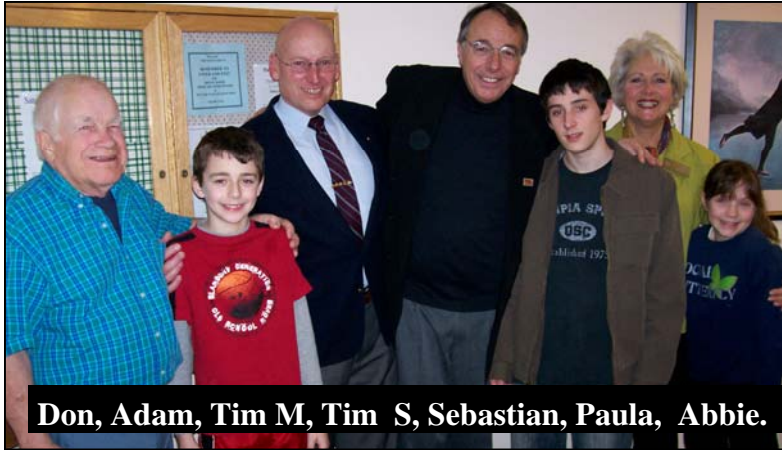


# Big News

**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Bath/Brunswick**  
*Serving Southern Mid-Coast Maine*

**Spring 2008**



**Don, Adam, Tim M, Tim S, Sebastian, Paula, Abbie.**



**97 Teams—388 individual bowlers teamed up with family, friends & co-workers to make this a record year for the BBBS family!**

**On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the children we serve we would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the sponsors and bowlers who made BFKS 2008 a huge success !!**

**Together we raised over \$50,000!!**

### **A Big Thank You to Our Lane Sponsors**

Androscoggin Animal Hospital, Androscoggin Savings Bank, Atlantic Regional FCU, BAE Systems AEGIS Test Team, BEK Inc., Border Trust Co., Topsham, Downeast Energy, First Federal Savings Bank, Hancock Lumber, Home Depot, John Moncure, Lowe's, Maine Natural Gas, Northeast Bank, Norway Savings Bank, Office of Cornelia C. Vieck, CPA, Precast Concrete Products of Maine, Shaw's Supermarket, Topsham Rotary Club.

**Special thanks to Carrot Signs for sponsoring our BFKS banner!**

### **Congratulations to Our Prize Winners:**

**Julie Chandler  
\$100.00 Earner Gas Grill Drawing**

**Tyler Scorfina (BBBS Little)  
\$150.00 Earner Wii Gaming System Package**

**Eleanor Grover  
\$200.00 Earner Grand Prize Getaway Package**

**Adam Fraser  
Old Town Twin Kayake Winner**

### **A Big Thank You to Our Corporate Event Sponsors**

American Legion—Post 21, Androscoggin Dental Care, Bath Community Television, Bath Iron Works, Bath Savings Institution, Best Buy Stores, Bill Dodge Auto Group, Central Maine Power, Comcast, Getetched, Hannaford, Harry C. Crooker & Sons Inc., Lockheed Martin AEGIS Test Team, Northrop Grumman, Savings Bank of Maine, Team Woody's Performance Center, The Coastal Journal, The Highlands, The Maine Humor Company, The Times Record, Rent-A-Husband, RE/MAX Riverside, United Lodge #8 Masons, Wal-Mart.

**Special Thanks to Team Woody's Performance Center and Kaile Warren of Rent-A-Husband for Assisting With the ATV Challenge!**

# BBBS Honors Volunteers

On Wednesday, May 7, 2008 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick hosted the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Holiday Inn at Bath. The dinner is an opportunity for staff, volunteers, sponsors, and friends of Big Brothers Big Sisters to join together and recognize the efforts of those who generously support the agency. This year's event was full of positive energy and guests enjoyed a slide show of match photos and a delicious buffet style dinner followed by presentations and awards ceremony.

## 2008 "Bigs of the Year"



**Tim, Sebastian, Aurora**

**Big Brother of the Year, Tim Martel** has been matched in the community program with his Little Brother Sebastian since 2005. The two share many activities together including woodworking, playing laser tag, browsing bookstores, and volunteering with respite care. As a Big Brother Tim has played a huge role in his Little Brother's life by providing sincere caring, fun, teaching and learning, academic encouragement, and respect. Tim recently served as Chair of the BBBS Bowl For Kids Sake Committee and volunteers his time to other BBBS events. Sebastian says that "above everything else he values just having Tim to talk to."

