



The Importance of Host Families:

A host family is one of the most important aspects of The Big 33 Experience. Many players are away from home for the first time and are apprehensive (as are their parents) about staying with a strange family. Your job as a host family is to make the player feel as welcome as possible and put his parent's mind at ease about their son's stay at

your home. You will form a memorable relationship with the player; while providing an invaluable service to the Big 33 Football Classic.

Host Family Responsibilities and Requirements:

- ◆ Must be available game week (which runs Sunday through game day) to provide transportation to drop off and pick up your player at designated times.
- ◆ Provide meals for your player for the duration of their stay (other than the meals they are provided with during the week by Big 33).
- ◆ You must have your player under your supervisor for the duration of their stay unless they are with their Big 33 coach.
- ◆ Smoking is not permitted in the presence of the player.
- ◆ During game week, there must be a host dad and host mom present in the household.
- ◆ Host dad and host mom are required to have a national criminal background check. All costs of obtaining the clearances are incurred by the host family. You can complete this by going on-line at <https://opportunities.averity.com/Big33SF> and completing the form. All clearances must be completed at the time of application and in the Big 33 office before you can be considered as a Big 33 host family. The cost is \$13/person. You also need to submit current copies of both parents's drivers licenses.
- ◆ Host families are required to carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance on both their homeowners and their automobile insurance policies and must provide Big 33 with a copy of the declaration page of their insurance policies showing the liability amounts or a letter from their insurance company stating that the insured carries the required limits.
- ◆ The player is not permitted to drive his own car during the duration of his stay. If the player drives himself to the opening picnic at the start of game week on Sunday, you are to keep his keys until after the game on Saturday night and not allow him to drive his car.
- ◆ Must provide player(s) with their own bed (preferably bedroom). Players may share a bathroom.

When you become a host family, you'll be adding a new member to your family and a lifetime of memories.

To become a host family, contact Nicole Whitmire at nwhitmire@big33.org.

For more information, go to our website at www.big33.org and go to the Host Family tab. We look forward to having you become a part of our Big 33 Family!

David & Kelli Anderson

The Best Kept Secret in Hershey! Our family has gained a "son" through this wonderful experience.



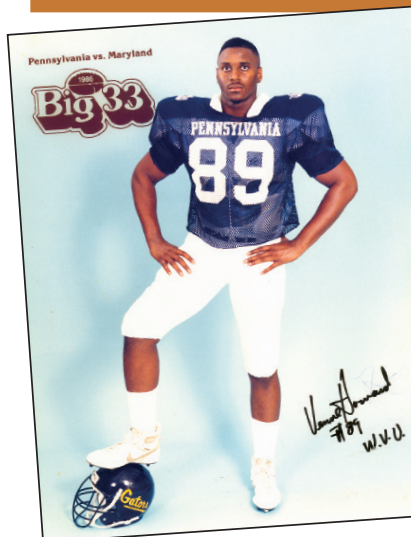
Big 33 Alum Derrick Burns with his host family Kelli, Dave, Ally, Derrick and Corrie.

Todd & Lisa Young

Our Big 33 experience has opened up unfamiliar doors which has led us to relationships with our players to the equal of "Family". Since our inception to the Big 33, we have truly gained three additional sons, Leon Green, Cameron Saddler, and Jay Colbert. The boys have come back to our family and stayed with us for summer vacations, Spring and Christmas breaks and for weeks at a time for the past years. We consider ourselves very blessed with the outcome of our ever growing relationship. Thanks Big33, if we were not a part of you, we wouldn't have these awesome experiences to share!

Glenn & Natalie Treece

After hosting for 3 decades, we have adopted 31 players, 2 team managers and 1 cheerleader. Some have come into our lives for the fleeting week of Big 33, while others have continued to be part of our family for over 25 years and all have enriched our lives. Every player asks us, "Who has been your favorite player?" Like every family, each child is unique and he/she is your favorite in his/her own way. Each of the young adults we have accepted into our family is our favorite.



1986 Big 33 Player Vern Howard. In 2009, Vern Howard was inducted into the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame. Vern was given a replica Big 33 jersey by his host family, Glenn & Natalie Treece.

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