

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)
Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Service)
Brittani Fisher (CC Phoenix House)
Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square- IHS)
Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension & Outreach)
Michelle Kannedy (CL Resource Center)

Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)
Christy Hagen (Trailblazers)
Carrie Potter (CC Phoenix House)
Cait Schelter (Children's Square IHS)
Audrey Clauson (Family Connections)
Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Introductions and Announcements:

Audrey Clauson (Family Connections) – offering a Building Blocks Parenting class for families with children ages 0-6. Also looking for volunteers to help with the classes.

Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square) – introduced Cait Schelter who will be attending YF meetings in the future as Kimberly's schedule is getting full. Back to School Bash will be held August 1st. More information will be coming.

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) – Upcoming events; Movies in the Park series, Hydrant Parties and community calendar. See attached for more information.

Carrie Potter (CC Phoenix House) – will be organizing a Community Baby Shower. They are looking for people/agencies to be involved in the planning and the day of the event for a resource fair. They will be running mentoring programs in TJ High School (one will be Coaching Boys to Men – for student athletes).

Christy Hagen (Trailblazers) – Just finished their Fishing Outing. Their 4th of July Celebration will be June 27th. This has historically been their biggest event.

Michelle Kannedy (CL Resource Center) – Just held their annual Community Day Parade and Festival. All went well.

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters) – Handed out child enrollment forms (see attached) in English and Spanish. Please have clients fill out if they are interested in participating in the mentoring program.

Spotlight Speaker – Kerry Hacecky – MICAH House

- MICAH House is a homeless shelter and services. They have 23 rooms (21 of them are family rooms and 2 single rooms) and capacity is 90 individuals. People residing there receive all basic needs (food, hygiene products, and clothing).
- A Case Manager is assigned and that individual work with the resident on crisis management and to break down barriers (addiction, parenting, employment, budget/finance classes, etc).
- They have youth programming that finds fun ways to create independence; they work with youth to break the cycle of homelessness.
- There are stay limits – usually 30 days. If the individual is working on their plan and things are in motion, the stay will be extended as needed.
- Resident expectations – each adult has rules to follow and classes to attend (employment, budget, etc.) as well as daily chores to complete.
- Retention – as individuals make choices that go against expectations, warnings are given. If the behavior doesn't change they start a 3 strike procedure to being removed from the shelter. An individual is given numerous chances to stay in shelter. Exception to that is the use of alcohol or drugs, for the safety of others they are asked to leave immediately.
- What causes homelessness in Iowa - #1 is economics (a family crisis, loss of employment). Also substance abuse and mental illness.
- Ways the community can help – donations, they are always in need of food items that are not often thought about with food drives/donations. Things that help make a complete meal (salad dressing, butter, sugar, condiments, etc.). As well as infant items, there are many young babies in shelter at all times.
- Reentry, after leaving, when can someone return – There is a general rule of 6 months before someone can return to shelter. But the staff is always looking at that on a case by case basis. The wait list also affects this. In the spring the wait list is short, it gets longer at the end of the summer.
- Career clothes closet – this is a service that is available to anyone in the community, they do not need to reside in the shelter. Individuals are able to come once a month for 3 complete outfits including accessories. This is a service that is not being utilized to its capacity, please spread the word.
- Kids who are in school and residing at the shelter are able to attend their home school, they are bussed from the shelter. There is a Head Start located on the 2nd floor that residents can attend for free as well as participating in Boys and Girls Club. They try to keep the kids busy.

Prescription Drug Take Back – no updates at this time, planning is still in process for an event in the fall.

Community Calendars – please let the committee know of any events in June, July and August 2015, those events will be added to existing community calendars.

Election Results:

- Chair – Jessica Rayment
- Co-chair – Cindy Goodin
- Secretary / Note-taker – Tiffani Pinkerton

Committee Planning - Marketing & Promotion

We broke into small group to continue to work on possible ideas around Youth & Families Committee and Spotlight on Topics for future meetings. Many good ideas were generated and will be explored more over the summer and again when the group meets up in the fall.