**Big Sister of the Year, Maureen Sullivan** has been faithfully meeting with her Little Sister Kayla almost every Thursday afternoon since they first met in 2005. The pair share a love of the outdoors and they have hiked, biked, skated, spent hours exploring the shoreline, created numerous crafts, and visited every playground within a ten mile radius. The relationship is an incredibly positive part of both the Big and Littles lives. Maureen stated, "my time with my Little Sister is rejuvenating. . . She brings out the "kid" in me. We have shared a bazillion smiles in the past three years and hope to enjoy a bazillion more."



**Kayla, Maureen, Aurora**



**Ray, Tyler, Anne**

**Big Couple of the Year, Anne & Ray Paradis** have been mentors and friends to their Little brother Tyler for just a month shy of two years. Generally they get together a couple times a week and enjoy numerous activities like boating, fishing, baseball games, mini golf, swimming at the YMCA, and beach outings. Tyler is up for just about anything and they're always joking and having a good time together. Tyler's mother commented that, "she couldn't have asked for a better match for her son and, and is very happy to see him have such a wonderful relationship with his Bigs."

Special Thanks to Jim Bouchard proprietor of Northern Chi Martial Arts  
and Author of *Dynamic Components of Personal Power*  
for sharing your inspirational presentation.



**Michael Wilhelm, Don Baker, Keri**

**Teen Mentor of the Year, Keri West** is an exceptional Mt. Ararat High school student who has been a devoted School-Based mentor to middle school students for the past three years. Her compassion and academic strengths have been significant assets in helping younger students develop self-confidence and a feeling of success in school. Her current mentee, whom she has been matched with for about two years, describes Keri as, “a nice friendly girl who is really fun to hang out with.” This year Keri extended her volunteer services to help facilitate an after school mentoring program between MTAHS and middle school students and assisted in strengthening the existing day program.

**Male School-Based Mentor of the Year, Tim Sullivan** is a sophomore at Bowdoin College and has been matched with Sam, a third grader at Coffin Elementary School since 2006. Tim is a wonderful role model, he is caring and thoughtful and has a very positive attitude. Tim and Sam are full of energy and enthusiasm and really enjoy playing and having fun together. Sam spoke very highly of Tim during the awards ceremony.

**School Partner of the Year, Irene Austin** is the guidance counselor at Coffin Elementary School. Irene is helpful, compassionate, and organized. She listens to the children at her school and helps BBBS staff to make the best match for each of our volunteers. She supervises the meetings and often finds space, brings games or toys, and provides endless support to the School-Based program.



**Tim, Sam, Irene**



**Tara, Brittany, Sherri**

**Female School—Based Mentor of the Year, Tara Perron**

serves on the Executive Board of Directors for BBBS and is a mentor in the Jordan Acres School Program. She has been matched with her Little Sister Brittany since 2005 and visits her every Thursday. Tara often brings special lunches and writes little notes to inspire Brittany and encourage her to be a strong person. Brittany’s mom describes Tara as a rock that Brittany is always able to depend on. She finds it amazing that one hour a week, meeting for lunch and a board game can have such an impact on her daughters life.

**Junior High Mentor of the Year, Ben Carlton**

is a shining example of what mentoring is all about. He is a student at Woolwich Central school who mentors a younger student. Ben is focused, friendly, fun, and an exceptional role model. Ben is humble and quiet, he understands the importance of listening to others. During meetings with his Little the pair often talk quietly, play Legos, or build blocks. When asked how he feels about Ben, his Little Brother said, “He is just so cool. I like playing with him and I think he really likes me too; he is good at building stuff and can run pretty fast. I like that he likes to play the same games as me and helps me if I need it.”



**Ben, Sherri**

**A Big Thank You To Our:**

**Business Partner of the Year**

Joe Byrnes, Holiday Inn

**Media Partner of the Year**

Gina Hamilton  
The Coastal Journal

**Event Partner of the Year**

Erica Smith, Get Etched

**BFKS King Pin Award Winner**

Hazel Meserve,  
B.I.W James Building

# Community Program Update

## Welcome New Community Matches September 2007—May 2008



### Bigs & Littles at the Portland Pirates

Supported by a generous discount from the Portland Pirates, 14 Community matches attended the March 31st hockey game at the Cumberland County Civic Center. It was an exciting game as the Pirates won 2-0 and the matches received a visit from the team mascot, Crackers. This was a great opportunity for Bigs and Littles to mingle with other matches and enjoy a low cost activity together.

### Mentor Training with Guest Speaker Steve Edmonson

The April training for Community Based mentors welcomed a guest speaker, Steve Edmonson. Steve is the Domestic Violence Investigator for Sagadahoc County and is a representative for the group, "A call to Men," which works to address and shift cultural treatment of girls and women. Steve presented relevant information about domestic violence to the Bigs present, and facilitated a great discussion around these issues.

