Little Brothers-Little Sisters Have Experienced No Unhappy Moments

By Lori Grier Post Staff Writer The conclusion of the Big Brothers-Big Sisters series focuses on the most important people in the program, Little Brothers-Little Sisters, who are assisted by their family

and counselors. "I like the program because it gives me a chance to go places (bowling, sight seeing) in Charlotte with a man," said Christopher, 10, a 5th grader who has been a Little Brother for 6 months. He added, "I can depend on Mr. Jarvis Cooper (Big Brother) to take me places

when no one else will." Christopher has experienced no unhappy moments with Jarvis, only good times, even when Jarvis wins all the tennis matches. He enjoys going to see "Jaws-3D," Freedom Bowling Lanes, and would like to go to Discovery Place with his Big Brother in the future. His hobbies include drawing rmy ships and cars like the Pontiac Trans-AM. Christopher has a 12 year-

old sister and a 5 year-old half brother. He encourages little boys to get a Big Brother, "If you don't have a father who spends time with you or you get bored at home.

"My aunt always wanted me to have a sister, because she always worked and didn't have enough time to spend with me." admitted Jacqueline (also called Jackie), 12, a 7th grader who has been a Little Sister for 3 months overall. "My former Big Sister let me down when it came to going places, but Mrs. Mary Brooks (Big Sister) doesn't let me down.'

She can think of no unhappy moments with Mrs. Brooks, only the joys of going to church, picnics and meeting Mrs. Brook's family. Jacqueline's hobbies include going to Queens Park Theater where you pay \$1 to see a movie and attending sports activities. Jacqueline has a 6 year-old brother, and her girl friend is in the process of getting a Big

Fidell, 12, a 7th grader who has been a Little Brother for 1 year replied, "My mother was given information about the program from my counselor at



Christopher would like to go to Discovery Place. school and was later in-

fore with a man."

(Master Sgt. Stanley

White). Our future karate

expert would like to go to

the beach before summer

is over. His hobbies in-

clude shooting pool, play-

ing baseball and football.

thers-Big Sisters) help

you have a good time, and

you can share activities

with them." He has a 15

year-old sister who's glad

he has a Big Brother, "so I won't follow her," he

added. None of his friends

have a Big Brother-Big

who has been a Little

Sister for 5 years men-

tioned, "My third grade

teacher told me about the

program and helped me

enroll in it. I get to go

places I've never been be-

fore like Disney World."

She added, "I finally got a

Big Sister, someone I've

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that all of them have no

unhappy moments with

Sisters. Cammie and Miss

Helen Parker (Big Sister)

enjoy going to Carowinds,

movies, eating, and just

talking. Her hobbies in-

clude listening to music,

dancing and going to pool

parties. None of Cammie's

friends have a Big Brother-

The mothers and guar-

Big Sister.

their Big Brothers-Big

always wanted."

Cammie, 14, a 9th grader

Sister.

These people (Big Bro-

dians of these lovely childterviewed by Mr. Woodall, ren allow them to particidirector of Big Brotherspate in the program for Big Sisters." He added, "I various reasons. get to do things I've never done before, and I get to go

"I have just one brother, my father is deceased, and places I've never been bewe have a manless family. A friend of mine from Fidell is the third parti-Texas (also a Big Brother) cipant who has experitold me about the program enced no unhappy mowhich I was looking for," ments but enjoys going informed Christopher's bowling, to wrestling mother. matches and Carowinds Before the program, with his Big Brother

Jacqueline - enjoys going to

church and picnics.

Christopher had no selfconfidence, was down and out, and faced the possibility of being retained in the same grade. Since he met Jarvis, his grades have improved along with his patience level. "I give Jarvis 100 percent, because children need someone they can trust. I like the fact that he considers Jarvis his friend and knows that he doesn't have to share him with anyone. This is the program which provides trustworthy people," his mother con-

"My niece had a Big Sister for her daughter. I got tired of Jacqueline sitting in the house all the time, and I wanted someone older to spend time with her," explained Jacqueline's aunt and guar-

Since she met Mrs. Brooks, Jacqueline enjoys herself more and really likes her Big Sister. "I think it's good for a child to have someone who's interested in them," concluded her aunt.

Fidell's mother's attraction to the activities which the children and the Big Brothers-Big Sisters share motivated her to allow him to participate. "His mind is more occupied on worthwhile activities now. He worries us to death when he is supposed to go some-



Fidell - getting to do things he'd never done before.

where with Stanley, and Stanley doesn't call right away.' emphasized his

mother. His mother concluded. "One parent can't do everything for a child. The program is educational, fulfilling, and it gives me a piece of mind to know that he's able to learn how to grow as a little boy with the help of a male figure."

Cammie's mother is in the fifth month of her adoption of Cammie. "Cammie was in the program when I got her, and she enjoys it. I like Helen Parker," pointed out her mother.