NEXT MEETING – NO MEETINGS IN JULY and AUGUST:

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 8 at 3PM at the Micah House

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 1 at 9 AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org.

Kids & Company June 2015 Family Resource/Fun Calendar







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An elementary before/after school and summer program in Council Bluffs Community School District. Where we do more than just kick ball!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Kids & Company 300 West Broadway, Suite 212, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, Phone: 712-322-8800</p>	<p>1 Say something nice day Wildlife encounters @ South Omaha library 3pm-4pm Pulled pork sandwich meal @ Boxer BBQ 7:49 11am-2pm</p>	<p>2 National Rocky road (ice cream) Wildlife encounters @ Benson library 4-4:45pm \$1 MOVIES @ Regal theaters 10am Kids eat FREE @ Denny's,</p>	<p>3 Running day Raptor Recovery @ Saddlebrook library 10:30-11:15am \$1 movies @ Regal theaters 10am Dr. Oxygen Science W. Dale Clark library 2pm-2:45pm \$1 movie @ regal theaters 10am, Kids eat for \$.99 @ pepperjax</p>	<p>4 Bruce Springsteen releases born in the USA (1984) Teddy bear picnic @ Florence library 10:30-11:30am Book sale @ Swanson library 10am-3pm \$1 off any smoothie @ TCBY yogurt, Kids eat free @ Lamica</p>	<p>5 Hot air balloon day, Sewing for moms and daughters 10-12pm @ Swanson library Kids eat free @ Heartland BBQ, Last day of school</p> 	<p>6 Yo-yo day Kids fishing derby @ arrowhead FREE no license required. St. Lucia festival 12 pm @ Lewis and Clark landing Wildlife encounters @ millard library 1-2pm, Kids eat free @ Ihop, Free Kids Workshop Home Depot 9am-12pm</p>
<p>7 VCR Day Omaha farmers market @ Stinson park 9-1pm St. Lucia Festival @ Lewis and Clark landing 12pm 8.99 sirloin dinner @ King kong, Kids eat free @ Dickey's BBQ</p>	<p>8 World Oceans Kids eat FREE @ Summer kitchen cafe Kids & Company closed for staff training day</p> 	<p>9 First showing of Donald duck (1951), Kids eat FREE @ Blue Planet, First day of summer programming Kids & Company @ Wilson Middle School</p> 	<p>10 Iced tea day Music in the park @ Bayless 6:30pm FREE Farmers market in Papillon @ city park 5pm-8pm, Kids eat free @ Spaghetti Works</p>	<p>11 Corn on the cob day Domestic-pups @ CB library 6:30-7:30pm, Kids meals .99 cents @ Amigos with Adult meal</p>	<p>12 Superman day Big hero 6 @ Summit theater FREE gates open @ 7:30pm movies in the park @ Bayless 9pm FREE Kids eat FREE @ Huh! @ select Omaha locations</p>	<p>13 World juggling day 8.99 breakfast buffet @ Apple Barrel Fare and food alley walk @ Stinson park 9-11am Family education program @ Heron Haven 10am FREE, Free Kids Workshop Lewes 10am-11am</p>
<p>14 Fling day \$3 movie @ Marcus theater 10am Farmers market @ Florence mill 10am-3pm Read with Rosie the dog @ Abrahams library 4pm-5pm, Kids eat free @ Sam and Lonie's</p>	<p>15 Nature photography day Movies @ Turner Park FREE begins @ sunset Kids eat FREE @ Noodles and company 12:45 & L location only, Kids eat free @ Spaghetti works</p>	<p>16 Fudge day kids eat free @ Fazoli's Genji steakhouse kids eat free</p>	<p>17 Stewart's Root beer day 6:30pm Free Summer nights @ Kroc Kids eat free @ Paradise Bakery and Cafe</p>	<p>18 Recess at work Kids eat free at McCoy's @ Thunderbowl</p>	<p>19 Garfield the cat day, 5:30pm- free family movie night Kroc center 7:30pm- Starlight movie series @ Summit Amphitheater- Papillon 8:00pm movie night @ Camp Fontanelle, Kids eat at Paradise Bakery and Cafe</p>	<p>20 Bald eagle day, All day the Kroc center celebrates father's day, Kids eat free @ heartland BBQ</p>
<p>21 Father's Day grill out @ southwest YMCA Kids eat free @ Sam & Lonie's,</p>	<p>22 Smurfs day, Kids eat for \$.99 @ Firehouse Subs, First day of Summer Exploration at Hoover Booservet</p> 	<p>23 Pink flamingo day (lawn ornament), Kids eat free @ Chesebrough in Paradise</p>	<p>24 1664 colony of New Jersey is founded, 5:30pm special events @ Papillon farmers market, 6:30pm free summer night @ Kroc, Kids eat for .99 at Pepperlax's</p>	<p>25 Bomb pop day, Kids eat for .99 @ Applebee's</p>	<p>26 Take your dog to work day 7:30pm Starlight movie series @ Summit Amphitheater, Kids eat free @ Paradise Bakery and Cafe</p>	<p>27 Sunglasses day 10am Stars and stripes day at Gifford farm, 11am free craft for kids @ Lakeshore learning store, Happy hour @ Sonic from 2-4 everyday</p>
<p>28 Log cabin day, All day- Mary Poppins at the Rose theater, Kids eat free @ Dickey's BBQ</p>	<p>29 Camera day, Kids eat free @ Julio's</p>	<p>30 Meteor day, Kids eat free @ Villagio pizzeria</p>	<p>Kids & Company does not sponsor or endorse the organization's or activities described in this material.</p>	<p>The distribution of this material is provided as a community service & resource for families using Kids & Co.</p>	<p>Please call company before attending. Info/events are subject to change</p>	

