



News from Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Cumberland and Salem Counties

Big News



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ESSAY WINNERS ACCEPTING THEIR COMPUTERS

Essay Winners Receive Computers

The winners of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Essay Contest were recently announced on June 5th, 2012. The winners received their desk top computers that were generously donated by Sun Bank and coordinated by Gene Slavoff.

The contest, open to Littles and their families, was to write an essay about how BBBS or their Big Sister/ Big Brother have made a difference in their lives.

Please enjoy the excerpts from each of the winning essays.

The Parent/Grand Parent winners are:

*Stephanie
Jerry
Lakesha*

The Little winners are:

*Amber
Tyrell
Charisma
Niah*

"BBBS changed my life because I learned how to share with others. My mom and dad say "How did you learn to share" and I say "From BBBS". I like BBBS a lot. It's better than any other program! I feel like my Big Sister is my Big Sister for real. Every time I go to BBBS at school, my Big Sister helps me with everything; my schoolwork and arts and crafts. Although she is not my real Big Sister, I love her".
Little: Niah, Bridgeton, NJ

"The Big Brothers Big Sisters program has taught me numerous things, such as you can always talk about your problems to you Big Brother. It taught me to have better manners, be happier, and to be more generous than I usually am. The Big Brothers Big Sisters program have given me numerous memories and allowed me to see all of the positive opportunities that lie in my future. My Big Brother supports me, he thinks I'm cool, funny and he inspires me to always do my best. Most importantly, he talks to me and help me with my problems when I have them."
Little: Tyrell, Cape May Courthouse, NJ

"My son's Big Brother has been in my son's life for 4 years and has made a tremendous impact on him. He never gives it a second thought, he always gives 100% of himself, unconditionally."
Mom: Lakesha, Vineland, NJ

"Being a part of BBBS has changed our lives significantly. During a time when we were less fortunate, BBBS pulled us out. Also when we go to parties and programs it's like being around family that's not really your family. We get a sense that we belong and people care. That's why we enjoy being a part of BBBS."
Mom: Stephanie, Salem, NJ

"My grandson's Big Brother has meant so much to my family. The match between him and my grandson has reinforced my faith in people. The Match also helps me to keep my inspiration to help others. I know there is no perfect person, but I know my grandson has been provided with the perfect Match". Grandparent: Jerry, Bridgeton, NJ

MATCHES SUPPORTING BBBS

Local opportunities for Matches to help BBBS at the following events:

JULY 13th- We need Matches to help collect parking/admission fee for the South Jersey Tractor Pull. The Tractor Pull Association will donate a portion of the proceeds to BBBS! The event starts at 6:00pm but Matches would have to arrive at 5:00pm to learn the ropes!

JULY 21st- We need Matches to help with the Water Station at the Triathlon at Parvin State Park in the morning and will be done by lunchtime. FREE lunch will be provided!

RSVP at 856-692-0916 x 102 if you would like to help at either event.

"I enjoy being a Little Sister because when I feel disappointed, upset or angry, I can turn to my Big Sister for help. If there is no one to turn to for help, she's there. My Big Sister has taught me things that I will never forget. She taught me how to respect my friends and family. Also, to help others when needed." Little: Amber, Millville

" My Big Sister has changed me to the point that I am actually making better decisions in my life. I'm no longer the misunderstood child that people viewed me as. I feel as though she has taught me to stay strong regardless of what the circumstances may be. She has played an important role in my life." Little: Charisma, Paulsboro, NJ

Join us for our annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Picnic at Camp Merrywood

Thursday, August 23rd is the date for the annual BBBS Picnic. From 4:30pm to 7:30 pm, attendees can enjoy all the fun facilities available at Camp Merrywood including: swimming, fishing, canoeing, mini-golf, basketball, and nature trails.

We ask all attendees to RSVP by August 20th and if possible, to bring a covered dish to the picnic to share with other attendees. Bigs are reminded that only Community Based and Adult School Based Plus matches are permitted to transport their Littles.

Camp Merrywood is located at 1249 Jesse Bridge Road in Pittsgrove Township.



BBBS of Cumberland and Salem Counties Staff and Board at the Leadership Summit in Washington DC in June



CEO Donna Bennett with Board Chair Cosmo Giovinazzi IV and Board Member Michele Plumbo at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Leadership Summit in Washington DC.



Cumberland and Salem Counties CEO, Donna Bennett with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America President and Chief Executive Officer Charles Pierson at the Leadership Summit in Washington DC.

BBBS Summer Fun Series

Matches, Parents and Littles are all welcome to join the Thursday evening BBBS Summer Fun activities at the BBBS Office on Landis Avenue in Vineland (1944 East Landis Avenue) each Thursday night, starting on July 12th from 5:30 to 7:30. Each night will host a different fun activity. Please register for each event in advance at 856-692-0916.

July 12 – Garden Night

July 19 - Game Night

July 26 – Car Wash and Water Ice

August 2- Craft Night

August 9 – Kickball Night

August 16 – Water Games Night

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR!



BBBS CELEBRATES SUCCESS WITH SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS



Danielle Angeline, Director of High School Mentoring presents Erik Cianci with a BBBS Scholarship at Woodstown High School.

The winners of the 2012 Big Brothers Big Sisters \$500 scholarships were recently presented to local seniors.

All applicants were high school seniors who were either a Big or a Little or whose family members are affiliated with the program.

Each applicant wrote an essay describing how mentoring or Big Brothers Big Sisters has made a difference in their lives.

