



# Big Brothers Big Sisters Big News

## *Board Member Changes*

January/February 2011

### Highlights:

- January is National Mentoring Month
- Biz After 5
- Mardi Gras Open Mini-Golf Tournament
- Bowl For Kids Sake

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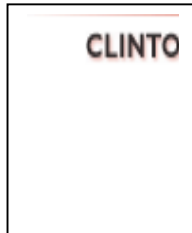
I must say that the strength of this organization has been and will continue to be the leadership skills of the Board of Directors. Our board President, Mitch Thomas, recently announced that a shift in job responsibilities will force him to step down. Our Secretary, Alicia Skalnik, also announced that job requirements will also force her to resign as well. I have had the pleasure of working for both of these individuals for the past four months. We are truly going to miss both of them. I thank them for their diligence and their heart to lead such a great organization.

While I am sad to lose Mitch and Alicia, I am excited to announce that Mike Vopatek will assume the presidency. Mike filled in nicely as interim director after Apryl moved so he understands the mission very well. He and his wife Rachel have also served as a Big Couple to Caleb. I can assure everyone that we are in good hands under Mike. We are also adding two board members, Jodi Feikema, Associate Director of Prior Learning Assessment at Ashford University and Aubree Rhoades, a sixth grade teacher with Clinton Public Schools. Both of these ladies will bring a great deal of energy, leadership and passion to the board of directors. If you see Mitch or Alicia please thank them for their service and welcome Jodi and Aubree.

## *January is National Mentoring Month*

We are so grateful for our Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Our Littles and their parents constantly tell us how much they enjoy the time they spend with their Bigs. I am convinced each Big will receive a special reward for their efforts. We would like to honor each Big at our Biz After 5 event on Wednesday, January 19. We will give each Big a Certificate of Appreciation and a nice meal. The event starts at 5.





## *Mardi Gras Open- February 11, 2011*

I would like to invite everyone to attend our Mardi Gras Open indoor putt-putt golf tournament on Friday, February 11, 2011 at the Wildrose Casino Ballroom. Please round up golfers to play this unique indoor putting tournament. You do not have to be a serious golfer to play putt-putt. Each hole will be decorated by our area business sponsors. You will have a chance to win fabulous prizes by making a few putts and also win prizes donated

by area businesses and sports teams. Our grand prize will be the chance to win a 32" flat screen television.

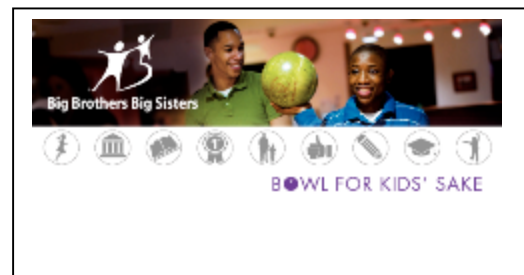
We would love to have your business take part in the event. Hole sponsorships are available.

Feel free to contact me or Peggy at the office to register or to get additional information at 563-243-4223 or [director@bbbsclinton.org](mailto:director@bbbsclinton.org)



## *Bowl for Kids Sake- Saturday, April 16 Plaza Bowling Alley 2:00 and 4:00*

We would love to see everyone come to the Plaza Bowling Alley in Clinton on Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 or 4:00 and bowl two games for a great cause. We encourage businesses to recruit employees to form teams of 4 or 5 bowlers. Each bowler can raise pledges to support us in our efforts to mentor kids in our community. Cost is only \$25 per bowler which includes shoes and 2 games of bowling. Contact our office at 563-243-4223 to register or for additional information.







## *January/February things to do!*

December 24-27- Christmas  
BBBS Office Closed

Monday, January 10  
Board meeting 5:00-6:00

Wednesday, January 19  
Biz After 5 to be held at Big  
Brothers Big Sisters 5:00-7:00  
We will honor our Bigs with a  
certificate presentation and  
recognition before area business  
representatives. Light snacks and  
beverages will be served.

Friday, February 11  
Mardi Gras Open to be held at  
Wildrose Casino Ballroom in  
Clinton. Tee times to be  
announced. Fabulous prizes and  
auction items.

Saturday, April 16  
Bowl for Kids Sake to be held at  
Plaza Bowl in Clinton. Bowling slots  
available at 2:00 or 4:00. We need  
bowlers who would be willing to  
round up pledges and bowl for a  
really good cause. Great prizes  
and auction items.



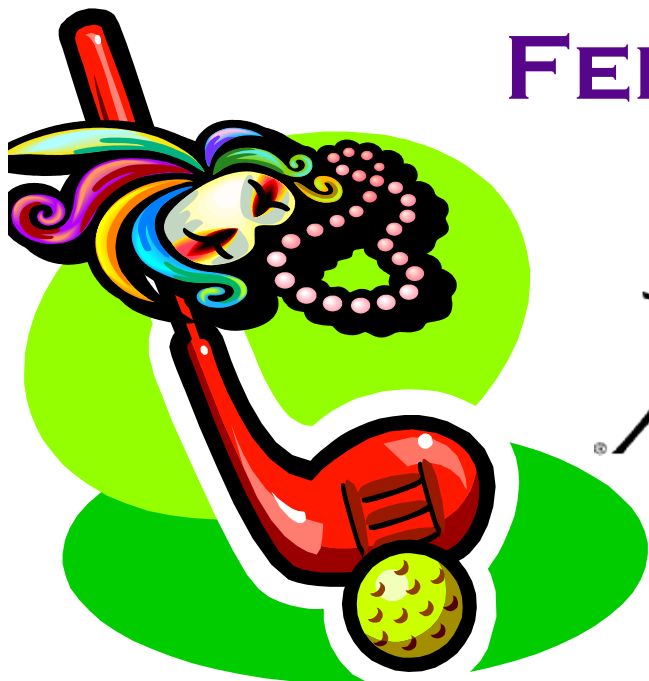
Courtney and Brittany



Christmas time with  
Rachel and Caleb

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