

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Of Shelby & Darke County

Vectren-Event Sponsor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke Counties Bowl For Kids Sake 2009

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Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. has recently donated \$5,000.00 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby and Darke County. The donation was presented to the agency this past Friday at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office in Sidney. The funding gives Vectren Energy the title of Event Sponsor for the upcoming annual fundraising event, Bowl for Kids Sake 2009.

The funding comes at an opportune time for the agency which now serves around 500 children in Shelby and Darke County through its community-based and school-based mentoring programs. The number of children served by the two-county agency continues to rise. The recent donation will help support current matches in the community and assure that any child that is need of services is not turned away.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop and mature quality relationships between children and volunteers. The relationship is meant to guide each child towards becoming a confident, competent, and caring individual. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, you may call the office at 547-9622 or 492-7611.

Efforts are currently underway to recruit teams and corporate sponsors for the agency's annual "Bowl For Kids' Sake" event. The event is set for March 6 & 8, 2009 at Bel-Mar Lanes in Sidney and Mc Bo's Lanes in Versailles. Bowl for Kids' Sake is open to the public, and local community members can form 4 – 5 person teams. Each team member collects donations and comes out to enjoy the party. New for 2009 is the Big Bowl sponsorship for \$1,000 which includes a five-person team, lane banner, corporate logo on the Agency website, t-shirts, banners, and all literature. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$600 where a company enters a five-person team of the company's employees; this includes a Company lane banner, Company logo listed on the Agency website, and Company logo on the back of over 500 t-shirts that will be given out the day of the event. Team sponsorships are available for \$300 where a company enters a five-person team of the company's employees; this includes a company lane banner. A Lane Sponsorship for \$125 includes the company name placed on a large banner above one of the lanes during the day-long event. All sponsor names are announced throughout the day. This event will hold a Hollywood theme with the grand prize being a shopping spree. Many other prizes are involved including Gift Certificates to local restaurants and retail gift certificates. Anyone interested should call the office at 547-9622 or 492-7611 to obtain more information. Registration can also be completed on the web at <http://www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org/>.

Attachment: Local Vectren Representative Randy Cech presents the donation to BBBS staff member, Lisa Brown.