



BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR DAWN HUNTER WITH HER LITTLE NIYAH

News from
Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Cumberland & Salem Counties

Big News



November December 2013

2013 "Biggie" Awards

Recently Big Brothers Big Sisters recognized the following volunteers, donors and organizations for their contributions to making a difference in a child's life:

Big Sister of the Year - Dawn Hunter

Big Brother of the Year - Wayne Knight

Best Kept Secret - Nancy Ciarlante Pollard & the Cumberland County College Summer Academy for Kids

Best Supporting Business - Sparkle Kleen Car Wash

Honey Do - Jennifer Parisi

High School Big of the Year - Steven Ortega

Best Friend Award - Julie Stanker (Sweetpea's Children's Shoppe)

Adult School Based Big of the Year - Vicky Workman

Best Supporting School - Holly Heights School

Best Supporting Parent - Kimberly Bond

Busy Bees - Vineland Interact Club

Life Saver Award - Albert Maccani

The Legacy Award – The Fox Family/Foundation

Cheerleader Award - Gary Holden & Gabe DiTomasso

Marvelous Multi-Tasker Award - Michele Plumbo

Match of the Year - Big Sister, Kristina Townsend & Little Sister Gisel

<http://www.southjerseybig.org/about-us/awards>

HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED

SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Big Brothers Big Sisters will provide names, ages, gender and interests. Donors can request family size and location.

DONATE A GIFT FOR A CHILD – BOY OR GIRL

Unwrapped gift for a boy or girl, 3 to 18 years of age are needed.

MAKE A DONATION FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES OR PROGRAM EVENT

Financial Contributions to assist with food, games and give-a-ways are needed.

<http://www.southjerseybig.org/donating/donate-online>

For additional information contact Valerie Farrow at 856-692-0916 or vfarrow@southjerseybig.org

All holiday donations must be received at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office by December 10, 2013.



Rise and Shine Breakfast Features

Big and Little Speakers

The 2013 Bigs of the Year, Big Sister Dawn Hunter with Little Sister Niyah and Big Brother Wayne Knight with Little Brother Zyshonne were featured at the Annual Rise and Shine fundraiser breakfast on November 6th. Other featured speakers included: Board Trustee Michael Testa, Jr., Big Brother & Board Trustee Tim Chew with his Little Brother Alexander and Board Chairman Cosmo Giovinazzi, IV.

Approximately 125 breakfast attendees enjoyed fruit, pastries, breakfast burritos and coffee at the Centerton Country Club. For the second year, all uneaten breakfast food went to the Good Shepherd Dining Room in Bridgeton. Following the program, attendees were asked to make a contribution to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.



Little Brother Zyshonne at the Rise and Shine Breakfast



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Thanks to our Rise and Shine Breakfast sponsors:

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Big Sister Dorothy Harper inducted into Hall of Fame



Photo by Olive Doss

Recently Big Sister Dorothy Harper was inducted into the Cumberland County Black Hall of Fame at an awards dinner in Bridgeton. The Hall of Fame induction honored Dorothy for her years as an educator, her involvement in the community, and her activities as a spiritual leader. Dorothy is a School Based Big Sister to third grader Latoya at Silver Run School in Millville. They were matched in February 2013 and enjoy many fun lunchtime activities each week.

For more information on the Cumberland County Black Hall of Fame please contact Betty Dickens at 856.451.1692



Big Brothers Big Sisters Benefits from Golf Tournament



From left to right: Solomon Wactor Director of Development for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties, Board Trustee Tim Chew, Board Chairman, Cosmo Giovinazzi IV, Board Trustee, Kathleen Norton-Gallaher, and Board Trustee Shayne Bevilacqua volunteered at the 2013 Charity Golf Classic.

PHI Community Foundation 8th Annual Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic was held on September 23rd at the Galloway National Golf Club. Golfers and volunteers enjoyed a beautiful day of golfing, food, refreshments, and a silent auction. Since its inception in 2006, over \$850,000 has been raised for nonprofit organizations in South Jersey. The Foundation donates funds to organizations that help support the community in areas of health, youth development, educational support, and low income advocacy. This year, Atlantic City Electric chose Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties as one of the recipients.

