

## MATCH OF THE MONTH FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



*Above: Big Sister Nicole Sproat, of Botkins, and her Little Sister Amber Stotler, of Sidney, shared time recently getting a snack. Amber is the daughter of Tammy Farris.*

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County announce Big Sister Nicole Sproat, of Botkins, and Little Sister Amber Stotler, of Sidney, have been selected as January Match of the Month. Nicole Sproat celebrated their four year match anniversary this month.

Amber was entered into the program at age eight, when she liked to color and play with toys. She hoped for a Big Sister who would take her biking, to the park, and to eat at McDonalds.

Their match started four years ago, and they have been “having a blast since then,” according to Nicole. They like to go to new places and try new activities, but often enjoy just hanging out at the house. Amber loves spending time with Nicole’s 11-month old son.

Among their favorite destinations are Dayton Mall, Newport Aquarium, Ohio Caverns, and Charleston Falls. They enjoy spending time at various parks, and

recently did quite a bit of cooking. Their next project will be to sew some baby items for friends.

Nicole appreciates Amber's willingness to try new things. She enjoys the "break away from the normal routine of things," and "trying to make a positive impact." Amber's mom, Tammy, said the match "means so much" to her, because Amber has privileges to go out and get fresh air. "The program helped Amber, because now she's more comfortable around others and it's easier for her to create new friendships with others."

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 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. New this program year was the award of the Dannon Next Generation Grant. Money received from this award will enable the agency to inspire and promote Healthy Living within all of our programs. 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](http://www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org) or calling 937-547-9622 or 937-492-7611.