

Expansion: Big Brothers/Big Sisters growing up

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HANCOCK - Michigan Tech University student Katrina Ellis missed taking care of someone.

"I'm kind of far away from home and I have a little brother I used to take care of all the time," she said at the end of the Hawaiian-themed 14th annual Copper Bowl for Kids Saturday. "I missed having someone to take care of."

Which is why it didn't take long for her to contact the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program to see how she could get involved. They matched her with 9-year-old Greta Westerinen and the two spent Saturday at the Copper Bowl bowling alley fund-raising for the program in matching grass skirts.

Usually they spend their time cooking, eating or coloring Easter eggs like they did last weekend.

Matches like Ellis and Westerinen are what Saturday was all about, said Maggie Munch, program director for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

"That's what this all (fund-raising) is for," she said, gesturing at some of the matches interspersed among other teams.

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Katrina Ellis and her Big Brothers/Big Sisters match 9-year-old Greta Westerinen kid around during the Hawaiian-themed 14th annual Copper Bowl for Kids fundraiser at Hancock's Copper Bowl Lanes Saturday. The event raised \$33,500 for the program.



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