



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the 7 Rivers Region

THE BIG PICTURE

March 2018

An agency-wide e-newsletter to keep you updated on Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region. Our goal is to keep you updated on local activities in the communities we serve.

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Match Pictures!



Elie and Candice

Quick Links

[Website](#)
[Facebook](#)
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New February Matches!

Julissa & Abigail

Jazmyn & Nitaila

March Match Anniversaries

2 Years

Caida & Taylor

Saydi & Emily

Collin & Andrew

Serenity & Anna

Avery & Toni

Sirena & Ka

1 Year

Jonathan & Jamie

Ava & Michelle

Andrew & Zachariah



Brevik at the Coulee Region Chill Game



Olivia and Niki



Our Matches Escaped from C&C Xscape Rooms!

Meet-A-Match

Want to share your Match story and get to see behind-the-scenes of a news broadcast? We want to hear from you!

WXOW News 19 will be featuring "Meet-A-Match" segments, where they will highlight Matches in our program in their on-air broadcasts. You and your Little/Big will share what you do for fun together and why you enjoy being part of BBBS.

You can film the segment in the WXOW News Studio and get a first-hand tour of where the action happens, or if you aren't comfortable with that, you can also send in your own photos or videos, with a brief description of your Match, from the comfort of your home!

If you are interested in being our next "Meet-A-Match," contact your Match Support Specialist or email [Lauren](#).

Important BBBS Reminders

Pictures

We love to see pictures of our matches having fun together! If you have any, please feel free to send them to your match support specialist! They may just end up in one of our newsletters to show our community how much fun you're having!

Match Support

Please remember that match support is a requirement of our program. When your match support specialist contacts you it is imperative you return their communication promptly! If we do not hear back from you for match support, your match is out of compliance and could be closed!

Discount Lists!

Discount lists are **STILL** available! Please take advantage of these awesome, local deals. The lists can be picked up at either BBBS office, best times are found below.

La Crosse: Between 9am - 4pm; Monday - Friday and by appointment.

Winona: By appointment only! Contact [Jackie Mosiman](#) to schedule a time!

Support BBBS

Catered for Kids' Sake



Thank you to the Matches that attended and volunteered at Catered for Kids' Sake, and to everyone that supported this event! With your help, we raised over \$43,000 to help support youth in our program!

Bowl for Kids' Sake



Bowl for Kids' Sake is our signature fundraiser. This year's theme is **Everyday Heroes!** Form a team of 5, or we can put you on a team, raise money for BBBS, bowl, and have FUN! Participants will bowl 2 games, receive a t-shirt, and have the chance to win awesome prizes!

Sign up today at [Bowl for Kids' Sake](#).

Winona: April 19th and 20th at Westgate Bowl

La Crosse: April 25th, 26th, and 27th at All Star Lanes

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By using H&R Block to file your taxes, \$20 will be donated to BBBS at no extra cost to you. Please mention Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region when you go in and help spread the word!

Upcoming ACTIVITIES

Upcoming BBBS Events

Mentor Recruitment Open House

Interested in getting more involved as a mentor? Join us on Thursday, March 15th to learn more about three great and unique mentoring groups, Big Brothers Big Sisters, KAMO (Kids and Mentors Outdoors), and The Good Fight. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

When: Thursday, March 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm

Where: The Good Fight
508 Jay Street, Suite 101
La Crosse, WI 54601

To plan ahead for pizza and refreshments, please RSVP to [Lauren](#) or on our [Facebook Event](#) by March 14th! Walk-ins are welcome.



Mentor Recruitment Open House!

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508 Jay St. Suite 101, La Crosse, WI 54601

Chat and connect with 3 great mentor groups in
need of mentors & find the right fit for you!

Complimentary
Pizza and refreshments!

Kids and Mentors Outdoors[K.A.M.O]
Big Brothers Big Sisters
The Good Fight



Kids Cook! Soda Bread

Kids ages 12 and under are invited for a FREE cooking class at Bluff Country Co-op. Each child will go home with a new kitchen skill and a free banana.

When: Saturday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 am

Where: Bluff Country Co-op

121 West 2nd Street, Winona, MN 55987

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Free Chuck E. Cheese Tokens!

If you are interested in taking your Little to Chuck E. Cheese and want some free tokens please let us know! You can swing by our office anytime to pick some up!

Resource Rooms!



We have several board games, coloring supplies, some sports equipment, etc at each of our BBBS offices. We would love to have our matches utilize these resources! If your match would like to borrow some of our supplies please let your match support specialist know!

La Crosse Matches: Depending on the La Crosse office schedule your match may be able to play these games right here in our conference room.

Please keep this in mind as winter approaches and outdoor activities aren't as much of an option!

Share the Love, Sara Style

Live *Sara* Style
Bring Out the Best in Others

Mission:
Promoting violence awareness and prevention, in honor of Sara Rose Hougom, providing positive opportunities by uniting and supporting area youth with community members, businesses and local authorities, to facilitate a brighter, safer future.

Sara
ROSE
Hougom
FOUNDATION

The Sara Rose Hougom Foundation is launching a new program to promote Sara's zest for life and her love for one another. The foundation is providing money to BBBS matches to "Share the Love, Sara Style".

For example, matches can go on a shopping trip to purchase stuffed animals, school supplies, toothbrush/paste, candy, etc. The Little is also welcome to buy something fun for themselves and then with their Big take the rest of the items to the police station so that the officers

can deliver those items to a child in need!

There are many possibilities for this program!
Feel free to come up with your own idea or
brainstorm with your Match Support Specialist
and submit it to [Sherry Hougom](#) with the subject
line: Share the Love, Sara Style.

Explore La Crosse Visit Winona

Check out these great websites for activities to
do in the area! This is a great resource to stay
up to date with community events -- a lot of
activity ideas for you and your Little!

[Explore La Crosse Calendar](#)

[Visit Winona Calendar](#)

Sincerely,



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