



BIG SISTER DAWN AND LITTLE SISTER NIYAH

News from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties

Big News



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FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Congratulations to our 2013 Bigs of the Year

In January of 2007 Dawn Hunter met her Little Sister, Niyah. Niyah was only 9 years old at the time but they immediately hit it off. Niyah and Dawn make a great match and enjoy every moment they spend together. Dawn is not only a Big Sister but she has become valuable asset to our agency. Due to layoffs, Dawn was not working and she volunteered her time at the agency by helping to create new communication tools to promote Big Brothers Big Sisters and to get more people involved in the organization. She currently serves on several committees to help raise funds, is a multi-year donor and is a testimonial speaker at our Information Sessions held monthly.

Wayne Knight became interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters through a Big Sister who was already involved in the program after attending the "Rise & Shine Breakfast" a fundraiser.

Wayne heard about the program there and decided to apply. Wayne was introduced to his Little Brother, Zyshonne, on February 18, 2009 through the School Based program.

Wayne's involvement with the agency goes beyond being a Big Brother. He has been a multi-year donor for the agency. He always makes the time to help out with Big Brothers Big Sisters activities and events. We can count on him whenever extra help is needed.

We thank Wayne and Dawn for their continued interest and commitment to the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Big Brother Wayne with Zyshonne

Hurricane Sandy: Economic Impact, Recovery and Municipal Credit is the focus of this year's Financial Seminar to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties. The excellent speakers are: Dr. Charles Steindel, Chief Economist of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury; David Kotok, co-founder of Cumberland Advisors; and Executive Vice President of Cumberland Advisors, John Mousseau.

Big Brothers Big Sisters will host this year's seminar at the New Jersey Motorsports Park Officers Club in Millville. The seminar includes refreshments and hors d'oeuvres from 5 to 7:30 with the program starting at 6 pm. The Seminar fee is \$100 per person or \$1000 for a table of 10. Additional seminar information and registration is available at:

www.bbbsfinancialseminar.com

Falasca Mechanical, Inc. is the Gold Sponsor for the Financial Seminar. Silver Sponsors are: Paul Perino, Jr CFP®, CRPC®, APMASM Financial Advisor of Ameriprise Financial; Fabiatti, Hale, Hammerstedt & Powers, PA; F.C. Kerbeck; and Virtue Design.

BIG Night ... BIG Fun

Plan to attend this year's BIG Night – Wine Tasting and Auction to benefit of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties at the Eastlyn Golf Course on Friday May 10th.

The festivities begin at 6:00 pm with wine tasting and food pairing with expert commentary to enhance your appreciation of the wines. A buffet dinner follows the wine tasting along with both Live and Silent Auctions. Again this year the Silent Auction features Electronic bidding with screens posting the current high bids.

Auction items are donated by the community and each year features tickets to sporting events, sports memorabilia, collectables, gardening and landscaping products and wine. If you have an item to donate for the event, please contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (856) 692-0916.

Falasca Mechanical is a Gold sponsor of the Big Night. Silver sponsors are: Capital Bank of New Jersey, Paul Perino CFP®, CRPC®, APMASM Financial Advisor Ameriprise Financial, and BC Processing. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or placing an advertisement in the Ad Book, please contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (856) 692-0916.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship Program

Are you going to college next year? Big Brother Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties may be able to help with your tuition.

Each year Big Brothers Big Sister of Cumberland and Salem Counties offers \$500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors who were either a Big or Little or whose parent/guardian are involved in the program. The award is \$500 payable to the higher education institution the recipient is attending. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties awarded six scholarships in 2012.

To apply for a scholarship you must complete the brief application and include an essay. The essay must either describe

- How has being a High School Big or Little impacted you at this time in your life, and how will you continue to use the skills and experience that you have learned to be a leader in the future?

Or

- How your experience participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters events/activities made an impact on your life. What skills have you learned and what experiences have you had that have prepared you for your future? How will you use those skills and experiences to be a leader in the future?

If you are a senior at one of the following high schools and you are interested in applying for a Big Brothers Big Sisters scholarship, please call the office at 856-692-0916 for more information:

Cumberland Regional
Vineland High School
Millville High School
Woodstown High School
Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Bridgeton High School
Salem High School



The Easter Bunny invites Bigs, Littles, and their families to the Big Brothers Big Sisters office on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 6 pm to enjoy our annual Easter festivities. The BBBS office is located at 1944 East Landis Avenue in Vineland.

The Easter bunny will host lots of activities including games and an Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will have baskets for all the children. Plan on fun and festivities come rain or shine!

The Easter Bunny needs to know who will attend to make certain there are enough goodies and baskets for all the children. Please let the agency know if you plan to attend by March 26 at (856) 692-0916.

