

## Message from the Executive Director

I cannot begin to convey how proud I am of the BBBS Staff and Board for the way they have delivered in tough times! Their personal commitment to the children of Licking & Perry Counties was most evident all year through their actions. My deepest thanks to them.

As of June 30, 2009, we closed our books for the 2008/2009 year. We had served 791 children in our School-Based and Community-Based programs and, once again, we balanced the budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row! We had set our goals to obtain our ODADAS Certification which we accomplished in February, and, we were thrilled to see the number of School-Based Matches that turned into Community-Based Matches double over the year before. Our goal was (and is) to promote longer, stronger, sustainable matches..... for the longer the match, the greater the impact!

We are proud of our partnership with State Farm and the Yes House as these matches have been made with the understanding of following the student through to high school graduation. Our goal as an agency is to promote within each child a sense of self confidence, academic achievement, and a belief that he/she is in charge of his/her future. Education is the key to making dreams come true and our one-on-one mentoring is making this happen.

All our staff took on line courses through Big Brothers Big Sisters of America this summer to advance their skills in working with youth.

After saying all this, let me just close by saying that our mission is always the center of whatever we do. We exist to help children who, through no fault of their own, need a boost, some encouragement, or just a friend to fill a void that exists in their life. We do this one-on-one, one child at a time.

Jennifer Utrevis  
Executive Director

# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



## OF LICKING AND PERRY COUNTIES



*The Mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking and Perry Counties is to develop confident, competent, and caring youth by providing them with professionally supported relationships with caring mentors.*



## 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

(July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

**2008-2009 EXPENDITURES**

**FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends of Big Brothers Big Sisters,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties faced another exciting year in 2008-2009. Despite a challenging economic environment, the agency continued to provide **support to over 790 children** across Licking and Perry Counties. We also balanced our budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. This would not have been possible were it not for the continued financial support of a generous group of individuals, corporations and foundations. This would not have been possible without the volunteers who serve as Bigs and Mentors in our programs and are willing to dedicate their time.

We are extremely proud of the agency staff that has upgraded their skills with on-line classes from BBBS off America over the summer. BBBS of Licking and Perry Counties were one of a handful of BBBS agencies from around the state to obtain our ODADAS certification in February of 2009. The staff exceeded their goal of children matched that had incarcerated parents. The BBBS agency staff should be very proud of themselves.

We are equally as proud of our largest fundraising events, Bowl For Kids Sake and the Beat Michigan Bash, which had record numbers exceeding 2007 and 2008. The community support has continued to be excellent and we extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given an hour or a dollar to this cause.

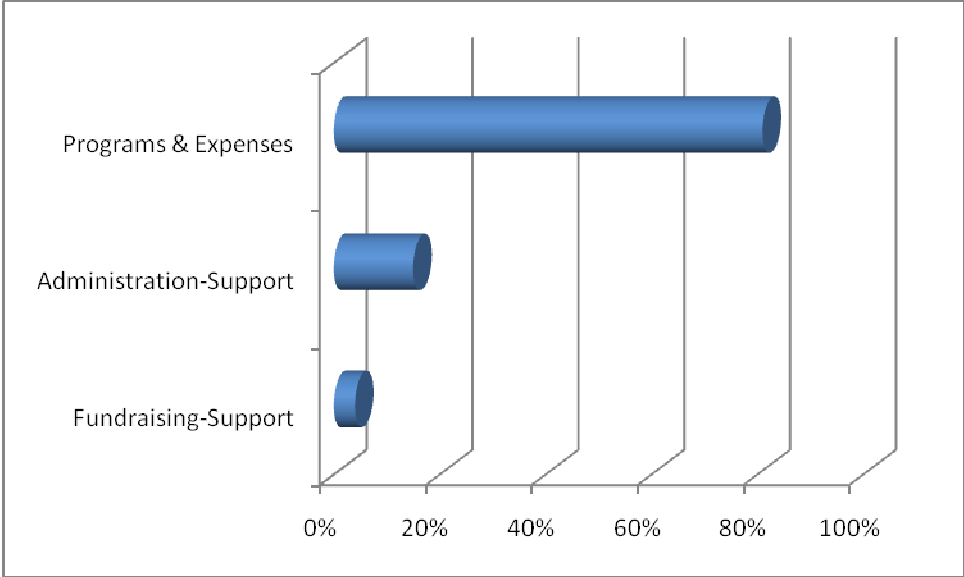
The future for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties is strong. We are proud of the accomplishments of 2008-2009 but look forward to an even stronger 2009-2010. The Board of Directors and Agency Staff are committed to our mission of changing the lives of youth in Licking and Perry Counties.

