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Win at the Little Corner,
a feature for all Littles!
(Inside)

Little
corner



LB Shawn P. hangs out in the Riverdogs dugout with one of the players. Shawn was a Batkid at the game.

BATKID PROGRAM

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be allotted more dates for Batkids in the months of June-August. Please contact Chassity at 266-5239 or email her at cwickware@cydc.org to sign up.

Hurricane Preparedness

We all watched in horror as residents of New Orleans who did not have transportation were stranded in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Did you know that Charleston County has bus pick-up points throughout the area so that all residents can get out of danger when a hurricane is approaching? It is important to know where these pick-up points are before a storm. To find a pick-up point close to you call (843) 202-7100, or visit www.charlestoncounty.org. A few other things to remember:

If you have an animal to evacuate with you and you do not have transportation: Contact the Charleston County Emergency Public Information Line at (843) 202-7100, and a vehicle will be dispatched to transport you and your pet(s) to the evacuation animal shelter. Remember to bring all supplies needed for your pet (i.e. crate, collar, leash, food, identification, veterinarian/immunization records, etc.)

If you are disabled and cannot get to the nearest evacuation pick-up point: Contact the Charleston County Emergency Public Information Line at (843) 202-7100, and a vehicle will be dispatched to transport you to the nearest available shelter.

If you need transportation to the nearest shelter during a voluntary evacuation: Contact the Charleston County Emergency Public Information Line at (843) 202-7100 for assistance. Buses will not be picking up residents at the pick-up points during a voluntary evacuation.

For more information on hurricane preparedness go to
<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/pages/pdfs/CharlestonCountyHurricaneGuide2007.pdf>

June 2007

The Big News

MATCH SPOTLIGHT

Ed A. & Keith D.

Date of Friendship: January 15, 2001

We have a special match spotlight this month, written by Terri Dolan, mother of Keith. Thank you for sharing your story!



Keith at age 13 with Ed at his confirmation.

We waited four years to get a Big Brother for Keith. Now, six years later, we find it hard to imagine our lives without Ed's presence in Keith's life, and the lives of myself and my daughter, Amanda.

Growing up without a father is most difficult for a boy. How to learn the lessons so vital to becoming a man when there is no man? Ed became Keith's Big Brother when Keith was 10 years old and with patience, direction, guidance, and leadership, has partnered with me in raising this sweet boy into a thoughtful, loving, funny young man.

Every single football game, Ed is there. Each January when it's time for The Polar Bear Jump, Ed is there. At family picnics with Ed, his children, and his wife, Carolyn, his quiet funny ways mean as much as the best fried chicken and pecan pies! Ed was there for Keith's confirmation. When Keith comes downstairs to speak with me about a philosophical issue, I know there is a new book from Ed upstairs.

Ed is not Keith's biological father. Not his biological brother. But if family bonds can ever be made by



Keith at age 16 with Ed, January 2007

choice, Ed is surely one of ours, and in turn, we feel a part of his.

BBBS Note: Ed has been an enthusiastic supporter of BBBS since he became involved in 2001. In addition to being a great Big Brother to Keith, he is a donor, has served on the BBBS advisory council, and now supports us through his role with our national office. Thank you Ed for all you do!

CHARLESTON AREA Calendar OF EVENTS

Michaels' Kids Club

Stay informed on great craft projects to share and create with kids. Sign up today for the monthly Family Craft Times email newsletter. Each month you will receive project ideas for kids, information on Imagination Saturday events and more ideas to keep kids crafting. Go to michaels.com/familycrafttimes to register.

Kids' Discovery Day
June 11, from 4:00—6:30 p.m.

Do you realize that the shells you pick up on the beaches were once living creatures? Learn about these animals through hands on investigations and create a jelly fish and sea urchin to take home. Please call for further information 843-768-6419 or www.freshfieldsvillage.com

Making Music Camp
June 18-22, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

For children ages 6-12. Taught by Sharon Murray, this will be a musical experience covering a variety of instruments and exploring music in the Gullah tradition. Students will experience music and crafts in a fun way! Call 745-1087 for more information.

Pirates of Charleston
June 2, from 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Staff at the Charleston Museum help your child become a pirate for a day! This includes a pirates code, scars, tattoos, eye patch and a personalized treasure chest. The children will hear pirate stories and then they will use a map to go through the museum to find buried treasure. Educational and exciting for the whole family. Admission/Adults \$ 10 Children \$ 5

Free Teen Art Workshop
June 7, from 4:30—6:00 p.m.

A free teen workshop is being offered for 13-18 year olds the first Thursday of June at the Rhodes Art Center on the Old Naval Base. This workshop will be conducted by the 2006-2007 artist-in-residence Arianne King Comer. Participants will have the opportunity to explore different media including batik and indigo dye process that Arianne studied while in Nigeria. Pre-registration is required before the class for planning purposes by calling 745-1090. The deadline is two days before the workshop.

