

MATCH OF THE MONTH FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County announce Big Sister Tara Thomas, of New Madison, and Little Sister Liz Harless, of Hollansburg, have been selected as June Match of the Month. Tara and Liz have been matched since January, 2008.

According to her grandmother, Margaret Hawes, "Liz looks forward to EVERY time she gets to do an activity with Tara. It doesn't matter what the activity is; Liz looks forward to them all. She enjoys her company, and since Liz has been matched with Tara, she has grown socially, and this is great to see."

Little Sister Liz stated, "Tara and I have so much in common that it is almost like we are true sisters. I can talk to her about anything or any problem, and she is there to listen."

"We have a lot in common," added Big Sister Tara. "I can see how the Big Brothers Big Sisters program helps make a difference in the lives of children, and Liz makes it easy and fun for me to be her Big Sister."

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. New this program year was the award of the Dannon Next Generation Nutrition Grant. Money received from this award has enabled the agency to inspire and promote a theme of "Healthy Living for a Lifetime" 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 or calling 937-547-9622 or 937-492-7611.

To help build more strong matches such as this, please consider taking part in our upcoming 5k Duck N' Run/Walk which is being held in conjunction with our Rubber Duck Race. Both of these events will be held in Tawawa Park in Sidney at the Geib Pavilion on Thursday, June 23! You can log on to the website and download a flyer to the 5k or log on to speedyfeet.com. To purchase your duck ticket you can stop in at the BBBS Sidney office, Ron & Nita's, Meyer's Garage and Drive Thru in Newport, or you can purchase them with credit card either on our website or calling in payment to the office. We are hoping this year the 5k will be the largest on the Shelby County 5k tour, so please come out to support the children in this community!



Above: Big Sister, Tara Thomas, and her Little Sister Liz Harless, of Hollansburg. Liz is the daughter of Lisa Larsh and the granddaughter of Margaret Hawes.