Please look at the back of this calendar for local free splash pads.

Spraygrounds and Splash Parks

Omaha's -

- **The City of Omaha Parks and Recreation** has many spraygrounds in the city. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (weather permitting), Saturday, May 30, 2015. through Labor Day:
 - Benson Park, 7002 Military Ave. – Opening Summer 2015!
 - Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, 705 Riverfront Dr.
 - Fontenelle Park Sprayground, 4405 Fontenelle Boulevard
 - Kountze Sprayground, 1920 Pinkney
 - Morton Park Sprayground, 5724 S. 41st St.
 - Orchard Park Sprayground, 6502 Hartman Ave.
 - Seymour Smith ALLPLAY Park, 6802 Harrison St.
 - Upland Sprayground, 3104 Jefferson Street
 - Westwood Heights Sprayground, 12334 Seldin Drive
- **Stinson Park at Aksarben Village** – fun little water fountains provide big entertainment
- **Sandy's Splish-Splash Garden at the Omaha Children's Museum** – typically open Memorial Day through Labor Day
- **Elk Creek Park** – approx. N 163rd St. & Butler Ave. {Go North of Maple on 168th Street. Right on Ames Ave. Left on N 163rd St. Follow it around the park until you see the Sprayground.

Fremont's - **Fremont has 3 Splash Pads:**

- Ronin Park – 17th and Somers Avenue
- Miller Park – Jackson and "M" Streets
- Ruwe Park – 5th & Howard

Papillion's -

- **Papillion Splash Pad at Schwer Park** – 800 West Centennial Road, Papillion. Hours are 12-7 p.m. daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day. ([map](#))
- **Shadow Lake Towne Center Sprayground** – Open to the public daily from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., weather permitting. Kick Off Event on Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. and open through Labor Day Weekend, but will be not be available during special events.
- **Proposed Eagle Ridge Park, Papillion** (near Cornhusker Road and 66th Street)

La Vista- *Cimarron Woods*, near 108th and Harrison Streets

Springfield - 6th and Vine Streets. Open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RIVER'S EDGE PARK

BOB KERREY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Music & Movies in the Park

Bring your family for our FREE Music & Movies in the Parks Series!

Enjoy Free Music Before Each Movie at 7pm
Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family & Friends!
Concessions may be available during all showtimes.

Open Mic Nights - July 18th at 6:30pm & August 15th at 6:30pm

Free Movies • After Dusk (around 9:00 p.m.)

