



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Glacial Lakes Region
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Big Times The Mentor Connection

January 2008

Farewell from Connie

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As 2007 comes to a close, I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to work with you in the Mentoring Moms Program. As of January 1, 2008 I will be resigning from this position. The last four years I have worked with this program have been very special for me.

I am grateful to you for the time and interest you have given the program. I must admit, that my favorite part of this job was getting to know each of you. You are a wonderful group and I know I have learned so many things from you that will enrich my life forever. Thank you for getting involved with this program and making it successful in a short amount of time.

It has been a joy for me to be able to get to know you and work with you. You have blessed my life in more ways than you will ever know. I hope that 2008 will be a year that blesses you richly!

Connie Johnson

December Incentive Winners:

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

Logan A.—LB
Rachelle Hericks—MM
Christi R. —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.

January BBBS Activity

Join us for a day of sledding and snow games. We will meeting on Saint Ann's Hill to enjoy the snow and winter weather. If sledding is not your game, we have plenty of other activities to keep you occupied. Please bring your own sleds or equipment. If you have extra, please bring to share with others!!

Bring your match and join in the fun!

When: Sunday, January 27th
Where: St. Ann's Hill
When: 2:00-3:30 pm

Please RSVP to misty@bbbsse.org or 886-1554

*Activities will be held weather permitting, call 881-6169 if questionable

Waiting List:

Little Sisters—6

Little Brothers—8

Young Moms—8

Help match those waiting today!

January Calendar

- January 2 —**NO SCHOOL** District In-Service Day
- January 3—"Finding the Skelton in Your Closet" Library 7:00 pm
- January 9 — **End of 2nd Quarter** (Elementary & High School)
- January 11-13—**Rec Center Avalanche Open Racquetball Tournament**
- January 12-13—**Optimist Big Apple Swim Meet**
- January 18 — **NO SCHOOL** District In-Service Day
"Afternoon with the Artist" Starbucks— 4-8 p.m.
- January 20—**Watertown PO Bridal Show**, Event Center
The South Dakota Symphony— 2:00 pm, DD Miller Auditorium, 1-866-681-7376
- January 25-27—**Winter Sidewalk Sale**, Watertown Mall
Mites Hockey Tournament George E. Maas Ice Arena

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

1/01—Austin B. (LB)
1/05—Karen A. (MM)
1/08—Christina M. (YM)
1/10—Allison H. (YM)
1/12—Desirae H. (LS)
1/12—Mary K. (MM)
1/13—Kamari L. (LS)
1/18—Kalesha T. (YM)
1/24—Trevor B. (LB)
1/27—Dan B. (BB)

Happy January Birthdays!!



Match Anniversaries

TJ Jerke (BB) & Anthony C. (LB) - 1 year
Lissa Turbak (BS) & Amanda K. (LS) - 1 year
Shirley Gabert (BS) & Kelli Z. (LS) - 1 year

5 Tips to be a Great Mentor

1. Value the diverse economic, cultural, and religious traits of your mentee
2. Maintain regular contact with your mentoring provider organization to ensure effective mentoring practices
3. Have fun with your mentee as you learn together – mentoring should not be all work and no play
4. Do not criticize the staff or faculty of your mentoring provider organization in front of your mentee
5. Do less talking and more listening so your mentee can share his/her thoughts

Quote of the Month...

Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies.
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 we don't hit it off right away?

It's not easy to trust a stranger, especially if you're a young person who's had a lot of bad experiences with adults in the past. It may take a while to build up trust. Don't interpret caution as a rejection. A young person may not show it, and he or she may not even know it fully, but your help is definitely wanted. Think of the child's feelings first and your feelings second. Be patient, be kind, be consistent. It will pay off in the long run.

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