Sincerely,



Andrew P Guanciale – President

Programs & Expenses	\$300,623	(81%)
Administration - Support	57,221	(15%)
Fundraising - Support	<u>16,440</u>	(4%)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$381,980</b>	



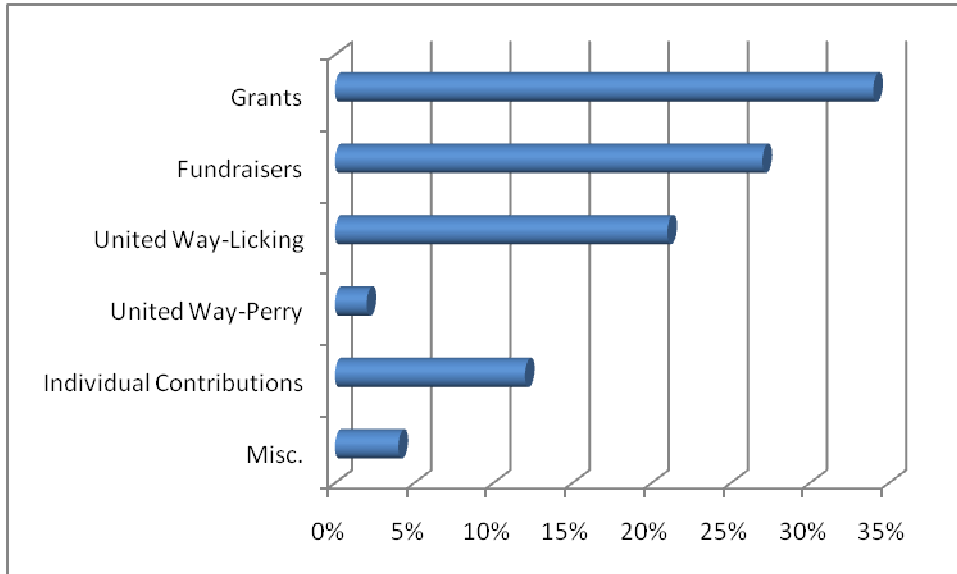
**DID YOU KNOW THAT.....**

-Normally, a “Small Agency” designation by National Big Brothers Big Sisters is defined as “an agency that serves less than 500 children and has a budget of \$500,000 or less.” Last year we served over 791 children (which makes us a “Mid-size agency) but, with a budget of just over \$353,000. We operate on a small agency budget!

-In the past 3 years, we have matched 64 children that have an incarcerated parent through our collaborative efforts with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio and 28 other agencies throughout the state.

## 2008-2009 REVENUE RESOURCES

Grants	\$141,092	(34%)
BBBS Fundraisers	107,556	(27%)
United Way Licking County	81,443	(21%)
United Way of Perry County	7,703	(2%)
Individual Contributions	<u>52,216</u>	(4%)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$406,549</b>	



- 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have balanced the budget!
- We served over 791 children
  - 214 Community Matches (traditional)
  - 577 School-based Matches
- Our Agency was one of a handful of BBBS Agencies to obtain ODADAS certification in February 2009. (Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services)

## OUR VISION

Successful mentoring relationships for all children who need or want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools and better communities for all.

## OUR MOTTO

“Helping children succeed through friendships”

“Success is not about money or power. Real success is about relationships.” -Christopher Reeves



## STAFF

Jennifer Utrevis ▪ Executive Director

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## SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS 2008-2009

### Licking County

#### Newark City Schools

- Ben Franklin Elementary-Lunch Buddies
- Carson Elementary-Lunch Buddies
- Hillview Elementary-Lunch Buddies
- John Clem Elementary-ClemReads & Lunch Buddies

#### Johnstown Monroe Schools

- Oregon Elementary-Big Buddies
- Searfoss Elementary-Big Buddies

#### Lakewood Schools

- Jackson Intermediate-Big Buddies

#### Licking Heights Schools

- Central Intermediate-Big Buddies

#### North Fork Schools

- Newton Elementary-Big Buddies
- Utica Elementary-Big Buddies

### Perry County

#### Crooksville Schools

- Crooksville Elementary-Big Buddies

#### New Lexington Schools

- New Lexington Elementary-Big Buddies

#### Northern Local Schools (Sheridan)

- Thornville Elementary-Big Buddies

#### Southern Local Schools (Miller)

- Millcreek Elementary-Big Buddies

