



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
of Sedgwick County

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Koch Industries receives national recognition from Big Brothers Big Sisters

*Bill Hanna, retired vice chairman and president of Koch Industries,
to accept award at Big Brothers Big Sisters Leadership Summit in St. Louis on Friday*

Wichita, Kan. - **Koch Industries** will be honored at the President's Circle Reception in St. Louis this week for its support of **Big Brothers Big Sisters**. The award will be presented as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Leadership Summit. The Wichita-based company has been a key and long-term benefactor of the local agency, providing support in a wide variety of ways:

- Koch Industries committed \$75,000 this year as the lead corporate sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters' annual Bowl For Kids Sake, the agency's largest fundraiser.
- In addition to Koch's corporate sponsorship of Bowl For Kids Sake, Koch employees formed 64 bowling teams last year and raised more than \$60,000 in pledges.
- Koch also sponsored Big Brothers Big Sisters' Annual Celebration Dinner held last November at The Marriott Hotel, raising additional funds and honoring friends and supporters of the agency.
- In addition to ranking among the top companies in Wichita with regard to the number of matches between Bigs and Littles, Koch employees also organize and participate in periodic events with boys and girls on the BBBS waiting list. On February 6, more than 100 Koch employees were matched for the evening with children on the waiting list for a pizza dinner and WSU basketball game.
- Koch routinely donates PCs for use by the BBBS staff members and volunteers.
- Employees of Koch are contributors to BBBS' *Malisa's Hope* mentoring program, a faith-based initiative within BBBS dedicated to the memory of Malisa Caffey, a Baylor University student who was tragically killed in an automobile accident last year.
- Koch Industries is serving as a collection site for the Metal to Matches promotion, a fundraising partnership with the Sedgwick County Treasurer's Office. Koch employees are collecting expired license plates that will be recycled, the proceeds from which will be used to help fund new matches.

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- Koch executives continue to lend their time and business expertise to the BBBS board of directors. Current Koch executives serving on the BBBS board include Bill Hanna, Bill Caffey and Dale Gibbens.

“The employees of Koch Industries are dedicated to helping Big Brothers Big Sisters fulfill their very important mission,” said Roger Ramseyer, director of community affairs for Koch Industries. “Research shows that Little Brothers and Sisters are 46 percent less likely to use drugs, 7 times less likely to be arrested, and earn better grades in school. These statistics show that Big Brothers Big Sisters is a very worthy investment. Koch is flattered to receive this national honor.”

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sedgwick County is to help boys and girls, most of whom are considered at risk and live in single-parent homes, achieve their full potential through long-term personal relationships with carefully screened and caring volunteers. More information is available at www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org

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