

# MATCH OF THE MONTH FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County announce Big Sister Allison Mount, of Sidney, and Little Brother Shane Marlow and Little Sister Megan Marlow, of Sidney, have been selected as April Match of the Month. They have been matched since June, 2010. Shane and Megan are children of Chuck and Theresa Marlow, of Sidney.

Since the match began, Allison has energetically accepted her match with the Marlow siblings. Her enthusiasm for fun activities has inspired the children to become more social and active.

Shane, 13, and Megan, 11, were enrolled in BBBS for the opportunity of additional activities outside the home. Shane reports that Allison is very nice and spending time with her is fun. Megan also enjoys spending time with Allison, "because she makes it fun." Theresa likes the variety of experiences for the children, and appreciates Allison's help in enriching their lives and helping them have fun.

Allison admires the energy of children and their passion for life. She enjoys being with children and appreciates watching the learning and growing process. Her favorite aspect of being a mentor is, "being able to influence their lives in a positive way! It is amazing just watching them explore the world and learn new things and grow. Shane and Megan have been a wonderful blessing to me." Being involved with BBBS is "a great service to children in the area!"

They all enjoyed attending the Shelby County Fair in 2010, and hope they have the opportunity to share the excitement there again this year. They also attended the kids' festival at the fairgrounds last fall and the agency Christmas party held at Bel-Mar Lanes. During the winter, they had a chance to visit the library together. Now they are eager to get outside for their next match activity!

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.



*Big Sister, Allison Mount, and her Little Brother Shane Marlow and Little Sister Megan Marlow, of Sidney, enjoyed attending the agency Christmas party last December. Shane and Megan are the children of Chuck and Theresa Marlow.*