



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of the Glacial Lakes Region



# Big Times The Mentor Connection

## December

## Match of the Month

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This month's match of the month is  
**Big Sister Kristin Jenson and Little Sister Kabrina.**

Kristin and Kabrina met in April of 2007. They try to get together every week and do a variety of activities which often include crafts. They also enjoy together baking goodies, riding bike and listening to music. Some of the activities they would like to try in the future would be to build a gingerbread house, ring bells for the Salvation Army and to build a castle out of cardboard. This match has made a big difference in both Kristin and Kabrina's lives as indicated in the following letter written by Kabrina.

*"Kristin is a great Big Sister! We do so many things like carve pumpkins, have picnics, go to the parks and bake things. Ohh! And take funny pictures. She's so thoughtful! She made a cake on Mother's Day and gave me a birthday present on my birthday and gave me a rose on my birthday too! I think she's GREAT!! -Little Sister Kabrina*

### November Incentive Winners:

For checking in before the 15th, these individuals have won a free movie pass.

- Haley H.—LS**
- Melissa Glanzer—BS**
- Heidi B.—YM**

\*Match-of-the-Month is chosen by BBBS staff and is based upon the friendship that has formed and the impacts made on a child or new mom. Feel free to contact your Case Specialist and tell us why your match should be considered for next month's Match-of-the-Month.

### December BBBS Activity

Join us for a fun evening of caroling and crafts. We will be sharing our Christmas spirit with the residents of Prairie Crossings and then participating in a craft activity to share with our new friends. To wrap up the evening we will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies.  
**Bring your match and join in the fun!**

**When: December 18th**  
**Where: Prairie Crossings Assisted Living House #2 (North House)**  
**420 9th Street SE (one block north of Subway)**  
**When: 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Please RSVP to misty@bbbsse.org or 886-1554 for supply quantities.**

### Waiting List:

- Little Sisters—6**
- Little Brothers—5**
- Young Moms—8**

**Help match those waiting today!**

### December Calendar

**Salvation Army**, free concerts on December 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 pm

**Watertown Senior High Band Concert** - Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 pm, D.D. Miller Auditorium

**Watertown Senior High Chorus and Orchestra "Christmas Celebration Concert"** - Monday, December 17, 7:30 pm in the Civic Arena.

**Northeast Artist Network** presents Afternoon with the Artist on Friday, December 21, 4-8 pm, Starbucks Coffee. Artists will be Lisa Shoemaker, painting and Ann Taecker, dyed silks

**December Match Activity**—December 18th—Prairie Crossings

**EARLY DISMISSAL**—December 21st—12:30

**NO SCHOOL**—December 24th-January 2nd, Christmas Break



**Codington County Heritage Museum**  
Monday – Friday 1- 5 pm; Tel: 886-7335

**Redlin Art Center**  
Mon – Fri, 8 am – 5 pm,  
Sat 10 am – 4 pm, Sun 12 – 4 pm; Tel: 882-3877

**Bramble Park Zoo**  
Animal encounters held on weekends.  
Winter Hours 10 am to 4 pm; Tel: 882-5232

**Watertown Regional Library**  
Mon—Thurs 9:30 am to 9:00pm, Fri 9:30 am to 6 pm  
Sat 9:30am to 5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm; Tel: 882-6220

### Reminder

Please remember to check in with us each month to let us know how things are going. If you check in by the 15th of each month, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

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If you wish to make a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters, please detach and send.

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## Birthday Club

11/17—Amber J. (LS)  
12/1—Ben P. (BB)  
12/1—Daniel M. (LB)  
12/2—Riley S. (LB)  
12/4—Patricia H. (LS)  
12/5—Crystal W. (YM)  
12/8—Nathan B. (BB)  
12/18—Travis K. (BB)  
12/19—Kristene J. (YM)  
12/19—Susan R. (MM)  
12/31—Emily J. (YM)  
12/31—Andrea S. (LS)



**Happy December Birthdays!!**

## Match Anniversaries

Stacy Brownlee (BS) & Shayla R. (LS) - 1 year

## New Matches

Terry & Kathy Fleming (BC) & Trevor B. (LB) 11/1  
Bruce Hestad (BB) & Gavin R (LB) 11/8  
Matt Jungers (BB) & Logan A. (LB) 11/9  
Stacy Glanzer (BS) & Danielle P. (LS) 11/12  
Travis Krueger (BB) & DJ P. (LB) 11/12  
Nathan Boe (BB) & Steven B. (LB) 11/17  
Dan Brenden (BB) & Austin B. (LB) 11/21  
Ben Petersen (BB) & Riley S. (LB) 11/21  
Sue Oberlander (MM) & Jennah D. (YM) 11/29

## **5 Tips to be a Great Mentor**

1. Commit to at least one year with your mentee—everything takes time
2. Demonstrate to your mentee that you are consistent, dependable, and trustworthy
3. Consistently act in ways that are ethical to earn the trust of your mentee
4. Know the mission of your mentoring provider organization
5. Always follow the guidelines of your mentoring provider organization

## **Quote of the Month...**

There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.  
**Saint Thomas Aquinas**

## **Mentoring Moms News**

### **November:**

Connie visits NOVA on Monday mornings. She is available at these times to just talk or to share information.

### **CRIB HOURS**

The CRIB is open every Tuesday from 1:30-3:30. There is a great selection of items. Winter items have been added for the coming season. Please stop in and check things out!

### **M.O.P.S.**

Mothers of Preschoolers meets the needs of mothers with children ages birth through the end of kindergarten year.

Meetings at First Baptist Church  
first and third Thursdays from 9—11:15 am

### **Watertown Athletic Passes**

6 Watertown Athletic Activity cards are available in the BBBS office for the use of matches going to games together. Please call or stop in to check one out from the BBBS office. Take advantage of these from the WHS as they are good all year and you can use them at any time by just signing one out from the office.

### **Our Kids Are In Trouble**

Today, in America, there are more than 14 million youth under 18 who are defined as "at risk" (of not reaching a productive adulthood). They face a relentless assault of negative influences which often result in drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, poor academic performance, violence, even death.

Every child should have the opportunity, confidence, character and support needed to lead a safe, healthy and productive life. They have a right to expect a fair chance to develop their talents and apply their energies in order to successfully contribute to society. However, their communities are bereft of role models, and teachers have too much on their plates.

Studies consistently show that the best hope for young people comes from mentoring.

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