



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of Northwestern Michigan

Our Adopt- a-  
Match Program is a  
great way to invest  
in a child's future &  
help support their  
match relationship  
over the course of  
a year.

You can help put a  
little magic into the  
life of a child like  
Jim has done for  
Steve by making  
your contribution  
today.



Dear Donor,

Is your contribution to a Big Brothers Big Sisters match important? I'm sure that question crosses your mind as you sit down to write that check.

Yes! Yes! Five hundred times Yes! Your donation is not only important, it is critical.

Allow me a few paragraphs to explain why it's important and how your dollars make life considerably brighter for one match.

My name is Jim, and I have been matched with Steve for a year and a half. Steve is a twelve year old boy who is very intelligent, but physically and emotionally immature. He has difficulty making friends, so his free time had been filled with the solitary pursuits of video games and Pokemon. Steve's mother was concerned and contacted Big Brothers Big Sisters. Thanks to you, a match between Steve and me was made.

Where did we begin? Steve could not swim, so we began our weekly meetings at a local pool. It required patience, persistence, tons of encouragement, hours in the water and humor, but I wish you could see the smile on Steve's face now as he swims across the pool.

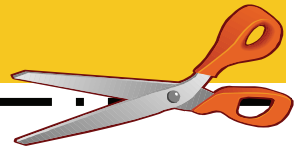
A second challenge involved learning to ride a bicycle. Fear and frustration prevailed for the first month, but eventually encouragement, persistence, and bruised knees resulted in another successful feat. Steve can now be found bicycling around his village as he chases his new found friends.

We are currently spending a lot of time on school homework with an occasional night of swimming, but more challenges await. Steve is slowly learning how to interact with others and adapting to a new found world. I am also benefiting in ways I never imagined.

The critical link in this blooming relationship is Big Brothers Big Sisters. They not only created the match, they monitor and support it. It can't be done without your monetary support.

So on behalf of a young lad who can now swim and bicycle, and an old man who is water-logged and cramping from running behind a bicycle, I thank you. You have blessed two lives with your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Jim



**YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE LIVES!**

Enclosed is my gift of:  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  other \_\_\_\_\_

\$500 (50% Match Sponsor)  \$1000 (Annual Adopt-A-Match Sponsor)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My check in enclosed, made payable to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan

Please charge my credit card:  VISA  MasterCard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  day  evening \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my donation to support matches in:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Antrim	<input type="checkbox"/> Benzie
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlevoix	<input type="checkbox"/> Emmet
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Traverse	<input type="checkbox"/> Kalkaska
<input type="checkbox"/> Leelanau	<input type="checkbox"/> Manistee

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