Some shows are intended for an older audience.
Parental discretion is advised.

May 27th - Jaws (PG-13)

May 29th - Big Hero 6

June 13 - Divergent (PG-13)

July 11th - Pitch Perfect (PG-13)

August 8th - Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (PG-13)

September 12th - Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)

October 10th - Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)



Come early and enjoy free music from 7-8:30 pm.



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BAYLISS PARK

Music & Movies in the Park

Bring your family for our FREE Music & Movies in the Parks Series!

**Free Music • Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
June 3rd - September 2nd**

**Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family & Friends!
Concessions may be available during all showtimes.**

**Free Movies • After Dusk (around 9:00 p.m.)
Rainouts are rescheduled for the following Saturday evening.**

- June 5th - Maleficent
- June 12th - Boxtrolls
- June 19th - Jumanji
- June 26th - Night at the Museum 3
- July 10th - Into the Woods
- July 17th - Sleeping Beauty
- July 24th - The Sandlot
- July 31st - Teenage Mutant Nija Turtles (2014) PG-13



A complete concert schedule will be available online in May at www.bluffsarts.org



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The Council Bluffs Fire Department is dedicated to protecting the lives and property of all citizens and visitors to our city through prevention and education. Thanks to the Council Bluffs Water Works for providing the water for all of the summer hydrant parties



We offer a variety of safety programs including...

- Fire Safety House
- Lil' Squirt
- Woody the Fire Dog
- Extinguisher Training
- Fire Safety Talks
- Elderly Fire Safety



For more information or any questions about these programs please call 712-328-4646.

PROJECT ALEX

On September 20, 2010 Council Bluffs suffered the tragic loss of a 7 year-old child due to a house fire. A working smoke alarm may have prevented this death. Every home should have at least one working smoke alarm, located near the sleeping area of the home. The Council Bluffs Fire Department is urging you to check your smoke detectors. If you are unable to check them call us at the number listed below and we will check them for you. Further, we would ask that you "pay it forward" by checking with neighbors and family members to make sure their smoke alarms work.

If you are in need of a smoke alarm, need one installed or just need to have the battery replaced, please contact the Council Bluffs Fire Department by calling or emailing us.

712-328-4646
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Cool off at our **FREE Hydrant Parties** this summer!!!

Join us Tuesdays and Thursday from 1:30 - 2:30pm

Robert's Park (1000 N. 25th)	June 9
33rd & 4th Ave.	June 11
40th & Ave. C	June 16
Bel Air & Renner Drive.....	June 18
32nd @ Ave. E	June 23
19th Avenue & S. 7th Street	June 25
Poplar between Ash & Birch	June 30
33rd St. and Ave. J (the dead end)	July 2
Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park	July 7
Windsor & Wenwood Circle.....	July 9
C.B. Rec Parking Lot, Richard Downing Dr....	July 14
S. 10th & 3rd Ave.	July 16
Berwick Circle	July 21
20th Street & 6th Ave.	July 23
19th & Ave. F.....	July 28
27th Street & 7th Ave.	July 30
N. 26th Street & Ave. E.....	August 4
N. Broadway and Oak	August 6
Subject to change. Canceled if inclement weather.	

Call the Council Bluffs Fire Department at 712-328-4646 for more information.





Empieza Algo.

¿Qué pasaría si cada niño/a realizara su potencial? Podría ser el inicio de algo grande.

Como padre de familia, usted reconoce el potencial de su niño más que nadie y dándole la oportunidad de participar en Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands es el principio de un futuro más brillante y prometedor.

Todo empieza con encontrar a un voluntario que sirva como un ejemplo a seguir, y Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands es el lugar indicado para comenzar una relación con este voluntario. Por más de 50 años, y gracias a la generosidad de nuestros donantes y voluntarios hemos podido reclutar, monitorear, emparejar y apoyar las relaciones de asesoramiento que han cambiado las vidas de los jóvenes en toda la comunidad - un hermano pequeño pequeño a la vez.

