



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News

New Adjustments and School Year

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I am starting to adjust to the new job and hoping to begin planning some activities where we all can meet. We had a very successful Colts Raffle and we want to thank our whole community is helping make this Colts Raffle a success with such limited time we had.

Highlights:

- **Get Acquainted Night- September 23 location TBA**
- **Colts Raffle Winners announced**
- **Afterschool mentoring is underway and new matches made**



There is going to be a Get Acquainted Night where parents, children and volunteers will be able to come, meet and greet, eat popcorn and watch a movie. We are still in the preplanning stage of getting things final but just a heads up so you can start planning yourself to see if you would be available to come. As soon as I know final details, I will be contacting everyone to see if you are able to attend.

Update:

- **53 kids waiting for a mentor**
- **Tell one person you know that they should be a mentor!**



I made my first match this month and am very excited about this, even though our agency does not get a chance to match every kid, as I would like, it does feel good to know that we still have people out there that really want to inspire the lives of our youth. Our volunteers really have a huge impact on the kids in our community and we're always grateful for those who step forward to make the effort in helping our youth.

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Connersville students are back in school and it becomes a busy time with parents working, taking their kids to school, sports, making sure they get their homework done and saving time to enjoy the special moments. I hope to work with the community to create some activities to support each other and our families during this time. Thanks for all the support from the community and let us continue to make this year successful.





Colts Raffle Winners Announced

We had a successful Colts raffle with the limited time we had. We want to thank the community and all the businesses for helping to get the word out and selling our raffle tickets for our fundraising. The prizewinner in no particular order were **Ritch Baudendistel, Jamie Sudoff** and **Gary Bedwell**. Thanks to everyone who joined in helping this to be a successful fundraiser and congratulations to our winners.

Thank you:

- o Advantage Ford
- o Whitewater Credit Union
- o Natco Credit Union
- o Brians Bookstore
- o Dairy Queen
- o Fayette County Clerks Office
- o Family Lee Insurance
- o And Special thanks to TV3 and Connersville News Radio



Mentoring Begins After School & New Match Made

The After School Mentoring program has begun with the new school year. We have 4 High School students who are going to meet with their Little once a week in a supervised setting. Any adult or high school volunteers who are interested can contact our office and have a choice of mentoring their child at the Maplewood, Grandview or Frazee BASE programs or at the Regenstrief Community Youth Center.



We also wanted to welcome our new match made last month and thank Jennifer for being a Big Sister in our program. Our agency is looking forward to hearing about all the good times this Big and Little Sister will share and providing ongoing support to their growing relationship. Best of luck and have fun!