
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County Hosted "Quarters for Kids"

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The local Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted a Quarter for Kids Auction at the Newport Sportsmen's Club in Houston on Friday, April 1. This fundraiser was an effort to raise funds to help keep after-school programs up and running.

Quarters for Kids is an event that is part auction/part raffle where you can win great items for as little as a quarter and help support the kids in your community. The agency had many wonderful items donated for this event. Items available included products by Scentsy, At Home America, 31 Gifts, It's Just Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Nelly Cuddles, Tupperware, and many more donations from local businesses and direct sales consultants. Other items included Reds tickets, gift baskets, jewelry, Easter décor, and, several gift certificates to local restaurants, salons, and other businesses, many valued between \$25 and \$50. Agency officials were pleased with the community and their willingness to offer support through monetary donations and auction items.

The agency raised over \$2,000 from this event with 123 people in attendance. Kelli Berger, Versailles native and assistant program coordinator, chaired up the event again this year.

Locally, the two-county agency of Big Brothers Big Sisters now serves nearly 300 children in Shelby and Darke County through its community-based and High School mentoring programs. At this time the agency has 44 children on a waiting list in need of a volunteer mentor. "It is hoped that this fundraising event will not only bring dollars to the local agency, but awareness of the need for volunteers," says Lisa Brown, Executive Director.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County, a United Way member social service agency, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help vulnerable children beat the odds and reach their full potential, by matching children with volunteers to develop and nurture quality relationships. The relationship is meant to guide each child towards becoming a confident, competent, and caring individual. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may call the office at 937-492-7611, 937-547-9622 or log on to the agency website at www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org.