
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.

Erica Payne is an LPN and is studying for her RN degree. She resides in Anna. Erica looks forward to being active in the program, as she wants to help other. She likes the way children become excited over simple things. She and her new assigned Little will enjoy time together twice a month walking her dogs, playing Wii, and sharing activities they both enjoy doing together as they get acquainted and develop their relationship.

Jessie Hoffman lives in Versailles and is a speech-language pathologist in Darke County. She read in the newspaper about the local Big Brothers Big Sisters program and decided to help out. She likes the honesty in children. She enjoys their humor and says they brighten her day. Jessie paints, rides bikes, and watches sporting events as time permits. She previously mentored children through a church program. She looks forward to modeling good behavior and being a good listener.

Mandy Mescher was inspired to volunteer when she watched a Dr. Phil show regarding being a positive role model in the community. She wants to be involved as a mentor to her Little Sister. Mandy enjoys watching movies, hair styling, lake activities, and walking her dog. She looks forward to sharing activities and being a positive influence in her Little's life.

Nikole Fasnacht applied to become a volunteer mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters to have an active part in the life of a vulnerable child. She loves the unconditional love or acceptance that children show. Kendra lives in the country near Greenville. She enjoys scrapbooking, games, reading, and cake decorating. Nikole looks forward to building a long term relationship with her newly assigned Little Sister. She wants to, "be there and offer encouragement and support."

Shannon Langston, of Greenville, is a high school biology teacher and 4-H advisor for an equine 4-H club in Darke County. She enjoys working with her horse and home remodeling. Shannon appreciates the ability of children to get excited about the little things in life. In her experience as a teacher, she sees the need for role models, and realized she can help a child. In spite of the difficult situation some children live in, Shannon values that, "they still continue to attend school with a smile on their face and laughter." She looks forward to spending time at the park and playing Wii and board games with her new Little Sister.

Jill Bittinger, of Sidney, applied to become a Big Sister in order to spend more time with children. She enjoys traveling, reading, bowling, and eating out with friends. She likes the enthusiasm in children, and will build on that as she and her Little Sister get acquainted. Jill looks forward to developing their relationship and showing interest in and support for her new little friend.

Lisa Schulze has great interest in social work and provides respite care for a young teenager on weekends. She also tutors two days each week for the Salvation Army Literacy Program. Lisa decided to get a Little Sister through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program after an email featuring a child on the waiting list was forwarded to her. Lisa lives on a farm in Yorkshire. She looks forward to riding bikes and getting outside to enjoy the fresh air with her new Little Sister.

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 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 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.