Congratulations to the 2012 BBBS Scholarship Winners

Erik Cianci

High School: Woodstown High School
College: Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Zachary Parker

High School: Millville Senior High School
College: Cumberland County College
Major: Secondary Education

Chieko Quigley

High School: Bridgeton High School
College: George Washington University
Major: International Affairs

Rebecca Schneider

High School: Our Lady of Mercy Academy
College: Neumann University
Major: Nursing

Miranda Silva

High School: Vineland High School
College: Cumberland County College
Major: Elementary Education

Jerry Smith Memorial Scholarship

Blake Boswell

Cumberland Regional High School
College: Cumberland County College
Major: Criminal Justice

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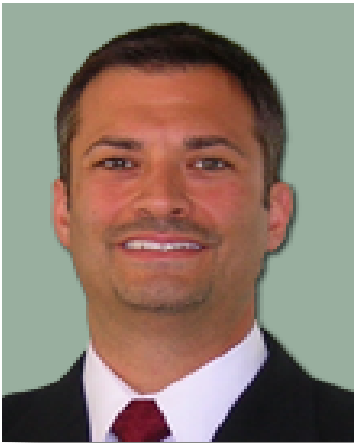
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Meet Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Member Shayne Bevilacqua



Shayne Bevilacqua is the newest member of the BBBS Board of Trustees. Shayne became involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters agency after fellow board members invited him to fund raising events. Shayne was then inspired to become a donor as a way to give back to the community. The concept of mentoring means a lot to Shayne; he was privileged to have his younger cousin move in with him and his parents due to some unfortunate circumstances. Shayne instantly became a “big brother” and mentor to his cousin. The opportunity became a true blessing as he still cherishes his relationship with his “little brother”

Shayne is a graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School and holds a Bachelors Degree in Business from St. Joseph’s University. Shayne earned an MBA from Rowan University in 2006.

Since 1992, Shayne has worked in the healthcare industry in various capacities. His experience includes working within the orthopaedic field, the area of scientific research, and training nearly 10,000 pharmaceutical sales representatives across the U.S.

Shayne was also part of an international marketing team that launched two much-needed influenza vaccines in the U.S. and Puerto Rico during the flu vaccine shortage. His efforts helped save many lives.

Currently Shayne is the Principal at the Professional Liability Insurance Group of South Jersey located in Vineland. He specializes in protecting physicians and other health care providers, attorneys, accountants, architects and engineers by securing professional liability insurance appropriate to their business needs. Shayne works to educate clients ensuring they make informed decisions when managing their protection. While the company specializes in Professional Liability insurance, they also write workers compensation, group health, and business owners policies for businesses of all sizes. Shayne is a member of NSACE (National Society of Agents for Consumer Education) and PLUS (The Professional Liability Underwriting Society).

In his spare time Shayne enjoys spending time with his family and running. Shayne lives with his wife, Dawn, and their 2 children just outside of Vineland.

MATCH SPOTLIGHT : Meet Vicky and Imani

Big Sister, Vicky, and Little Sister, Imani have lunch together once a week at Holly Heights School in Millville where Vicky is a teacher and Imani will be in 5th grade in September. They were matched in December of 2009. They like to talk during their lunches together and play games.

Vicky and Imani have a School Based Plus match, which allows the pair to get together outside of the school. Vicky and Imani recently celebrated Imani’s birthday by going out to dinner and then shopping for a birthday gift together. Imani attends church on Sundays with Vicky and her family, Imani learned to play the trombone this year and played in the Spring Concert at Holly Heights School. Imani is a good student and thinks Vicky is “nice and kind”.



Congratulations to BBBS Enrollment and Match Support Specialist, Gloria Thompson on her recent graduation from the Cumberland County College 2012 Leadership class!

July and August Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
7/4	July 4 Parade and Fireworks in Millville - Free
7/14	Astronomy Presentation and Starwatch at Batso 7:30 - 11:00 pm - free
7/15	The Carpenter Frog Pinelands Hike at Batso Village 10:30 am - Parking \$5.
8/11	Millville Car Show 9 am - 3 pm - Free!
7/2 - 7/9	Cumberland County Fair
7/28 - 7/29	Railroad Days at Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May
8/17 - 8/19	Into the Woods Junior at the Landis Theater - tickets \$13.00
8/7 - 8/10	Salem County Fair - Free! (\$5 parking fee)
7/12-8/16	Each Thursday fun, free events at BBBS on Landis in Vineland
8/23	Big Brothers Big Sisters Picnic
July and August	Farmers Market in Salem each Saturday

Congratulations to our New Matches

Wesley and Terrell- 5-1-12
 Carmelia and Laura 5-10-12
 Laria and Kaneisha 5-15-12
 Kody and Matthew 5-29-12
 Mahogany and Jennifer 6-28-12
 Brianna and Angelica 6-29-12

July and August Match Anniversaries

Sarah	&	Ka'Dejah	7	Years	In July
Joy	&	Shaquinta	4	Years	In July
Dennis	&	Elijah	3	Years	In July
Lois	&	Hailey	2	Years	In July
Joseph	&	Tyree	2	Years	In July
Beth	&	Alene	7	Years	In August
Katherine	&	Taylor	3	Years	In August
Nilsa	&	Selinette	2	Years	In August
Sandra	&	Mariah	2	Years	In August



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The All American Car Raffle features the following vehicles that the winner can choose from: a Chevy Camaro SS Convertible, a Chevy Silverado, a Cadillac CTS, a Cadillac SRX, a pair of Chevy Cruzes, a pair of Jeep Patriots, a pair of Harley Davidson Road King Classics, or a mix-match of the pairs! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Deerfield Harvest Festival in Rosenhayn on Sunday, October 7th around 8pm. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$100.00. Only 999 tickets will be sold! Recent winners have come from Bridgeton, Millville and Atlantic County. The next one could be YOU!

Tickets can be purchased through the above website, at the BBBS office or at select community events. For more information call 856-692-0916.