<http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com/welcome/community/acegolf/>



BIG Thanks to Glenn Insurance

Glenn Insurance Inc. of Vineland selected Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties as the beneficiary in their Jeans for Charity Fundraiser in August. During a Jeans for Charity Fundraiser, employees choose a day to wear jeans. The employees who wear jeans on the designated day must make a donation to the selected charity. Glenn Insurance Inc. of Vineland raised \$500 in August for Big Brothers Big Sisters. We thank Glenn Insurance Inc. and their employees for their generosity and support.

www.glenninsurance.com

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Gloria Thompson, Director of Community Based Mentoring



This month we spotlight Director of Community Based Programs, Gloria Thompson. Gloria's responsibilities include interviewing and evaluating volunteers as possible Bigs, interviewing potential Littles and their

families and then making the actual match. After the match is made Gloria regularly follows up with both the Big, the Little, and the Little's family. Gloria supports community based matches helping handle problems, answering questions, and offering suggestions when either the Big or the Little have issues with the match. Gloria also helps out with match activities and fundraisers.

Gloria's association with the agency started back in 1993 when she began working on and off as a part time employee. In 2011 Gloria retired from the Vineland Developmental Center after working 30 years as a Social Worker and became a full time Match Support Specialist at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties. Prior to working at the Development Center, Gloria worked at the Veterans home in Vineland.

Gloria keeps very busy outside of the office, working out at least three times each week. She enjoys spending time with her two children and four grandchildren. She spends time with her circle of friends, traveling, dining, and attending concerts. Gloria is active in her church and is currently working to become a certified Christian Counselor through her church.

When asked what is her favorite part of her job she said the Matching process, when the Little and Big meet for the first time. Seeing how each child reacts to their Big, some shy and reserved, some chatty and outgoing, knowing the match will make a difference in the Little's life.



Raffle Winner Goodwin selects Dodge Ram

On Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 8:15pm John Stanzione, Deerfield Township Harvest Festival Committee Volunteer, pulled the winning ticket for our 2013 All American Car Raffle. The winning ticket was held by Larissa Goodwin. Of the 872 tickets sold, the winning ticket was ticket # 415.

A week after her winning ticket was drawn, Raffle winner Goodwin, selected the Dodge Ram at Novick Auto Mall.

Photo left to right: Big Brothers Big Sisters President/CEO Donna Bennett hands Raffle Winner Larissa Goodwin keys to her New 2014 Dodge Ram.



Support Big Brothers Big Sisters on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3rd

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties is taking part in this year's annual "Giving Tuesday", on December 3rd. The yearly event allows the youth mentoring agency to raise money online during the holiday season. Donors have the option to do things such as post messages about their gifts on social networks to encourage their friends to give. The first year of the event was a success, and this year is expected to produce greater results. Giving Tuesday is a great platform to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties whose vision is that all children achieve success in life. Please join us on December 3rd in this worthy cause and stay tuned for updates and new developments on supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties through Giving Tuesday. <http://www.southjerseybigs.org/donating/donate-online/>

OTHER WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of Cumberland & Salem Counties

TD BANK AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

New and existing TD Bank customer: visit any TD Bank location and ask to have your balances included as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties' Affinity Membership Program. This is at no cost to you.

Please use code: XP

Contributions are calculated at ½% on checking balances and ¼% on savings balances. Members' accounts are not affected in any way. Account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are kept confidential.

Join Us on EBAY!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties is on Ebay! The agency will use Ebay as a tool to sell and auction off items that are donated to their agency, while promoting their services. Ebay members will have the option of choosing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties as one of their favorite charities. After doing so, they will then have the option of donating anywhere from 10% to 100% of their Ebay sales to the agency. In addition, all PayPal account holders can make an immediate contribution of any amount through Ebay without buying or selling anything, by clicking the Donate Now tab on the agency's "About My Nonprofit" page.

<http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-cumberland-salem-counties-inc/60845/>

HELPSAVE.IT

Big Brothers Big Sisters 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. To accomplish this mission we need support from people like you. You can directly contribute to our agency by simply signing up for a \$20 one year membership with the **HelpSave.it** savings program and start browsing the deals and claiming offers. Feel great knowing that 50% of your membership fee goes directly to the worthy cause of your choice. Enjoy discounts at Sears, Boston Market, Littman Jewelers, Burger King, Etc. To sign up for your membership and choose Big Brothers Big Sisters as your worthy cause, please visit: <https://helpsave.it/home/>

Thanks to the organizations and businesses that provide discounts to our matches.

