

Match Anniversaries

January

8 Years
Ronnie-Rose Devitt & Toni Hicks

7 Years
Albulena Ramushi & Lauri Maher

6 Years
Johnny Myers & Charles Ross
Lisa Rager & Katy Charlson

5 Years
Nezire Ramushi & Barbara Betty
Anthony Costa & Scott Price
Tracy Chapman & Lisa Capoccia

3 Years
Tommy Smith & Steve Johnson
Cody Falsetto & Dan Zyph Jr

2 Years
Sha'Niah Card & Cassy Jones
Katrina Billings & Sara Bozarth

1 Year
Deon Bertelsen & David and Mary Menard
Levi Jacobs & Rick Mullins
Jaidyn O'Connor & Tricia Campbell

February

6 Years
Chelsea Bass & Shirley Terry

4 Years
Kaitlin Copper & Nicole Quarnstrom
Bradley Ruple & Chris Luther
Billy Robertson & Donald MacDonald
Kayleigh Wells & Tonya Sherman

3 Years
Shyla Chapman & Liz Gulick
Ashlynn Lautermilch & Kallie Mills
Courtney Hoerner & Jamie Bonga

2 Years
Dakota Nelson & Glenn Jacklin
Jordan Spooner & Erik Campbell
Alexis Grout & Kelli Aiken
Patrick Ahern & Garrett Flowers

1 Year
Skyler Strothers & Tim Creen
Gavyn Parsons & James Davis
Melody Kinney & Brooke Armendariz
Brandy Myers & Nicole Breen
Casey Ann Myers & Lynn Wichman
Camy Penick & Brook Berger
Amanda Hanson & Amanda Bernhart
Tausha Robinett & Dru Pauckert
Eryka Smith & Mikel Allen
Patience Stockler & Claire Peterson
Nate Pergl & Craig Lambert

New Matches

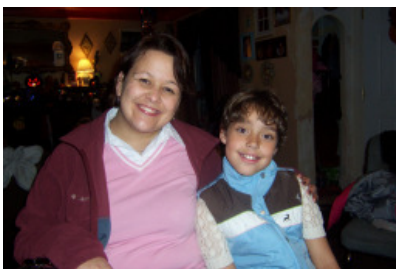
Christian Day &
Rick Bennett and Sarah Davis
Jerehmey Tadlock & Steve
Schaubel

Megan Seitz & Alice Thibault
Kayla Tecca & Gina Ruggiero
Austin Lautermilch & Cary Hawk
Gabby Phillips & Barbara Walters
Alecia Wilbourne & Cris Duvall
Zachary Newman & Chris Day
Meagan Stavanja & Jan Bontrager
Taylor Altieri & Taryn Chuter
Sonya Hall & Leanne Larkin
Emily Snyder & Pat Johnson
Jaimie Walden & Rachel Scott
Jocie Smith & Stacey Lauterbach
Dallas Broshears & Kelsie Mauer



Chelsea Ricard of Starbucks Coffee
2008 Community Partner of the Year

NEW BIGS AND THEIR LITTLES



Cris Duvall & Alecia Wilbourne



Jerehmey Tadlock & Steve Schaubel



Leanne Larkin & Sonya Hall



The Community Partners program has been in existence for over ten years. During that time hundreds of thousands of shoppers have registered their cards; many of those cards have been lost or shoppers have moved away.

In order for the program to more accurately and fairly represent the efforts of active groups, Albertson's is requiring supporters to relink their cards. If you have an Albertson's Preferred Card (the savings card that you scan at the time of your purchase) please relink your card at www.albertsonscp.com.

Please logon to the website, enter your Preferred Card number and the Big Brothers Big Sisters ID #49000109710. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office at 328-8310 and we would be happy to enter your number for you. This has been an on-going successful fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Please help us to continue receiving a portion of the money you spend at Albertson's.



A special thanks to:
Positive Life Radio and
Carol Corbin

for helping us make "Little Moments. Big Magic."
Big Brother Big Sisters interview was aired on
Friday, December 12, 2008 and Sunday, December 14.

Every opportunity to reach our community
with the proven impact of our mentoring
is a step in the right direction.

Board Members of the Year

Kathy MacEnulty



Jerome Rauen



IMAX and Ice



Join us at Riverfront Park on Saturday, January 24 for IMAX and Ice. The cost is \$10 per participant and includes lunch; pay when you check-in at 11:00 am at the upper level eating area in the pavilion (please - cash or check, no credit/debit cards). Admission includes a regular IMAX movie, miniature golf, ice skating and skate rental. If you and your Little would like to attend be sure to call the office at 328-8310 to sign up.



