

MATCH OF THE MONTH FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County announce Big Sister Mandy Mescher, of Sidney, and Little Sister Kenna Knight, of Sidney, have been selected as August Match of the Month. Kenna is the daughter of Julie Curtner and Anthony Knight. Mandy and Kenna have been matched since February, 2011.

Mandy was inspired to become a volunteer Big Sister mentor after a Dr. Phil show regarding getting involved in the community to be a positive role model. A work colleague has demonstrated the ability to empower even through adversity, which has inspired Mandy in her role as a Big Sister to a vulnerable child. She finds being a positive role model is “rewarding” and appreciates being able to “influence a child in a positive way, and teach a child to respect others.”

Kenna was initially enrolled in the program in 2009, at age 7. At that time, she enjoyed coloring, drawing, riding a bike, and playing ball. Her mother described her as helpful, outgoing, and said she gets along well with other children. Julie wanted Kenna to have the opportunity to do additional activities with another adult.

Mandy, Kenna, and Julie are all pleased with the match. Julie likes the positive experience for Kenna and says, “They get along very well, and Kenna enjoys spending time with Mandy.” Kenna reports, “Mandy is a lot of fun, and we have a lot in common.” Mandy is thrilled with their match and keeps upbeat about their growing relationship. “Kenna is thankful for every activity we do together.”

Mandy and Kenna continue to meet regularly, at least two times per month. They enjoy eating ice cream cones, hiking in Tawawa Park, baking cupcakes, playing games, watching movies, roller skating, walking the dog, attending acrobatic competitions, and so much more!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County is a non-profit United Way member, social service agency. Lisa Brown is Executive Director of the agency. The program specializes in matching children from at-risk families with adult volunteer Big Brothers and Sisters. These adults provide children with positive role modeling, as well as new educational and social activities. If you would like to make the difference in the life of a child but are unable to volunteer at this time, Big Brothers Big Sisters has many other opportunities throughout the year for others to become involved. Learn more about our agency by logging onto www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org or calling 937-547-9622 or 937-492-7611.



Attached Photo: Big Sister Mandy Mescher, of Sidney, and her Little Sister Kenna Knight, of Sidney, enjoy spending time together. Kenna is the daughter of Julie Curtner.