
NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County is pleased to announce the newest volunteers in the core mentoring program.

LaDonna Hufford, of Sidney, likes to help others, and especially enjoys being with children. She enjoys exercising, camping, fishing, and canoeing. She looks forward to playing board games and getting to know her new Little Sister. LaDonna's goal is to make sure her Little feels safe and cared for.

Anastasia Rose lives on a farm in rural Anna. She enjoys bowling, cake decorating, watching movies, playing video games, and playing softball. Anastasia likes to see children happy and feels she can help create happiness for a Little. She looks forward to being a help as she provides a positive role model.

Kendra Wheeler, of Versailles, likes watching movies, reading, taking online courses, and hanging out with friends. Kendra was a Big Buddy in the after-school program. She continues to work with children at a daycare, and started a youth group at her church. She wants to be a positive role-model because children look up to adults and learn from them.

Richard Meyers, of Sidney, enjoys riding motorcycles, watching movies, and watching TV. Since his daughters are grown, Ric volunteered to become a mentor to stay active with youth. He wants to be a friend who is available to talk to when his Little Brother needs someone.

Jeffrey Clark, of Sidney, heard of the need for volunteer mentors at a United Way speech and decided to apply, as his own children are now grown. Jeff is interested in NASCAR and enjoys watching football and baseball, watching History Channel on TV, cooking, fishing, and making home improvements. He enjoys children and likes to see them happy.

Abigail Ball, of Sidney, enjoys working with children because it makes her feel like a child again herself. She was previously a Big Buddy in the after-school program, and at age 18 is eligible for the community program. Abigail enjoys cheerleading, gymnastics, working at the YMCA, and being involved in school and community activities. Abigail is a senior in high school. Her new Little Sister is eager to practice cheerleading with Abigail.

Mariah Reitz, of Greenville, is a senior in high school, but at age 18, she is eligible to be a volunteer in the Core program. She previously was a mentor in the after-school Buddies program. Mariah likes being with children and appreciates their eagerness to try new things. She is eager to share her interest in cake decorating, movies, and the outdoors with her new Little Sister.

Megan Hilderbrand, of Greenville, was also in the Buddies program. She is now pursuing a degree in pre-K education. Because of her strong desire to work with children and help out in the community, she decided to become a Big Sister. She likes that children are eager to learn.

Sherry Tracy lives in rural Sidney where she cares for animals in need. She has worked with animals through the Humane Society of Dayton Education Program and pet therapy in Dayton city schools. She has helped children through Hospice for Children and Montgomery County JVI Correction. She looks forward to focusing on being a friend to her new Little Sister and helping her achieve success.

Tim LeMaster, of Botkins, assists with youth ministry at his church, and looks forward to helping a child in the community by being a positive role model and friend to his new Little Brother. Tim enjoys church activities, traveling, mountain climbing, camping, and canoeing. He will also play Xbox and watch movies with his Little.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County is a non-profit United Way Member Agency, Lisa Brown, Executive Director. The program specializes in mentoring children who face adversity 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 become a volunteer and put a little magic in the life of a child please call the BBBS office at 492-7611 or 547-9622.