Starbucks Coffee will match community partners with 10 unmatched children. If you have an unmatched child who would like to attend, please contact the office for details.

The Chase Youth Commission has launched a monthly newsletter; inside you will find reviews of recent events, spotlights on student members, and ways for youth and adults to participate in activities such as the Chase Youth Awards or Battle of the Bands. Please view the newsletter at their website - www.chaseyouth.org



Pony Tales Youth Services is a free teen center that has opened its doors at the Northtown Mall, 2nd Floor - next door to Khol's. The center offers free tutoring, hip-hop classes, recording studio, workshops, job training, and community service projects; must show high school or middle school I.D. for entry.

For more information contact Kitara McClure, at 509-216-0831

The agency needs current contact information, so notify either the Spokane or Kootenai office of any changes regarding your phone number, address or e-mail address.

And when contacted by your Match Support Specialist, **please return the call** - it is important that regular contact is maintained.





A Big Night Out



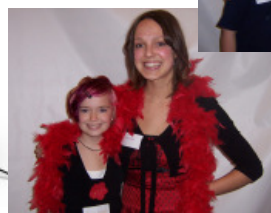
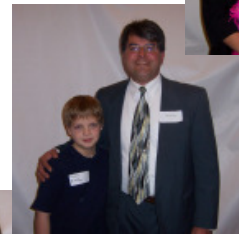
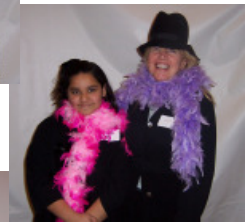
Judy Moxley
Big Sister of the Year



John Ledgerwood
Big Brother of the Year



Jennifer & Marty Gonzales
Couple of the Year



January National Mentoring Month

January 6, 2009 at 6:00 pm - City Hall: City Council Chambers at 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd **National Mentoring Month Proclamation**
Help celebrate Mayor Verner's proclamation declaring January National Mentoring Month for the people of Spokane!

January 19, 2009 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm - River Park Square **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Resource Fair**
Look for the Inland NW Mentoring Partnership table at Spokane's annual celebration and community-action extravaganza.

January 27, 2009 at 8:00 am - City Hall: Chase Gallery & City Council Chambers **Mayors for Mentoring Call to Action Ceremony**
Join the celebration of the impact of mentoring in Spokane and a call to action to bridge the mentoring gap that exists in our community.



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January Volunteer of the Month

By Bruce Woods
Match Support Specialist

Tonya Sherman was matched with Kayleigh Wells on February 21, 2005. More than three years have passed and Tonya and Kayleigh are still going strong. Kayleigh said "Tonya encourages me to excel in school and set goals. She is a friend, mentor, and someone I can go to for advice". Tonya took Kayleigh to Seattle where she arranged for her to tour the University of Washington and took her to Albertson's where she filled out her first employment application. She has helped her with homework and they have spoken to the Downtown Kiwanas about their experience with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Here are some of the activities they have participated in: playing tennis, having a slumber party, watching movies, skiing at Schweitzer, attending the Golf Classic, going out to dinner, spending time on Vashon Island digging clams and fishing. Kayleigh caught all the fish! Kayleigh's mother, Robin, said that Tonya has been a fantastic Big Sister for Kayleigh and she knows that they will continue their relationship long into the future.

February Volunteer of the Month

By Diana Cote-Smith
Match Support Specialist

Liz Gulick has been a Big Sister to Little Sister Shyla Chapman for almost 3 years. Liz and Shyla always attend the BBBS summer picnic and the yearly Volunteer Awards Dinner and participate in many other activities together. These included shopping and just "hanging out" at the mall or going out to dinner and getting caught up on what each of them were doing. They have had "sleepovers" at Liz's home where according to Shyla they played board games, watched movies and laughed and laughed. Even when Liz went on an educational trip for three months she stayed in contact with Shyla by phone, e-mail and sending pictures of where she went. Shyla was very happy when Liz returned from her trip in September and even though Liz is very busy with school and a part time job they still took the time to go to the corn maze this fall and Shyla said they screamed and laughed and just had a great time. Liz knows that being a Big Sister is being a friend to a child and she certainly is doing a great job with her Little Sister. Thank you Liz for being a mentor to Shyla.