

March &
April
2009

Match Anniversaries

March

9 Years
Max Bowman & Brian Egger
6 Years
Zack Petersen & Doug Renfrew
5 Years
Jacob Friend & John Bellis
Sara Hartman & Ingrid Hannan
Cody Patrick & Steven McGee
4 Years
Faith Tinker & Allyson Fritz
3 Years
Olivia Babcock & Brook and Barbara
Haley
Matthew Armendariz & Don Nelson
Haili Johnson & Jessica Leach
2 Years
Mariah Runck & Dora-Faye Hendricks
Duncan Zichko & Mike Karras
Austin Sollie & Travis Nelson
1 Year
Harmony Ouimette & Sheila Honnold
Leif Huender-Ensminger & Doug Florer
Chirs Berretto & Carson Schultz
Rodrick Jackson & Kyle Sasser
Saxxon McKinney & Chris Segler
Rebecca Schwarz & Amanda Segler
Dionte Rollins & Kevin Trim
Amanda Larmore & Janice Carr

April

10 Years
Reece Pitts & Ryan Bludau
Nevin Banicki & Rudy Karg
Ben Brekke & Roger Wright
9 Years
Gabe Jensen & Charles Knight
Andereya Bibutsuhoze & Don and Debi
Kaufman
7 Years
Karen Friedrich & Mary Nellenbach
4 Years
Leah Deasy & Linda Reagon
Meghan Heritage & Casey Richards
3 Years
Jacob Baker & David Vowels
2 Years
Hayden Weekly & Steven Spuler
Ashley Shaver & Susan Farmer
Trey O'Connor & Michael coy
Dylan Deno & Troy and Annie Bishop
Kyle Edlin & Kirby Krause
Haley Grout & Cristie Shindelar
1 Year
Kasey Seitz & Jim Pierce
Nathan Cate & Stephen Holcomb
Emily Petersen & Lea Tredwell
Zachary Steele & Alan MacPhee
Marissa Loya & Chardonay Hamilton
Mercedes Gunseor & Marie Napolitan
Elizabeth Painter & Heather Stevens
Jacob Malin & Adam Junker
Robert LeMaster & Barry Samson

New Matches

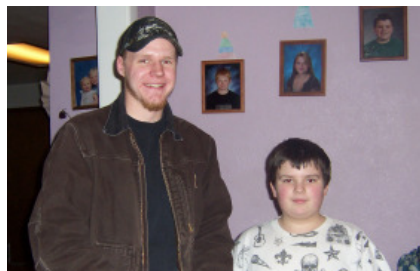
Maddie Bacon & Chandra Barton
Tristan Mitchell & Cody Crandall
Kaleb Trieschmann & Siarah Myron
Logan Corks & Arron Neumayer
Rebekah Guydos & Claudette Moeller
Kate VanVoorhis & Donna Mulligan
Amy VanVoorhis & Carolyn Snavelly
Sarah Randall & Shannon Carruyo
Tishara Wildcat & Angie Azar
Samantha Ove & Lyn Sabin
Stashia Peterson & Stephanie Keller
Grace Anderson & Kami Fox
Kevin Kenton & John Kercher
Briana Swartz & Brittany Duffy
Jonathan Anderson & Dave and Cheryl
Sontag
Dylan Mitchell & Ken and Holly Bassler
Jonathan Taylor & Megan Larson
Destiny Lewis & Chelsea Williams
Jared Rivera & Daniel Bergquist
Samatha Tatt & Katie Sullivan



NEW BIGS AND THEIR LITTLES



Donna Mulligan & Kate VanVoorhis



Cody Crandall & Tristan Mitchell



Amy VanVoorhis & Carolyn Snavelly



The Albertson's Community Partners program has been in existence for over ten years. Every time you scan your Albertson's Preferred Card our agency can receive a small percentage of the money you spend. If you haven't already done so, please go to www.albertson.com and enter your Preferred Card number and the Big Brothers Big Sisters ID #49000109710. This has been an on-going successful fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office at 328-8310 and we will be happy to enter your number for you.



As part of its effort to "Get more kids fishing, more often," the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and C.A.S.T. for Kids

Foundation have teamed with businesses, organizations and volunteers to provide a fantastic fishing opportunity for children ages 5 to 14.

The **Fishing Kids** event will take place on Saturday, May 2 at Clear Lake. For \$5 each, kids fishing this event get to catch and keep a couple of fat rainbow trout, they receive a colorful **Fishing Kids** tee-shirt, and they can **KEEP** the Zebco rod and reel they're given at the start of the event! Pre-registration is required, and the number of kids per event is limited.

To find out more, and to get a registration form, call the Spokane County 4H at 509-477-2166

Join us on Saturday, March 21 at Raptor Reef Water Park in Hayden, Idaho starting at 1 pm.