Little's...

Start Your Essays!

We have more exciting news to share regarding our sponsor Arby's and the partnership with NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth!

In addition to the generous \$5,000 donations Arby's is giving to the local chapters in race cities for every race Matt wins, they are also sponsoring a "Drive To Succeed" essay contest for Little's. The winners (2) will travel to a NASCAR series race in Phoenix in November (with their Big and parent/guardian) to enjoy the race and meet Matt Kenseth.

The "Drive to Succeed" essay contest focuses on racecar driver Matt Kenseth's passion for the sport and how he has dreamed big and worked hard to become one of the leading drivers in the world. Little's are asked to share what drives them to succeed and how they dream big and work hard to reach their goals.

The "Drive to Succeed" essay contest will be awarded in two age categories, 6-11 and 12-18. Every child who enters will also receive an autographed photo of Matt Kenseth.

Please contact Corrie Silvers at 266-5235 or by email at csilvers@cydc.org to request an entry form and contest rules.

FREE ACTIVITY !!

Saturday, June 30th, Original Charleston Walks has agreed to do a Historical Walking Tour for Bigs and Little's. The tour will last about 1 hour and starts at 11 a.m. If you are interested, please call Katie Young at 266-5237 or email her at kyoung@cydc.org to register.

WOWS

A gigantic WOW to LB Hunter B. for being the only kid in his grade to earn straight A's the entire year! What a tremendous accomplishment. Hunter also wrote a poem that was chosen by a local writer to be read as part of a poetry/short story hour during the North Charleston Arts Festival. Hunter never ceases to amaze me. I am so proud of you DH M.D.! From BB Brian L.

A Birthday WOW to LS Pashay F.! From BS Georgeanne S.

WOW to LS Angel C. for receiving a "B" on her Science project. She worked hard on it and had a great attitude about getting it done. From BS Katie S.

WOW to LB's Tevin R. and Darryl M. who are graduating from Memminger Elementary School this year! From Miss Chassity.

A huge WOW to LS's Darian T. and Jasmine M. for graduating from our School-based program and for being EXCELLENT students all year!! From Miss Sharee.

WOW to LS Alexis M. for making such good grades in school this year! From BS Beth D.

A big WOW to Alannah O. for getting up at 5 a.m. every Saturday morning to be part of the Isle of Palms Turtle Swim Team. I am so impressed by your motivation, great job!! From BS Ann D.

WOW to LB Jamaa W. from BS Leah K. for getting excellent comments and grades from his teacher this quarter! I'll miss you when you're in Virginia this summer!

WOW to LS Menyania G. for being invited to a special school luncheon because of her high score on her M.A.P.S. test. From BS Beth W.

WOW to LS Ciera W. for completing the 2nd grade at Spann Elementary and for feeding 3 lorikeets that landed on her at the Columbia Zoo. From BS Sue Ellen G.

WOW to "Little Brother" Palmer R. (he's certainly not little anymore) for having a great 8th grade school year, improving his grades, and for earning an award for perfect attendance. We are very proud of you! From BC Mike and Mary Lou B.

If you would like to share good news for next month, e-mail Corrie at csilvers@cydc.org or tell your match support specialist.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 year of Friendship
Claretta E. & Ra'Shawn E.
Christina Q. & Shanavia J.

2 years of Friendship
Kenneth A. & Adonis B.
Giles B. & Scott L.
Laura W. & Sh'Quavia M.
Mark L. & DJ F.
Bruce J. & Calvin H.
Caroline S. & Michelle W.

MAY MATCHES

Imari D. & Nick S.
Mya S. & Sarah S.
Kathleen T. & Genny L.
Larry L. & Scott & Valerie H.
Aisha R. & Nancy C.
Steven H. & Destin W.
Unique C. & Jacqueline T.
Briona R. & Alisha S.
Malique C. & Julie H.
Montai E. & Angela C.
Guy S. & Brandon M.
Keon L. & Monica & Mark P.

NORTH CHARLESTON SUMMER CAMPS

North Charleston Recreation Department is currently offering many different summer camps throughout the N. Charleston area that are very reasonably priced. For a 9 week camp the cost is \$225, plus a \$50 activity fee. This is significantly lower than most camps in our area. For more information, call 745-1028.



BBBS BEACH BASH

Isle of Palms County Park
June 9, from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

We will have food, drinks and a sandcastle building contest. The Big and Little who build the best castle will win a bicycle (little) and a gift certificate (big). Please remember to bring sunscreen, beach chairs, towels and all necessary equipment for building your castle. Lifeguards will be on duty. There is a \$5 charge per car for parking at the park. Please RSVP to Corrie at csilvers@cydc.org or 266-5235.



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