Amy Barriault & Mila  
Susan Beegel & Kierra  
Tatum Bevans & Erica  
Jessica Britt & Kimberly  
Carolee Dagenais & Amber  
Mike Daugherty & Derrion  
Debbie Grijalva & Valerie  
Marnie Hackenberg & Mallory  
Erika Helgerson & Sophie  
Cindy Hutchins & Arielle  
Amanda Kibbe & Heaven-Leigh  
Nick Knobil & Cassidy  
Karen Libby & Cheyenne  
Lindsay MacDonald & Isabella  
Mike Orinski & Michael  
Jay Prindall & Zach  
Theodore Record & Matthew  
Joel Sanchez & Anthony  
Nick Selden & Josh  
Sherri Simmons, Rick Grover & Tyler  
Nonny Soifer & Matua  
Tim Stewart & Gage  
JoAnn Terranova & Kaitlyn

### Bigs & Littles Social With New Partner, *The Bowling Bowl*

BBBS is pleased to announce a new partnership with Brunswick's The Bowling Bowl. On April 19th matches were invited to enjoy an afternoon of candlepin bowling at a reduced rate. This "small ball" bowling was a treat for several Bigs and Littles who enjoyed spending time with other matches, challenging themselves and each other, and eating pizza donated by Brunswick Dominoes. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Bowling Bowl, where Bigs and Littles receive a reduced rate for bowling anytime.

## 1st Ever In The State Of Maine Blessing Of The Rides

The City of Bath and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick are pleased to announce for the first time ever in the state of Maine; "*The Blessing of the Rides.*" We proudly welcome all enthusiasts of *antique, classic, hot rods, and custom* cars and trucks. Enthusiasts from across the state will congregate on Sunday, June 29 from 2:00-4:00pm at the City of Bath Library Park, located at 33 Summer St. and on Washington Ave. Presentations will be given by representatives from BBBS and the City of Bath, a general prayer and the blessing of the rides will follow. There are numerous restaurants and shops within walking distance. All donation proceeds will benefit mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

*There is no registration required. This event is open to the general public.*

**Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event, FMI: 729-7736.**

**Hot Rods**

**Custom**

**Cars & Trucks**

**Classic**

**Antique**

# Community Support

**Mark Your Calendars:  
The Big Swing Charity Golf  
Wednesday, August 27, 2008  
Highland Green, Topsham**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is once again teeing off for “The BIG Swing” charity golf tournament. This tournament will benefit more than 600 children in our community and school-based mentoring programs. Please consider participating in the tournament as a sponsor or by forming a “team” of four! For a donation of \$125.00 per golfer or \$450.00 a foursome you will enjoy 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, and plenty of great giveaways! Mulligans and strings will be available.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

Major Sponsor \$2,500—**Bath Iron Works**

Corporate Event Sponsor \$1,000

**Bill Dodge Auto Group**

Golf Ball Sponsor \$700

**Re/Max Riverside**

Hole-in-one Sponsor \$600

Water Bottle Sponsor \$500

Cart Sponsor \$500

Lunch Sponsor \$300

T-shirt Sponsor \$200

Hole Sponsor \$150



For more information, or to confirm your participation and in support of “*The BIG Swing*” please contact Connie Hartley at 729-7736 ext. 10

Email: [Executive@bbbbsbathbrun.org](mailto:Executive@bbbbsbathbrun.org)



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Dear Friends:

Where do I begin talking about 2007? Looking back I just have to smile! It was truly a record year for BBBS of Bath/Brunswick. From building upon strong business and community partnerships, creating an amazing staff, developing a strong foundation through new board members, to reaching record numbers of children being served. In combination of our Community and School-Based mentoring programs we exceeded our goal with a total of 626 matches. We have been informed by the BBBS National office that to date our agency has served the greatest number of children in need while working with the lowest dollar amount per match in the state! We are very proud of this recognition and continue to strive to support these record numbers during challenging financial times. As ED of this wonderful organization I could not be prouder. As a team, the Bigs, School-Based mentors, staff, volunteer board members, and partners are all included in this success story. Together we have all made this agency what it is today. We have proven that we “do a lot with a little” and will continue on this mission. We should all be very proud and grateful to be involved with such a wonderful mission driven organization, and also celebrate together what was an amazing year. As we celebrate that success we should never lose sight of why we are all here: the children in our community! Thank you to everyone involved in this agency, I share gratitude to all of you for your involvement and truly love what we all do! I wish you a wonderful, warm, fun filled summer!

Sincerely,  
Connie Hartley, Executive Director

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