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### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio to Host Annual Allen County Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraiser on April 5th**

Lima, OH — Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, Inc. is excited to announce its annual Allen County Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event, taking place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Westgate Entertainment Center in Lima, Ohio. This high-energy, family-friendly event supports the organization's mission to build and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

The day will feature two exciting bowling shifts. The first shift begins at 3:00 p.m., inviting local businesses, organizations, and community members to come out, have fun, and show their support. The second shift kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and will feature the much-anticipated Battle of the First Responders, where local police, fire, and EMS teams compete for bragging rights and a banner—all in support of local youth.

“This event brings our community together in such a meaningful way,” said Dr. Portia Smith, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio. “Every dollar raised goes directly toward creating life-changing mentoring relationships for children in Allen County.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters is proud to recognize the generosity of this year's sponsors, including Buckeye Health Plan, Westgate Entertainment Center, Phantasm, and the Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships. Their support is instrumental in making this event—and the agency's mission—possible.

There's still time to get involved! Community members can participate by forming a team, becoming a sponsor, or making a donation. For more information, visit [www.bbbswco.org](http://www.bbbswco.org), call 419-222-8500, or send us an email at [info@bbbswco.org](mailto:info@bbbswco.org).

Join us for a fun-filled day of strikes, smiles, and support for a great cause!

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About Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that empower youth and strengthen communities. By matching caring adult mentors with children facing adversity, the organization helps youth achieve their full potential.