

MATCH OF THE MONTH FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County announce Big Brother Larry Schultz, of Piqua, and Little Brother Joseph Jaskiel have been selected as July Match of the Month. Joseph lives in Sidney with his aunt, Angel Barker. Larry and Joseph have been matched since May, 2010.

Larry enjoys being a Big Brother and realizes the impact of sharing his time, knowledge, and life experiences has on Joseph. Their relationship has become important to both of them. Larry reports, "Joseph is fun to be with. He keeps me laughing. He tells some great stories; at least I think they are stories."

Joseph likes to hang out at Larry's house and help him in the garden. According to Larry, "I love to garden...it's in my blood." They also play soccer or grill out, and when they play Wii, Joseph wins at tennis, and Larry wins at bowling. Joseph chooses Cazadores as his favorite place to eat with Larry. He also enjoys watching the Red's and Dragon's games and car races. Larry included Joseph in the family Thanksgiving dinner, as well as a more recent family reunion.

Joseph says being matched with Larry has helped him be nicer and more caring. Larry tells him to always work hard, and has helped him with reading, writing, and spelling.

Angel appreciates the encouragement Larry gives Joseph. "Joseph looks up to him," she says. "He's a good role model. He's helping Joseph make better choices."

Larry comments, "Being a Big Brother/Sister is a great experience. You just 'feel good' when you spend time with your Little Brother/Sister. Knowing that you can make a difference in a child's life is a rewarding, positive feeling. It's not the quantity of time, but the quality of time you spend with your Little Brother/Sister that is important. BBBS is a wonderful program."

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. 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.

Attached Photo: Big Brother Larry Schultz, of Piqua, and his Little Brother Joseph Jaskiel, of Sidney, enjoy gardening together. Joseph is the nephew of Angel Barker.

