

# **QUARTERLY IMPACT NEWSLETTER**

Summer 2025

## Two Summer FUNdraisers in 2025

#### Christmas in July Pickleball Tournament

Twas July 19<sup>th,</sup> and all through Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena, Licking County Sheriff's Citizens' Academy Alumni Association & BBBSLP were sweating, in hopes of raising money to provide Christmas gifts for families in Licking County. The day was filled with pickleball, food trucks, Stella, the Sheriff's K-9 dog, and a special visit by Hawaiian Santa.

Congratulations to the Pickleball Gold Medal winners:
Men's Doubles Skill 3.0: Tyler Ritchey, James Arnold
Men's Double Skill 3.5: Grant Stelzer, Charles Poole
Women's Doubles Skill 3.0: Phylis Smith, Jenny Frey
Women's Doubles Skill 3.5: Amanda Kroftt, Beth Stelzer
Mixed Doubles Skill 3.0: Sara Ritchey, James Arnold
Mixed Doubles Skill 3.5: Andy Davis, Marshall Lynn
Mixed Doubles Skill 4.0: JJ Young, Carlos Del Pozo

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### Family Fun Fest

The third annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Family Fun Festival took place on August 10th. Big thanks to Newark Station for hosting us. Though the temperature was HOT, everyone stayed cool, thanks to Kona Ice. Inflatables were the highlight of the day, but that wasn't all; there was chalk drawing, face painting, balloon animals, and much more. Village Dance shared some cool dance moves. Once the kids were exhausted, they could take refuge in the Library Bookmobile. Summer reading is important, and the traveling library makes it easy to access a great book.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for spreading the FUN!























# Making an Impact in 2025

Our agency is data-driven. The staff meticulously monitors and tracks the progress Littles are making in reaching the annual goals they create with the help of their Big Brother or Big Sister. Coordinators administer initial Outcome Surveys to every Little, and then follow up annually to determine any improvements or areas of need. The Outcome Survey focuses on 10 social-emotional areas such as Academic Performance, Community Connectedness, Avoidance of Risky Behaviors, School Discipline and Attendance, and Depressive Symptoms. We are pleased to share that our Littles maintained or showed improvement in 8 categories, with the largest growth occurring in Emotional Regulation and Social Competence. Our Littles also showed a very significant decrease in School Discipline Referrals.

Our agency also administers an annual Strength of Relationship Survey to all Bigs, Littles, and Schools. This survey allows participants to rate their experience with their matches and with the agency. We are pleased that 98% of our Littles stated, "They feel safe with their Big." 96% of Bigs "Enjoy the experience of being a Big." 100% of school administrators expressed a desire to continue Big Brothers Big Sisters in the 2025-26 school year. The data is in, and mentoring makes a Big difference!

### Youth Outcome Data at a Glance



Risky Behaviors - School Discipline
Impact Data at a Glance

| Measurement<br>Category                | BBBSLP<br>2025 | National<br>BBBSA<br>2025 |
|--|----------------|---------------------------|
| # of Matches                           | 276            | 60,892                    |
| New Matches                            | 208            | 31,279                    |
| # of Youth Served<br>ages 6 - 18 years | 484            | 92,171                    |
| 12 - Month<br>Match Retention Rate     | 63%            | 58%                       |
| Average Match Length                   | 20 months      | 24 months                 |
| Cost per Match                         | \$1,699        | \$3,273                   |

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