Julie Kowalski
2013 Community-based Mentor of the Year

Julie enrolled as a Big Sister in early 2012 because she felt that she had been blessed in her own life and wanted to give back to a child that needed some extra support. Jazmine was enrolled in the program in 2009 because she struggled with social skills and her mom felt that it would be beneficial for her to have the opportunity to try new and different hobbies with a mentor.

Julie and Jazmine hit it off right away and have since formed a close friendship. Julie has helped Jazmine to discover a love of crafting and baking, and they have enjoyed coming up with new projects on an weekly basis. Jazmine’s mom said she has become a regular “Betty Crocker” since being matched to Julie, and even takes it upon herself to bake during her free time at home. In addition to helping Jazmine discover new hobbies, Julie has helped to strengthen Jazmine’s social skills and confidence, which has improved her peer and family relationships. Due to Julie’s consistent friendship and support, they both have no doubt that their relationship will last long after their involvement in the program.

Keith Keller
2013 School-based Mentor of the Year

Keith decided to become a Big Brother in the School-Based program in 2009. He saw it as a great way to give back to local kids that needed some extra support. Keith and Brian were matched in 2010. Brian struggles with ADHD and was referred to the program because his teacher felt that he would benefit from having someone to help him make good decisions and model appropriate social interactions with adults and peers. He also needed someone who could provide one-on-one attention with his school work.

Keith has said that Brian is a great match for him because Keith was a lot like Brian when he was in school. Keith felt like he understood what it was like to be misunderstood and he could help Brian fit in and fulfill his potential. Keith and Brian have worked on many things over the years, but they have been very successful improving Brian’s academic performance and classroom behavior.

Keith is passionate about the program and has been a wonderful mentor. He and Brian are now matched in the Community-based program so that they can continue visits in the summer and over breaks. Keith is also currently mentoring two additional children in area schools. All three of Keith’s Little Brothers benefit greatly from Keith’s friendship and guidance.

Port Washington State Bank
2013 Partner of the Year

Port Washington State Bank (PWSB) incorporates community responsibility into who they are and what they do. Throughout their history, they have demonstrated that commitment with sponsored events and charitable contributions all focused on strengthening the communities throughout Ozaukee County and the surrounding areas.

In 2012, Port Washington State Bank donated over $244,000 to over 150 local charities and other non-profit entities. The monetary donations are in addition to the countless hours their employees volunteer to many organizations. PWSB has been a long-time sponsor of our Bowl for Kids’ Sake event, as well as a leader in recruiting teams to participate in the annual bowling effort. PWSB also helps Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee (BBBS) by supporting their employees to volunteer as mentors in our program, while at the same time encouraging the greater community to participate by promoting volunteer opportunities with BBBS at their branch locations. We are extremely grateful for their partnership and for all that they do throughout the community!
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