

The Think Big Foundation is a non-profit clothing recycling program that generates financial resources to support mentoring programs for at-risk youth through Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Ozarks. 100% of the proceeds are used for this charitable purpose.

YOTO's Mystery Box Sale Benefits the Think Big Foundation

Community partner, *YOTO Community Thrift Store* generously contributed \$300 from their *Mystery Box Sale* to Big Brothers Big Sisters' Think Big Foundation!



Tyler Moles, Think Big Foundation President, left, and *YOTO Community Thrift Store* Executive Director, Ken Childers, right

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



A very special thanks to *Sara Padgett* for designing the above billboard and to *Lamar Advertising* for generously contributing digital billboard space.

Wanted: Tuesday Night Volunteers

There is always a need for additional volunteers to work Tuesday nights at the Think Big Foundation warehouse at 3045 S. Scenic. It is a fun, friendly, & casual working environment. To sign up, visit www.bigbro.com/thinkbig

New Baler Coming Soon

Our capacity will soon be increased with the addition of a second baler at the end of June. The new baler was purchased using funds from a *Price Cutter Charity Championship* grant. *Mike Goldenburg*, with *Integrity Towing*, has generously volunteered his services in transporting it to the warehouse. *Rick Snell*, with *Storm Electric*, has kindly agreed to set it up once on site.



New employee *Garrett Love*, left, and volunteer *Micah Castillo*, right, at the Think Big Foundation warehouse on volunteer night

Another Successful Agency Clothing Drive

A big thanks to a new community partner, *Commercial Insurance Underwriters, Inc. (CIU)*. They hosted an in-office clothing drive for our Think Big Foundation and it produced a great haul.

Brenda Clark, CIC, CISR, is responsible for organizing the clothing drive. Brenda has been a lunch buddy with Big Brother Big Sisters for many years.

If you'd like to host a clothing drive at your organization, we can provide everything you need to make it a success. Email Tyler at tmoles@bigbro.com



Huge Furniture and Surplus Auction

The Think Big Foundation Furniture Auction will be held Tuesday, July 24th at 6:00 pm at 3045 S. Scenic. Auctioneer services are courtesy of *Mike Easterly* and the *Easterly Auction Company*. All proceeds will be divided between Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks and *YOTO Community Thrift Store* youth causes. If you have items you would like to donate for the auction, email tmoles@bigbro.com Items could include quality used furniture, surplus merchandise, tools, equipment, etc.



Father Joseph and a Healing Quilt Project quilt which will be displayed at the Think Big Foundation for a few months.



Think Big Foundation Vice President *Adam Graddy* was very generous with his time and resources on a recent holiday weekend. He not only took the time to go out and buy and the deliver the Yeti Tundra 45 for the weekends' contest, he bought it for the foundation with his own hard earned money. He did all that while making a point to allocate time to being a positive role model and good example to his son.

Cars 4 Kids

Do you have an old car sitting in your driveway, or a motorcycle you've been trying to sell? Save yourself some time and donate it to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks through our Cars 4 Kids' program. Donated vehicles qualify as charitable gifts and may be eligible for a tax deduction. Call 1-866-628-CARS or go to bigbro.com/cars4kids/

Two More Purple Bins Find Homes!



Discovery Center and Think Big Foundation team up to create an easily accessible downtown location for clothing donations. Cyndi Cruse and Bank of Sullivan are also supporting youth mentoring in the community by hosting a donation bin at the corner of Campbell and Sunset in Springfield. We appreciate the generosity of both of these community-minded businesses.

The average American discards over 72 lbs. of used textiles per year. It is our hope that by adding more easily accessible donation stations we will divert textile waste from the Springfield Landfill while at the same time raising funds to help at-risk children in the community.



Thanks to the Venues Church group of volunteers

Employee Spotlight: Robert Estes

"Growing up in Chicago without a father in my life wasn't easy. My mother worked 2 jobs to support us and my older sister helped raise me. The love and support I received made me the person I am today. I wanted to make sure my children would have two parents, unfortunately the cycle continued with my son. I raised him as a single father for the majority of his life. I know all too well the struggles that a child and a single parent go through. I am blessed to be apart of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Of The Ozarks Think Big Foundation because our youth mentoring programs help break the cycle of poverty. I'm proud to be a part of this organization."



Thank you to Ozark Fence for being a founding supporter of the Think Big Foundation!