

2005 BIG BROTHER & BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR

Fall 2005



**BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR
FRANK CUSHING**



**BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR
GINNY LEEMAN**



**MENTOR OF THE YEAR
TIM NOONAN**

Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year Awards went to **Frank Cushing** and **Ginny Leeman**. Big Brothers Big Sisters chooses to recognize two individuals to receive this award each year at the volunteer appreciation dinner. The individuals selected each year have shown consistence, commitment, and dedication.

Frank Cushing and his Little Brother Emanuel have been matched for over 4 years. Together they have enjoyed many activities such as: fishing, mountain biking and hiking Mt. Desert. Both Frank and Emanuel really enjoy being active. Over the years, Frank has had such an impact on his Little Brother.

Emanuel writes: "I think it would be nice for my Big Brother to win this award because he really deserves it. He is nice to me and asks me what I want to do. We also have many similar interests and I know he cares about me".

Frank has also been involved with our agency in other ways over the years. He participated in a United Way campaign as a featured match, he has also been a featured match in the local newspaper, and he has been active in putting together company teams through his employer for this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Ginny Leeman was first introduced to Big Brothers Big Sisters back in 1996. She had a very successful match for a number of years. Ginny and her current Little Sister, Erica have been match for about 11/2 years.

Ginny and Erica meet on a regular basis once a week. They have enjoyed many different activities together like riding bikes, going for walks, games and dinners together. When I spoke with Erica back in February she told me that Ginny was teaching her how to ice skate. Erica was having fun and proud of her accomplishments.

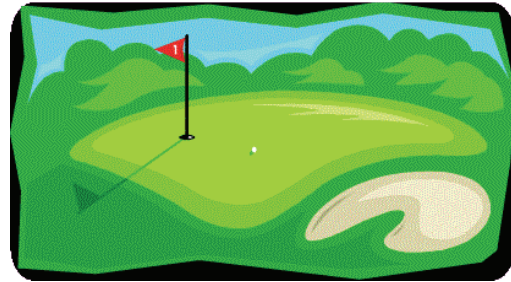
Ginny is very proactive with Erica and has worked with her on a number of different levels. In addition to being a Big Sister, Ginny has served on our Bowl for Kids' Sake committee in 2004 and was instrumental in its success.

There are various qualities and characteristics that make a good mentor. Being reliable, consistent, patient, a good listener, open minded and non judgmental with the child being mentored. But sometimes an individual goes above and beyond just being a mentor. Being a champion for the cause.

Our mentor of the year **Timothy Noonan** has been involved with the program since early 2003. He has been instrumental in developing our partnership with MBNA and recruiting other mentors to participate in our school-based programs at both Jordan Acres and Williams Cone. He has tirelessly been a site-supervisor for the past year. In addition, he has participated in our fundraising events bringing much needed revenue to the agency. He has been a pleasure to work with!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Big Swing Charity Golf Tournament Results



Golf teams from Bath Iron Works, NASB, MBNA, Local 785 Lewiston Fire Department, Ray Labbe & Sons, RE/MAX Riverside, Maine Natural Gas, Brunswick & Topsham Hannaford and Sebasco Harbor Estates enjoyed a great day of golf on Monday, July 11th hosted at the Highland Green in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick raising over \$8,000 for the mentoring programs.

First Place Net went to the team from Ray Labbe & Sons, which included Judy Labbe, Pete Lavalle, Pat Pratt, and Paul Rossingnol. Our Major Event Sponsor, Bath Iron Works, made the day possible. Gardiner Savings Bank sponsored the Hole-In-One contest and Hole Sponsors consisted of Morong Brunswick, Lee Toyota, RE/MAX Riverside, Office of Cornelia C. Viek, CPA, Downeast Energy, Suscom, Androscoggin Bank, Ray Labbe & Sons, and Intrepid Professional Staffing. Thanks also go out to The Highland Green, Edward Jones, Sebasco Harbor Estates, Applebee's, Bookland, Don Foshay Discount Tire & Alignment, Brunswick Golf Club, Topsham Subway, Lee's Tire & Service, Pauline's Bloomers, Regal Entertainment Group, Tire Warehouse, Androscoggin Animal Hospital, Accolades, and Carrot Signs for their contributions to the event.

Also supporting the days event was Miss Maine, Meagan Beals. Megan took the time out of her busy schedule to come and talk with the golfers about the benefits of mentoring. She graciously posed with a number of the teams for group pictures. Thank you so much Meagan for helping to make the days event special!



