

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS



Big Brothers Big Sisters®

FEBRUARY - APRIL



BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

February 24 - April 20 | Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, and Noble

Bowl for Kid's Sake is an annual FUNdraiser that takes place in five of our service counties. This is a one-time volunteer event where the community comes together to fundraise and support BBBS in their communities in efforts to create brand new matches. This event features tons of fun, prizes and unique way to introduce BBBS to people of all ages! There is no fee to participate, bowling teams consist of 5 players and are asked to raise \$100 each/\$500 per team.

MAY



MIKE'S WASH FOR A CAUSE

May 4 | All Day @ All Allen County Mike's Carwash Locations

Mike's Carwash partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters to raise money to help match children with adult mentors. Mike's donates 1/2 of the proceeds of every **Ultimate Wash (\$22)** and **Ultimate + Ceramic (\$29)** sold throughout the day. Bigs, Littles, Staff, media personalities and other special guests will be on site to hand out freebies.

GOURMET DINNER

51ST ANNUAL GOURMET DINNER

May 7 | Grand Wayne Convention Center

The 51st Annual Gourmet Dinner is the largest and most traditional annual fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Every spring, more than 500 business and community leaders gather at the Grand Wayne Convention Center for an all-inclusive evening featuring guest speaker, dinner, drinks, prizes, and exceptional networking possibilities.

AUGUST



21ST ANNUAL BRAD MILLER GALA, AUCTION, GOLF OUTING

August 17 | Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

August 18 | Glendarin Hills Golf Club

August 19 | Noble Hawk Golf Links

The Brad Miller Gala & Auction kicks off in Fort Wayne with food, drinks, live entertainment, a silent and live auction featuring unique items & memorabilia and a fireworks show at dusk.

The exclusive Sunday Classic tees off at Glendarin Golf Club with a luncheon at noon and 1pm tee time.

The Monday Golf Outing, will be held at Noble Hawk Golf Links in Kendallville, features two shotgun starts – 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – play is followed by a post-outing meal.

OCTOBER

BLACK BUSINESS CARD PARTY

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October 25 | Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

The Black Business Card Party is a night to connect with experienced and aspiring professionals to help each other grow in their respected fields. A night where connecting with peers results in growth for the individual and minority community. We celebrate this evening with dancing, music, food, drinks, and most importantly networking. We are here to pass down our knowledge for generations to come by mentoring our community's youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

NOVEMBER

The BIG Celebration

A benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters Serving Kosciusko County

11TH ANNUAL THE BIG CELEBRATION

November 12 | Warsaw Community Church

The Big Celebration is hosted in Warsaw every fall, members of the community gather to listen to a featured speaker give an inspirational message! This event includes dinner, silent auction and exceptional networking possibilities.



17TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

November 23 | Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

The Women's Champagne Brunch will be celebrating its 17th year! This event includes a champagne brunch, fashion show featuring Bigs and Littles, moving testimonials, and a grand prize drawing. There is no fee to attend, however, a solicitation to volunteer or make a gift of \$75 or more is made at the event.

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2024 PROGRAM EVENTS



MAY



FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB GAME

May 18 | Bishop D'Arcy Stadium at the University of Saint Francis

Last Minute Ticket Offer for the May 18th Fort Wayne FC Game! Fort Wayne home game VS the Dayton Dutch Lions. Come cheer on FWFC and enjoy semi-professional soccer here in Ft. Wayne!

JUNE



LITTLE GRAD PARTY

June 27 | Multiflex Theater, Snyder Academic Center @ Indiana Tech

A celebration to recognize all of our graduating Littles. Littles, Bigs, Family, Staff, and community partners gather to celebrate the successes of each graduating Little.

JULY



BRAD MILLER CAMP OUT

July 20 @ Noon - July 21 @ 10am | Brad Miller's Estate in Fremont, IN

Join us for the Brad Miller Camp Out for Kids. Brad Miller, former Little brother and outdoors man hosts this overnight camp out at his lodge, located in Fremont, Indiana. Bigs and Littles have the opportunity to attend to learn fundamental outdoor skills, enjoy outdoor games and activities, and make new friends. Space is limited to 50 matches, food and supplies are provided - Bigs are encouraged to provide their own tents.

SEPTEMBER



THE BIG ZOO OUTING

September 15 | Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo

Open to Bigs, Littles, BBBS Friends & Family - join us at the Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo to have lunch at Franke Park and receive free admission to explore the zoo. RSVP in advance as limited tickets are available.

OCTOBER



APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

SCHOOL BUDDIES & RMR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

October 1 | The Clyde Theater

We celebrate School Buddies and Real Men Readers by hosting an appreciation luncheon! Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend to invite & share the power of mentoring. Boxed lunch is provided.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

October 10 | PFW International Ballroom

This is a day of thanks to all of our Bigs and Littles, Sponsors, Donors, and Biggest Supporters for making the Little Moments and Big Magic that change the children of our community's lives. Dinner is catered by Casa! And Bigs of the Year Recipients are announced. There is no fee to attend, all staff and board members + a guest are encouraged to attend. Bonus: Every year a theme is announced- all attendees are encouraged (but not required) to dress up and join in on the fun!!



BRAD MILLER BOO BASH

October 19 | Brad Miller's Lodge in Fremont, IN

Join us for the 2nd Brad Miller Boo Bash! Brad Miller invites you to his (not so) spooky estate located in Fremont, Indiana where Bigs & Littles can enjoy games, fall activities, a corn maze, hay ride, making new friends, tricks, and treats! Space is limited to 50 matches and a shuttle bus will be provided for transportation from the agency, if needed.

MORE INFORMATION

To RSVP for any of the events, or questions on ways to get involved, please contact

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