Enjoy a comfortable 85 degrees year round when you ride the waves in the indoor water park, Raptor Reef; featuring a wave pool, children's lagoon with a 2-story play structure and tipping bucket. Lean back and relax in the indoor/outdoor jacuzzi or ride one of the three amazing slides.

"Lost Falls", our longest tube slide at 400 feet, is full of twists and turns sure to thrill and excite either single or double tube riders.

"Velociraptor Vortex", is what we call our "Superbowl" ride. You start out quickly dropping into a gigantic bowl, where you will swirl and spin until you are flushed into yet another thrilling slide.

"Prehistoric Plunge", is a 300-foot high-speed body slide.

**Height requirements: Body slide-42" min.*

Tube slides: 48" to ride alone and 42" min with an adult on double tube

Wave Pool

Ride the waves in our exclusive wave pool, the only indoor one in the area! With 6 different wave patterns and up to 3-foot waves, it's hard not to imagine your frolicking in a tropical paradise.

Hot Tubs

With all of our slides and wave pool located in 85-degree weather, we're sure you'll be more than comfortable! However, if you like it hotter, our indoor/outdoor hot tub will hold up to 40 people and is a terrific 100 degree's.

The cost for this activity is \$10 per person. Please RSVP at 509-328-8310 or 208-667-0975 if you would like to attend.

REMEMBER !

When contacted by your Match Support Specialist, **PLEASE return the call.**



Also, notify either the Spokane or Kootenai office of any changes regarding your phone number, address or e-mail address.



Pony Tales Youth Services is a free teen center that has opened its doors at the Northtown Mall, 2nd Floor - next door to Kohl's. The center offers free tutoring, hip-hop classes, recording studio, workshops, job training, and community service projects; must show high school or middle school I.D. for entry.

For more information contact Kitara McClure, at 509-216-0831

What if **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Northwest** earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

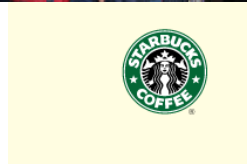
GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter **Big Brothers Big Sisters - Inland Northwest (Spokane, WA)** as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

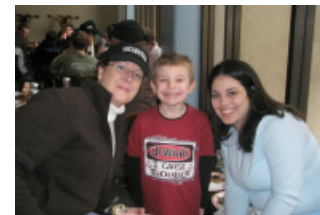
IMAX and Ice



Thank you Panda Express



Starbucks' Bigs for a Day host a group of unmatched Littles



50 WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

that's incredible - how extraordinary! - far out! - outstanding performance - I can't get over it! - amazing effort! - well done - you're a joy - wonderful - marvelous - phenomenal! - great! - superb! - cool! - excellent! - you're special - way to go! - thumbs up - terrific - you tried hard - your help counts! - you make it happen - fabulous! - bravo! - expcetional - you're unique - awesome! - A+ work - you make a difference! - you've made progress - you should be proud! - great imagination! - keep up the good work - what a great idea - you're sensational - super job - good for you - take a bow - right on! - you're tops - you're #1 - very brave - you're amazing - how thoughtful - nice going! - you deserve a hug - breathtaking! - remarkable - you've got it - you're a winner!



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March Volunteer of the Month

By Erin Kent
Match Support Specialist

Big Sister Katy Charlson and Little Sister Lisa Rager recently celebrated six years of being matched. Over the years, Katy and Lisa have enjoyed all sorts of outings together including things such as a skating competition, going to Silverwood, camping, and attending BBBS' annual picnics and volunteer appreciation events. But Lisa and her mother were eager to share one of the most important events Katy has shared with them. Before her grandmother's recent passing, Lisa spent countless hours at the hospital by her grandmother's side. And Katy spent countless hours by Lisa's side. Lisa's mother stated Katy would stay at the hospital late into the evenings until her Little Sister was ready to go and that Katy made the experience easier for Lisa than it would have been without her there. Lisa stated she and Big Sister Katy were truly able to bond through this difficult time. We would like to recognize Katy this month for her ongoing support and commitment to being such a dedicated Big Sister.

April Volunteer of the Month

By Patricia James
Match Support Specialist

Doug Florer and his Little Brother Leif are just celebrating their one year anniversary and I am sure it is the first of many to come. They like to say that Doug is teaching Leif how to do things and Leif is teaching Doug how to be a kid again. When asked, Doug said his favorite thing about being a Big Brother is that he loves the influence they have on each other. When exploring new places with Leif, he sees them through Leif eyes, and it makes everything more fun!

They meet weekly and have done so many things together, from making pizza, building boats, cars and rafts to planting a tree. They have played chess, gone golfing and even designed a snowball launcher. Doug says they never fail at what they try, because they just keep on trying.

These two couldn't be happier with their match, they love laughing and being a little silly sometimes too! Big Brothers Big Sisters thanks you Doug, for your genuine kindness and caring. Way to Go!!!