca Putnam &  
Brandon  
Matt Gargas & Parker  
Courtney DelVechio &  
Grace  
Jessica Miner & Victoria  
Erica Manchester & Mary  
Karen Gilbert & Christina

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Van Laventure & Angus  
Gene Schragger & Jacob  
Jesse Utoh & Justin  
Petra Scarfo & Anishia  
Laurie and Michell  
Donahue & Justin  
Lara Bunce & Chelsea  
Amanda Gebo & Allison  
Jeff Bozek & Riley  
Kari Zagar & McKenzie  
Kate Sullivan & Cindy  
Mandy Barstow & Nikole  
Bruce and Chris Crockett &  
Cameron  
Alexandra Sylvia &  
Elizabeth  
Sarah Hill & Madison  
Kelley Whitney & Cayla  
Paul Beaudoin & Dylan  
Jenny Sell & Kendra  
Sarah Rousseau & Olivia  
Julianne Adams & Rebecca  
Kristina Cournoyer & Kayla

### 6 Months

Kate Kokko & Trinity  
Paul Shirilla & Brian  
Farrah Chaudhary &  
Amanda  
Stacey Livingston & Amber  
Mark Kasper & Thomas  
Kristen Shepperd &  
Katelynn  
Nicole Edgin & Katharine  
Nancy Dion & Sabrina  
Gabe Perkins & Mat  
Jackie Silva & Cathryn  
Phil Englehardt & Brandon  
Andrew Molleur & Brandon  
Henry Columbare & Elijah  
Andrew Beach & Max  
Dan Hildreth & Kyle  
Jackson Haskell & Antonio  
Helene Edelstein & Sophia  
Matt Wilhelm & Nick