

Freddie Mac supports Big Brothers and Sisters!!

Big Brothers and Sisters has been so fortunate to have recently received a very generous donation of \$10,000 from the Freddie Mac Corporation.

Freddie Mac assists organizations helping youth and sent the \$10,000 in support of our recent Bowl For Kids* Sake fund-raisers.

Thanks to Ted Tozer, our Big Brother and Board Member, who educated Freddie Mac about our Agency and its important work!
Big Brothers and Sisters names volunteers of the year

More than 100 people turned out as Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties recently named its volunteers of the year at the agency's annual volunteer appreciation banquet at Der Dutchman restaurant in Waynesville.

Chris Garrity, a Maineville resident who has been a Big Brother for 1 1/2 years, is the Warren County Big Brother of the Year. Chris far exceeded anyone's expectations to help his Little Brother Charlie and Charlie's family through some tough times in the last year, said Warren County case manager Conni Wells-Smith.

"He's gone well beyond any expectations we might have for a Big Brother," Wells-Smith said. "Charlie is very lucky to have Chris."

Charlie even got up in front of the crowd to tell everyone just how much Chris' support had meant to him.

Rebecca Ross, a Sabina resident who has been a Big Sister for more than three years, is the Clinton County Big Sister of the Year. Rebecca and her husband, Robbie, did a lot to help Little Brother Justin and his family, even helping to paint the inside of their house, Clinton County case manager Cathy Chasteen said. "She was more than a friend to Justin," Chasteen said. "She was a friend to his whole family."

Amanda Beaver, a senior from Lebanon High School was named School-Based Mentor of the Year. Amanda, who has been a school-based mentor for three years, always has gone above and beyond in her relationships with her Littles, said Rebecca Lemon, school-based mentoring case manager.

"She has always been creative in the time she spends with her Littles," Lemon said. "She puts a lot of time and effort into her relationships."

Special thanks go out to Board President Angela Mitchell for emceeding the proceedings, board member and Big Sister Vicki Kolthoff, who provided the

flowers and board member and Big Brother Ted Tozer, who helped sponsor the dinner.

2004 is the 100th anniversary of Big Brothers and Sisters. Our agency has helped kids in Warren County since 1978 and in Clinton County since 1993. More than 140 kids will be paired with volunteer mentors this year.