

**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.

“We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we  
give.”

**Winston Churchill**

## New Community Partnerships Formed

In March, the Think Big Foundation formed collaborative partnerships with *Community Blood Center of the Ozarks* and *AIDS Project of the Ozarks*. Interested parties can now donate their used clothing at bins located at either of these non-profit partners. We appreciate the generosity of these two community agencies in their offer to provide lot space for the bins.

Community partnerships were also formed with *Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake*, *City of Springfield’s Give 5 Program*, *Isabelle’s House*, *Harmony House*, and *YOTO Community Thrift Store*.



Thanks to Scottie Chavez, Alpha Phi Alpha!



## Big Bro Wants You! Volunteers Needed

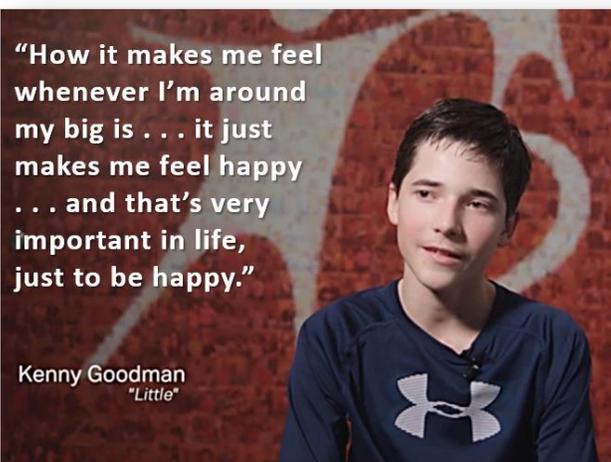
With the recent award of a couple of new grants, the Think Big Foundation is in need of more volunteers. The grants will enable the program to purchase a second baler, another truck, and more donation bins. All of this increases the need for additional volunteers to work on Tuesday nights at the Think Big Foundation warehouse at 3045 S. Scenic. It's a fun environment and a great place to make new friends. To sign up, visit [www.bigbro.com/thinkbig](http://www.bigbro.com/thinkbig)

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## Inaugural Board of Directors

The Think Big Foundation held its first official Board of Directors meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors is comprised of the following individuals who have invested their time and talent into ensuring that the lives of local children can be enriched through positive mentoring for years to come.

The Board of Directors are *Chris Weiss, Dan Derges, Phil Swanson, Marshall Kinne, Tim Stack, Bryan Cruse, Ken Childers, and Adam Graddy.*



Thanks to this great group of Rotaract Club volunteers!

## Good News for the Think Big Foundation!

The Think Big Foundation has just been notified that it will be the recipient of a grant from the Department of Natural Resources. The extra funding will enable the program to purchase a new truck and additional donation bins. This means more clothing can be collected and increased revenue generated to fund the Big Brothers and Big Sisters' mentoring programs.

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## Acknowledgements

This program has been built from the ground up by volunteers and generous donors. With an undertaking such as this it is sometimes difficult to properly acknowledge all of the people who have put their heart into it.

Here are a few we'd like to thank this month: *SRC Holdings, Bobby Allison, Great Southern Bank, Don Wessel Honda, and Pitbull Powersports* for their generous gifts to fund year one operational expenses of the Think Big Foundation. Thank you *Integrity Towing* for helping us to haul bins around. We greatly appreciate all of the folks that help at our weekly volunteer nights. Finally, thanks to *Caryn McAdoo* for volunteering her time and talent in the creation of this newsletter.

## Host A Clothing Drive!

It's easy for your organization to host a clothing drive for the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Think Big Foundation. Everything you need is provided in a tool kit, including a clothing drive box, an email template for staff or customers, and a customizable flyer for bulletin boards.

The clothes will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks! If interested, contact Tyler Moles: [tmoles@bigbro.com](mailto:tmoles@bigbro.com)



## A Big Thanks

Below are some of the community partners who are hosting our clothing donation bins:



## The Think Big Foundation

### ★ Wish List ★

We have compiled a list of items which would help tremendously in the operation and ramp-up of the Think Big Foundation.

Some of the items are consumables that we use in the facility and others are things that fit into the "it sure would be nice" category that would help us to improve our facility. The items are:

- New work gloves
  - Paper towels / Toilet paper
  - Liquid hand soap
  - Canned or bottled beverages
  - Used copy paper boxes with lids
  - Pegboard and hooks for hanging tools
  - Large whiteboard in good condition
  - New or used rolling toolbox
  - New or used tire chucks (for semi-trailer)
  - New or used shop utility sink
  - New or used pallet racking
  - Removable dock plate
  - Yellow striping paint for warehouse floor
  - An additional cardboard baler
  - 20' shipping container with no leaks
  - 48' or 53' semi-trailer for storage. (doesn't need to be over the road certified)
- If you are interested in donating any of these items or would like to discuss further, contact Tyler Moles: [tmoles@bigbro.com](mailto:tmoles@bigbro.com)

# How it Works in a Nut Shell



The diagram below is a brief explanation of how the Think Big Foundation generates resources for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Ozarks. For more information, visit [www.bigbro.com/thinkbig](http://www.bigbro.com/thinkbig)

