



Kansas  
**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

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**Koch Industries, Inc. and Koch Companies' Employees Donate and Raise  
More Than \$200,000 to Help Fund Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
*Local Celebrities Help Kick Off "Bowl For Kids' Sake" Annual Event*

**WICHITA, Kan.** – Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters kicked off their annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraising project on February 4 with more than 150 employees from Koch companies raising \$50,300, in addition to the \$150,000 corporate donation from Koch Industries, Inc.

More than two dozen local television, radio, newspaper and community personalities helped kick off the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake, designed to help fund programs for at-risk kids and their mentors.

"Koch has supported Big Brothers Big Sisters for nearly 40 years, and we were pleased to kick start this year's campaign with the Koch company bowl," said Dale Gibbens, vice president of human resources at Koch Industries. "Bowl For Kids' Sake is a great way for our employees and their families to get together in a fun way while they support kids throughout the state."

People across Kansas can help with this fundraising project throughout February, March and April by organizing their own bowling teams. Interested participants should visit [www.kansasbowl.org](http://www.kansasbowl.org) to find bowling dates and registration details. Teams receive free bowling, pizza and prizes for their efforts.

Big Brothers Big Sisters works to help broaden children's perspectives and help them learn how to make good choices. Last year, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters served nearly 6,000 at-risk kids in over 90 communities in Kansas.

**Kids with mentors are:**

- 46 percent less likely to start using drugs
- 27 percent less likely to start drinking
- 52 percent less likely to skip school
- 33 percent less likely to get into violent confrontations

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