

# Industry Leaders of Southwestern Illinois

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*Dennis Ulrich, CPA and Managing Principal  
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*Rollic Thouvenot, President  
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“Contractors can survive today’s tight times, and begin the way back to stronger days, by taking advantage of the many benefits available through membership in the Southern Illinois Builders Association - a nationally recognized industry leader.

Because most forecasts predict the continuation of our area’s slow economy, builders, their suppliers and all other businesses are well advised to lead with their strengths and to seek new, efficient ways to grow their revenues and their bottom lines.

SIBA members tell us that their membership is a strength, helping them find new clients, maximize business efficiencies, improve scheduling, create safer workplaces, train workers, network, gain visibility in our membership directory and at business-social events, keep up-to-the-minute on legislation affecting the business - and the list of benefits goes on and on. With the many benefits, it’s easy to understand why the SIBA has been a leader and the voice of the Southern Illinois construction industry for nearly 60 years.



*Cyril “Pete” Korte  
Director and Membership  
Committee Chair  
Southern Illinois  
Builders Association*

Best of all, a membership in the SIBA offers amazing returns for a modest investment in dues and in time. Our survey of members documents a return on investment in the range of \$12 for each \$1 invested by active builders and up to an amazing \$82 for every \$1 invested by suppliers.



With returns like that, can any supplier or builder afford not to become a member of the SIBA?”

*Brad Bickhaus  
President  
Southern Illinois  
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**“In 1980, a group of social workers and community volunteers** in Belleville saw a need to start a Big Brothers Big Sisters agency in St. Clair County. Their vision of a program that would keep children on the right path to success in school and in life has expanded to serve children in Madison, Monroe and Clinton counties.

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We partner with parents/guardians and others in the community and hold ourselves accountable for each child in our program achieving higher aspirations, gaining confidence to overcome challenges, improving relationships and achieving educational success.

Big Brothers Big Sisters focuses on three measurable outcomes that lead to lifelong success:

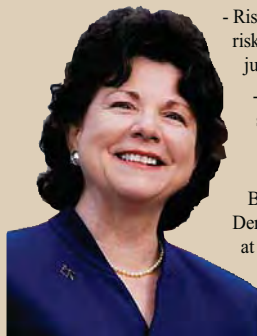
- Improvement in Attitudes and Competencies: Youth has higher aspirations and improves relationships with others.

- Risky Behavior Avoidance: Youth avoids risky behaviors, delinquency and juvenile justice system.

- Educational Success: Youth attends school and is more likely to graduate.

Big Brothers Big Sisters works for youth like Derrien who was matched with Big Brother Perry Burks in 2006. Today, Derrien is excelling in his second semester at SIU Carbondale. Derrien is following Perry's example and advice to 'study hard, stay in school and find a job where he can work for the things in life wanted.'”

*Barbara Cempura  
President and CEO  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Southwestern Illinois*



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**“Contegra Construction Company is dedicated to providing quality construction** and management services to our clients while maintaining a safe work environment. We've been in business for 10 years, completing some of the largest construction projects in the bi-state region. In 2012, we placed \$72 million of

projects in the education, industrial, health care, retail and office markets. We consistently strive to improve our product to add value through integrity, innovation, aggressive performance and strong character. At Contegra we know who the boss is, and we know that it's our responsibility - and within our area of expertise - to consider, suggest and lead. What we do for you after we shake hands gets us our next job. No one knows that better than we do. We're ready to build your next project.”



*Eric Gowin, President  
Contegra Construction Company*

**“HeartLands Conservancy, the largest and oldest environmentally-focused organization serving**

**Southwestern Illinois,** is committed to providing reasoned solutions which balance the responsibility of protecting our open spaces and natural resources with the needs for the anticipated growth of our region. The Conservancy focuses on conserving land, building greener communities and engaging individuals and communities with our region's vast natural resources. HeartLands Conservancy has successfully protected over 5,000 acres of open space and has invested tens of millions of dollars in projects that protect the quality of our air and water resources. As a result, each of us enjoys healthy and abundant environmental resources - resources that will attract residents and jobs to the region. We encourage you to join us in Investing in the Nature of Southwestern Illinois.”



*David C. Eustis  
President and CEO  
HeartLands Conservancy*



## Kids who are involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters are often labeled.

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And there is more. The kids who choose to participate are also called things like “caring”, “motivated”, and “well-rounded”. They also experience side effects, including staying in school, getting along better with their parents and peers, embracing positive values and a have a willingness to learn new things.

It's true, and this all happens when kids are exposed to a supportive mentor that encourages success!



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