Although she hasn't had Cammie long enough to notice any positive or negative chances since she became a Little Sister, she concluded, "It's good for all kids to have an older brother or older sister to



Cammie - enjoys going to Carowinds, movies and pool parties.

spend time with them. I wish Big Brothers-Big Sisters will keep up the good work, because I love what they're doing for children.

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Miss Nancy Lammers and Mr. John Trombello are counselors at Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Miss Lammers has been a counselor for 2 years, and Mr. Trombello (former Big Brother for 4 years) has been a counselor for 1 year. Their duties include interviewing and screening the volunteers and children. making match-ups, introducing them to each other. keeping in contact with the family and volunteers. conducting workshops for the volunteers, and offering suggestions for any

concerns. The activities which they recommend for the Big Brothers-Big Sisters and children consist of picnics. fishing, hiking, going to the mall, park or cooking and any other activities which would give them a chance to talk and not necessarily cost much.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters is such as success, because "We match people who have things in common and thoroughly enjoy each other so that they can build trusting relationships and a lasting friendship," said Mrs. Nancy Lammers.

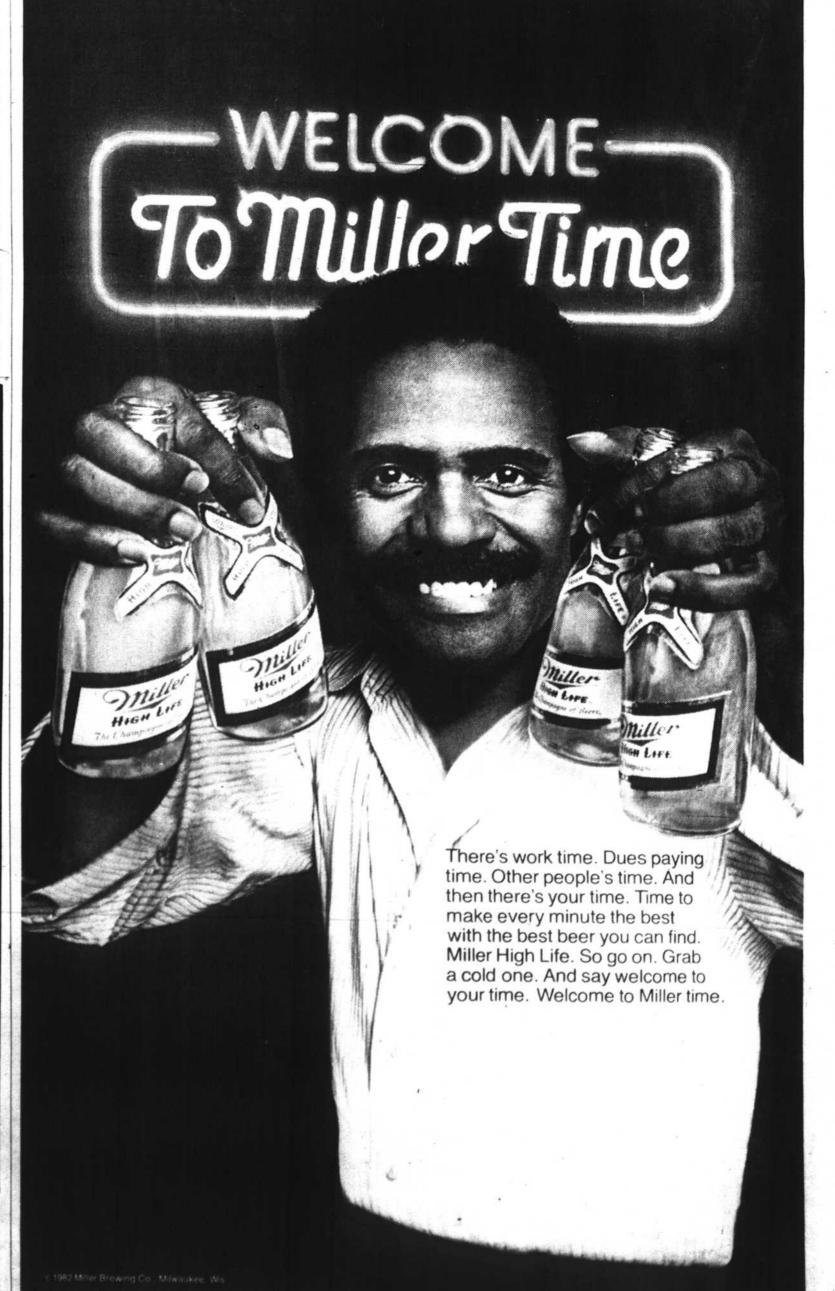
"There's a need by the child for an adult friend. The little boys and little girls look forward to the companionship of an older person," said Mr. John Trombello.

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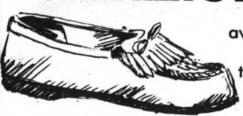
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