



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Glacial Lakes Region



Big Times The Mentor Connection

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Match of the Month

Big Brother Bud Webb and Little Brother Daniel

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Bud and Daniel have been matched since March 2007. The two of them get together at least once a week to work on some project together. The biggest impact of the program is companionship. Bud and Daniel never really plan entertainment things, they just get together to do whatever is going on, be it a trip to Menards or a trek out to the farm to mow. The match has created a companion for each of them. Some of their future projects include beading, pipe carving, and teaching Daniel how to drive. After getting through their initial break-in period, Bud and Daniel have become really good friends.

"It is such a pleasure to visit with him. When he leaves, Linda and I both marvel at how much fun it is to visit with him. The thing we both like about being mentors is it is not work. You just have to be around for them and include them in your activities. In other words, we don't treat Daniel any different than if we had a child of our own." —**Big Brother Bud**

"I like to go to his farm. I like best that Bud is a nice all-around guy. He seems like he can do anything."—**Little Brother Daniel**

January Incentive Winners:

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

Mary S.—YM
Jen Moos—BS
Amanda Anderson—BS

"I see Daniel at least once during the week as we usually go out for a bite to eat and also we do something each weekend. He has gotten to know my parents and they always inquire about how he is doing. When the last match faded away, I found I was ready for another match. This one has proved to be very rewarding. The comfort level is there now where Daniel also calls on the weekend and wants to know "what are we doing today?" Keeps a guy young!!"—**Big Brother Bud**

*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.

February BBBS Activity

Join us for an evening of ice skating at the George E. Maas Ice Arena. On Sunday, February 17th, we have use of the ice beginning at 6 pm. We will be sharing the ice with others during Family Skate. Open skate begins at 7 and you are welcome to stay and continue skating for as long as you like. Please come join us! Your admission and skate rental will be covered.
Bring your match and join in the fun!

When: Sunday, February 17th
Where: George E. Maas Ice Arena
Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

I need everyone to RSVP to misty@bbbsse.org or 886-1554 by 5:00 pm on 2/14/08 to be able to skate

Waiting List:

Little Sisters—7

Little Brothers—10

Young Moms—6

Help match those waiting today!

February Calendar

- February 1-3 —**Squirts Hockey Tournament**, George E Maas Ice Arena
- February 3—"Friends of the Library—Foreign Film" Library 1:30 pm
- February 5-9 — **Watertown Winter Farm Show**, Cod. County Expo 10-5
- February 7-10—**Lie, Cheat & Genefluct**, Town Players Theater 7:30
- February 14—**Friends of Acoustic Blues present Gordy Pratt**, WEC 7:30
"Kid's with Heart", Watertown Mall
- February 15-17—**Lie, Cheat & Genefluct**, Town Players Theater 7:30
- February 16-17—**President's Day Sidewalk Sale**, Watertown Mall
- February 18 — **NO SCHOOL** President's Day
- February 20—"Friends of the Library—Foreign Film" Library 1:30 pm
- February 22-23—**Chuck Pollard Youth Racquetball Tournament**, Rec Center
- February 23-24—**Bantan "B" Hockey Tournament**, George E Maas Ice Arena
- February 27—**Early Out** —12:30 Dismissal

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.

_____ detach and send _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Donation directed to (check one):

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Mentoring Moms



Birthday Club

2/01—Kristin J. (BS)
2/02—Carol V. (MM)
2/07—Robin A. (MM)
2/12—Michelle S. (BS)
2/15—Sue L. (MM)
2/15—Taylor V. (LB)
2/17—Emily K. (LS)
2/19—Rachelle H. (MM)
2/26—Chelsey M. (LS)

Happy February Birthdays!!



New Matches

Erica Reis (BS) & Desirae (LS)
Sherri Remmers (MM) & Crystal (YM)

Match Anniversaries

Al Vanderlaan (BB) & Quint O. (LB) - 1 year
Eric Skott (BB) & Terrin S. (LB) - 1 year

5 Tips to be a Great Mentor

1. Do not make inappropriate remarks about your mentee's family
2. Be a positive role model in both word and deed
3. Never engage in inappropriate physical contact with your mentee
4. Maintain a cheerful and positive attitude with your mentee
5. Support community efforts to encourage volunteerism

Quote of the Month...

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.
Aristotle

Mentoring Moms News

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.

What If. . .

What if something serious comes up?

While most mentoring relationships develop and flourish without serious problems, things do happen. Mentors have an important role, but that role does not include medical or psychological treatment, or family counseling. There are support systems in place for real emergencies.

Contact your mentoring program coordinator for information. The most you are expected to do—or should do—is to help guide your mentee to the appropriate source of professional help.

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