Cada vez que Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands empareja a un joven con un voluntario que es un ejemplo a seguir, se da inicio a algo especial: una relación interpersonal basada en la amistad y confianza que puede resultar en un futuro lleno de posibilidades sin límites.

El emparejar a personas en relaciones interpersonales es la fuerza que nos permite crear un impacto positivo en la vida de los jóvenes. Este emparejamiento Big Brother Big Sister es administrado con mucho cuidado y mantenido con las normas más estrictas. Los empleados de la agencia se esfuerzan en crear amistades que no sólo son seguras y apropiadas de acuerdo a las necesidades de los jóvenes, pero que también son armoniosas y duraderas. Todo el proceso de emparejamiento, desde la evaluación inicial hasta encontrar a la pareja ideal de su hijo es factible gracias al apoyo financiero de nuestros donantes.

Nuestro Impacto

Un estudio independiente realizado para evaluar el programa de asesoramiento Big Brother Big Sisters descubrió que los/las jóvenes emparejados con un Big Brother o una Big Sister:

- Tienen mayor autoestima
- Están menos propensos al uso de drogas y al consumo de bebidas alcohólicas
- Rinden mejor en la escuela
- Se llevan mejor con sus familiares y sus amigos. family and friends
- Se sienten mejor sobre sí mismos

Pero no piense en nosotros simplemente como una organización que solo asigna voluntarios a los niños; también ofrecemos todo un sistema de apoyo continuo y de supervisión al voluntario, el niño y a la familia del niño. Ofrecemos entrenamiento y asesoramiento que ayudará a garantizar que la asignación este funcionando para todas las personas involucradas. La organización Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands recibe entrenamiento continuo y asesoría de Big Brothers Big Sisters of America y su red de agencias en todo el país. Es esta red de apoyo la que ayuda a maximizar la probabilidad de que las relaciones Big Brothers Big Sisters prosperen.

Empieza Algo.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Midlands

Asesoría basada en la comunidad:

Los jóvenes entre las edades de 7-14 años son inscritos a este programa por sus padres de familia o sus tutores legales. Los/las voluntarios/as adultos/as o pareja de casados son evaluados/as y entrenados/as profesionalmente y luego emparejados/as con un/una joven para que puedan participar en actividades comunitarias que a ambos les guste. Los/las voluntarios se comprometen a juntarse con su Little Brother (hermanito) o Little Sister (hermanita) 2 a 4 veces al mes por el mínimo de un año. Mientras dure la relación, todos los participantes en el programa cuentan con el apoyo profesional de nuestro personal.

Para mayor información, contacte a:

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Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Midlands

Community Based Mentoring:

Children ages 7 – 14 years are enrolled in this program by their parent or legal guardian. The program matches a professionally screened and trained adult volunteer or married couple with a child to participate in community activities they both enjoy.

Volunteers commit to meeting with their Little Brother or Little Sister 2 – 4 times a month for a minimum of one year. All our matches are supported by our professional staff on a regular basis for the length of the relationship.

For More Information, Contact:

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**What if every child fulfilled their potential?
It could be the start of something big.**

As a parent, you recognize the potential of your child better than anyone. By giving them the opportunity to be part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, you're starting them down a path to an even brighter, more promising future.

It all starts with finding the right role model. Each time Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands pairs a child with a adult volunteer, we start something incredible: a one-to-one relationship built on trust and friendship that can blossom into a future of unlimited potential.

Our one-to-one matches are the driving force behind making a positive impact on children. A Big Brothers Big Sisters' match is carefully administered and held to the strictest standards. Agency staff strive for matches that are not only safe and well suited to each child's needs, but also harmonious and built to last.

But don't think of us as simply matchmakers. We provide a system of ongoing support and supervision to the volunteer, child, and child's family. We offer training and advice to help ensure that the match is working for everyone involved. It is this web of support that helps maximize the likelihood that a Big Brothers Big Sisters relationship will thrive and change the life of the child for the better, forever!

Our Impact

An independent study of the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program found that kids matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister:

- **Are more confident**
- **Are more likely to avoid drugs and alcohol**
- **Do better in school**
- **Get along better with their family and friends**
- **Feel better about themselves.**



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