Buffalo Wild Wings

Wheaton Arts

Bogart's

Texas Roadhouse

Harlem Globetrotters

Susquehanna Bank

Levoy Theatre

Legacy Lanes

November December Events

| Date | Event |
|-----------------|--|
| Nov 19 | Haitian Music & Dance at Wheaton Arts |
| Nov 15 - Nov 24 | White Christmas at the Levoy Theater |
| Nov 29 | Millville Holiday Parade |
| Nov 29 - Dec 31 | Wonderland of lights at NJMP in Millville |
| Nov 30 | Vineland Holiday Parade |
| Dec 1 | Bridgeton Holiday Parade |
| Dec 7 | Polar Express at the Levoy Theater |
| Dec 7 | Salem Magic of Christmas Parade |
| Dec 8 | Christmas Concert at Cumberland College - Free! |
| Dec14 | Lunch with Santa sponsored by Cumberland County Bar Assn |
| Dec 14 | Lunch with Santa sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters |
| Dec 17 | Santa's Workshop at Cape May Zoo |
| Dec 17 | Santa's Open House at Big Brothers Big Sisters |



September and October Match Anniversaries

| <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Years</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Kaiana | Teaunah | 2 | Samantha | Diane | 5 |
| Matijah | Margaret | 5 | Megan | Elyse | 4 |
| Zhoei | Amy | 1 | Makala | Connie | 2 |
| Alexandria | Joyce | 2 | Kelcie | Tanya | 6 |
| Adrianna | Kaitlin | 1 | Danielle | Michele | 1 |
| Lenia | Susan | 3 | Iyannah | Shelly | 3 |
| Honeste | Stephanie | 2 | Marley | Margaret | 2 |
| Trinity | Arlene | 2 | Doneste | Patricia | 2 |
| Alana | Teresa | 2 | Ricardo | Carlos | 1 |

Congratulations to our New Matches

| <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Matched</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Matched</u> |
|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Izayah | Joseph | 9/17 | Carley | Arlene | 9/23 |
| Melquisudec | Donald | 9/27 | Brandon | Nicholas | 9/27 |
| Evelyn | Madison | 9/27 | Tyonna | Kiera | 10/1 |
| Destiny | Gabrielle | 10/1 | Arin | Vanessa | 10/18 |

New Matches continued

| <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Matched</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Big</u> | <u>Matched</u> |
|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Destiny | Talia | 10/9 | Nazydia | Victoria | 10/9 |
| Ahlani | Tiana | 10/9 | Madison | Jayna | 10/10 |
| Brett | Evan | 10/10 | Emily | Jessica | 10/10 |
| Janessa | Brooke | 10/10 | Marquis | Cedric | 10/10 |
| Shyanna | Sarah | 10/11 | Morgan | Gabrielle | 10/11 |
| Chaneel | Alexa | 10/11 | Arin | Jennifer | 10/11 |
| Carlycia | Makaylea | 10/11 | Arie | Olivia | 10/11 |
| Abigail | Angelica | 10/12 | Andrew | Matthew | 10/12 |
| Kelvin | Melvin | 10/12 | Kelshaun | Bobby | 10/12 |
| Stephney | Samantha | 10/12 | Autum | Katie | 10/15 |
| Abigail | Rebecca | 10/15 | Brian | Terrell | 10/15 |
| Kellshay | Brianna | 10/15 | Jordan | Steven | 10/16 |
| Payton | Dominique | 10/16 | Myleishka | Diana | 10/17 |
| Tyaira | Darien | 10/18 | Maryfer | Joyce | 10/1 |
| Joshua | Brandon | 10/1 | Dream | Alexa | 10/4 |
| Nazim | Melissa | 10/8 | Belladonna | Roxanne | 10/9 |
| Jafet | William | 10/18 | Maria | Valerie | 10/23 |
| Anthony | Shaun | 10/4 | Sequoia | Morgan | 10/25 |