HOLIDAY INN BATH & BBBS PARTNERSHIP



What do a hotel chain and a non-profit mentoring agency have in common? On the surface, not a lot. But look a little deeper, and you see the makings of a successful relationship. Last month, The Holiday Inn Bath and The Bounty Restaurant and Tavern demonstrated its commitment to community by proposing a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick to benefit local youth served by the organization.

When General Manager of The Holiday Inn Bath, Joe Byrnes, approached Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick to offer their support and partnership, staff and Board members were thrilled. The generosity of the offer, which includes not only assistance in fundraising and in building awareness of the organization, but complimentary anniversary meals for "Bigs and Littles", annual Match parties and free meeting space demonstrates the commitment of The Holiday Inn to support the mission of the organization. "The dedication of the Holiday Inn to Big Brothers Big Sisters and our community is impressive and appreciated. On behalf of the Board, staff and the children we serve, thank you, Joe Burnes," said Don Spann, BBBS Board Member.

The development of this local partnership follows the lead of Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts®, who have chosen Big Brothers Big Sisters of America as their national corporate charity. The Holiday Inn will lend its support to assist Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in achieving their goal of mentoring 1,000,000 deserving kids by 2010.

To learn more about the partnership between Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts® and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, visit www.holiday-inn.com. To learn more about how you can support the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick, contact Executive Director Lise Tancrede at 207-729-7736.

Welcome our Newest Matches

Recent Matches

May

Amanda Davis & Tasha
Janna Gallant & Kaleigh

June

Cori/Jason Smith & Aaron
Maureen Sullivan & Kayla
Lauren Leclerc & Tori
Betsey Akeley & Delia

August

Richard Griffin & Dylan
Ruth Maschino & Ruth Ann
Bob Smith & Bryan

November

Kate Maringer & Asia

Happy Anniversary!

1+ Year Anniversary

Meredith Anderson & Kristin
Herve Ollier & Dylan
Amanda McGuigan & Chelsea

Donna Day & Emmy
Lindsay Hinton & Jesse
Christopher Hahn & Jesse
Donna Bishop & Larissa

2+ Year Anniversary

John Simmons & Lucas
Jon/Julie Leahy & Laurentz
Cheryl Figg & Bethany

3+ Year Anniversary

Sharon Pyne & Ben
Ann George & Amanda

Featured Match



Donna and Emmy were first matched back in October, 2004 and have developed a friendship unlike any other. Donna came to our agency filled with delight to share her time with a child. Donna wanted so desperately to be matched with a Little Sister before Halloween and we made it happen.

Donna met her new Little Sister Emmy on a cool October afternoon. Little did we know, Donna and Emmy already knew each other. Donna worked at Roller World and Emmy enjoyed skating there often. This was just the beginning of a wonderful friendship.

Emmy is an active and bright 9 year old little girl who has enjoyed her time with her Big Sister. Donna and Emmy have enjoyed many activities together such as: going to the movies, swimming, sleepovers, and just hanging out. Donna and Emmy have also participated in other agency events such as our holiday party and movie day.

Happy 1 year anniversary Donna & Emmy

Donna has been very active in our agency with fundraising events and helping to recruit fellow volunteers. Donna was able to put together a bowling team for our Bowl For Kids Sake event this year and has actively participated in our informational sessions. Donna shared her stories at an informational meeting held in August at Curtis Memorial Library. After looking back at her time with Emmy, Donna wished she had made the decision to become a Big Sister sooner.

You too can be a Big Brother or Big Sister to a child like Emmy. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is in need of volunteers for our community-based mentoring program where individuals are matched with young boys/girls between the ages of 6-13.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR BIGS & LITTLES

Big Brothers Big Sisters is happy to announce that this year's annual holiday party will be held at Holiday Inn, Bath. Holiday Inn and the Bounty Restaurant and Tavern will be hosting our "Bigs" and "Littles" event for the first time since our partnership in early October. The Bounty Restaurant will be providing food and refreshments for our holiday party. We will also have games and fun prizes to give away. Please join us on Saturday, December 17, 2005 from 11:30am until 2:30pm. Take this opportunity to meet other "Bigs" and "Littles" and share in the holiday festivities. Please RSVP by December 12th to Liz at 729-7736 Ext. 12 or e-mail community@bbbsbathbrun.org We hope to see all of you there!

BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE 2006

Tim Sample Honorary Chair

It's not about bowling, It's about Kids!



Mark Your Calendars
Saturday April 1, 2006 at Yankee Lanes, Brunswick

Big Brothers Big Sisters places hundreds of caring adult and teen mentors in the lives of children who need them. Our annual fundraiser, Bowl for Kids Sake, is your opportunity to raise money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. It's a great time for a good cause, and here is how you can help!

Call now to Sponsor at one of three levels or **Register your Team!** Sponsors and Team Captains will be invited to attend a "Kick Off" breakfast hosted by "Tim Sample" on January 18, 2006 at The Highlands in Topsham from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. It's a great way to have fun with co-workers, family, and friends, while at the same time, helping kids! All proceeds go directly to benefiting the community and school-based mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick.

To register your team, or for more information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick at [729-7736](tel:729-7736) or e-mail bbbsbathbrun.org

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

Corporate Sponsor \$1,000

Company name endorsed as a Corporate Sponsor on all media promotions (Downtown Overhead Banner, Cable TV, newsprint)
Company logo on all promotional materials
(T-shirts, brochures, posters, etc.)
Company banner/placard over a lane at the event
Recognized and thanked as a sponsor in newspaper, quarterly newsletter, and invited as guest to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Event Sponsor \$500

Company name on all promotional materials
(T-shirts, brochures, posters, etc.)
Company banner/placard over a lane at the event
Recognized and thanked as a sponsor in newspaper, and quarterly newsletter.

Lane Sponsor \$250

Company banner/placard over a lane at the event
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SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM EXPANSION

SCHOOL BASED SUMMER APPEALS

In August, the agency sent out a school-based summer appeals to expand our programs and serve more children in need. Money raised from the appeal will be designated to expanding school-based mentoring programs into two new schools. Harpswell Island Elementary and Bath Middle School. We have had our first match at Harpswell Island and hope to have many more throughout the 2005/2006 school year. The generosity and support of the community has raised over \$3,500 to date but we still have a ways to go to reach our goal of \$20,000.

Please consider giving your financial support and make a difference in the lives of children

Send your tax deductible contribution to BBBS 85 Maine Street, Brunswick, ME 04011

Thank You



Pictured above are Patrick McCormick, Kelly Klaiber, Big Brother Big Sister Recruitment Specialist, Connie Hartley, Melissa Stockford, Tara Perron, and Christopher Whelan. Not present Rodney Kloberdans

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick has created a new program which is designed to build partnerships with local businesses that are interested in participating in school-based mentoring. The business provides Big Brothers Big Sisters with 5 mentors that are available to volunteer one hour each week to mentor a child during the school lunch period. This program requires the mentor to commit to one school year. The mentor meets with the mentee in a one-to-one relationship in the school setting. During these sessions the mentor and mentee spend quality time by sharing a book, playing a board game, working on an assignment or just talking and listening. There are so many positive benefits for both the mentor, as well as the mentee involved. The employee feels good about themselves for having impacted a young person's life, and the child shows great improvement with both self-esteem and attitude.

We are pleased to announce that SusCom is our newest Business Partner. There are currently 5 employees mentoring children at Woodside and Jordan Acres Elementary Schools. Patrick McCormick, General Manager of SusCom took the lead and encouraged his employees to participate in this program. The employees that are volunteering their time are caring, creative adults, and have expressed the joy they are experiencing by mentoring a child.

The SusCom partnership was made possible through the generous support of Hannaford of Brunswick. Hannaford donated \$5,000.00 to our agency to assist with the expansion of our Community and School-based mentoring programs.



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From the Executive Director...

What an exciting year it has been for the staff, volunteers, and children of Big Brothers Big Sisters. By the end of December 2005, we anticipate that close to 400 children will have been served throughout the year in our programs.

This would not be possible without the financial support of the community. We would like to recognize and thank the following Corporations for their financial contributions to the agency:

MBNA Foundation

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Hannaford

Androscoggin MainStreet Foundation

As we approach the end of the year, please keep the children of Big Brothers Big Sisters in mind when making your charitable donations.

Best Wishes for Safe Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Lise Tancrede

Please help support the programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick. Visit us at www.bbbsbathbrun.org and donate on-line. It's simple, safe, and will make a BIG difference in the life of a child.