A BIG Thanks to the Levoy Theatre

Millville's LeVoy Theatre in coordination with the Joseph L. Carley Foundation is making a special offer of buy one, get one free tickets to our matches. This program recognizes how difficult it is for Bigs to offer their Little culturally enriching activities at an affordable rate. As a bonus, Bennigan's Restaurant in Vineland, NJ is offering buy one adult meal, receive one youth meal free on the day you attend a listed performance. The following performances are suggested for this special offer to our Matches:

How I Became A Pirate: is a children's musical based on a story of adventure and finding one's own heart – a path that can't be found on any treasure map. **\$12/\$15 March 9, 2013: 11am & 2pm**

The Golden Dragons: Cirque Ziva: The best of a time honored tradition, some 25 centuries old, meets modern movement and expression in a gorgeous, innovative cirque performance. The Golden Dragons are recognized throughout the United States and abroad as one of the premiere Chinese acrobatic companies touring today. **\$21/\$27; March 13, 2013; 12:30pm & 7:30pm**

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Meet Board Member Michael Testa, Jr

This month we spotlight one of our newest board members, Michael L. Testa, Jr. Michael graduated from Villanova University School of Law and received his LL.M Trial Advocacy Degree from Temple University's Beasley School of Law. His professional associations include Cumberland County Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America-NJ, Board of Governors; ATLA (National) for the Young Lawyers Division, Board of Governors. Other memberships include the Vineland Lions Club; Vineland Downtown Improvement District/Main Street Organization; The Vineland Regional Dance Company; and The Italian American Benevolent Association..

Michael L. Testa Jr. practices trial law at his father's firm, Testa Heck Scrocca & Testa, where his uncle and his grandfather once worked. Michael understands the value of mentoring and recently described the lifelong mentoring he's received from his dad and his grandfather.

"I have the pleasure of not only working for my dad, but he's [also] my best friend. He did not push me into the field of law; I thought maybe I wanted to write the next Great American Novel. [But] I got to speaking with my father over the summer after my sophomore year of college, and he had some large cases at the time that sounded so intriguing ... I decided this might be a profession I wanted to consider.

Run, Have Fun, Support Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Ploch family of Vineland, NJ hosts an annual 5K run and 1 mile walk in honor of their son Aaron who passed away at a young age. This event funds the Aaron Ploch Scholarship Fund along with another local charity chosen by the Ploch family. For the third year in a row, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties is the chosen charity. Donna Bennett, President/CEO is proud of the partnership. "We are excited about this year's event and look forward to having our Matches, Bigs, Littles, parents, and siblings participate in the event. It is a great way to not only support our program, but to support the community in which we all live".

Big Brothers Big Sisters invites everyone to register for the event. Come walk or run with us to support one-to-one mentoring in our area. Your participation has a positive impact on the lives of children and families throughout Cumberland and Salem Counties. Events such as this allow Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide services to local children and volunteers without a cost to participants.

Aaron was a wonderful son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend, He was an excellent student and athlete, loved by his teachers, coaches and everyone that came in contact with him. Aaron had a smile and a personality that could light up a room. Aaron was 10 years old when he died, September 30, 1999, after a week long illness. Aaron left such an impression on all of us in so many different ways that we have continued his legacy by offering the Aaron Ploch Memorial Swimming and Soccer Scholarship.

"Run for Aaron"

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Time: Registration begins at 7:30am or on line at: http://runforaaron.com/register_now

Race Time: 9:00am

Course: The course is a scenic tour of East Vineland's farmlands. Runners will get a taste of Vineland's agricultural heritage as they pass fields and fields of freshly planted spring vegetables.

Where: Our Lady Pompeii Rosary Hall

March April Events

Date	Event
3/9	How I Became a Pirate - LeVoy Theatre
3/13	The Golden Dragon - LeVoy Theatre
3/13	Big Brothers Big Sisters Financial Seminar at the NJ Motor Sports Park
3/15	South Jersey Astronomy Club Skywatch at Bellplain - Free!
3/24	A Year with Frog and Toad Cumberland College - Free!
3/24	SJ Antique Auto Club Car Show - Salem County Fairgrounds
3/28	Big Brothers Big Sisters Easter Egg Hunt
4/7	Paws for Art! At Wheaton Arts with Cumberland County SPCA
4/11 - 4/14	Footloose at Cumberland County College
4/27 and 4/28	Civil War Weekend at the Hancock House in Salem County

March April Match Anniversaries

<u>Little</u>	<u>Big</u>	<u>Years Matched</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Big</u>	<u>Years Matched</u>
Ahnonda	Tina	7	Alyssa	Victoria	1
Omar	Craig	5	De'Andre	John	1
Kevin	Randi	4	William	Devon	1
Zyshonne	Wayne	3	Briana	Grace	1
Tahmere	Rashed	3	Faith	Rachel	1
Ra'Quan	William	3	Dah'Janae	Teri	1
Dominique	Lana	3	Joshua	Richard	1
Alexis	Jennifer	2	Da'Von	William	1
Tashana	Camille	2	Aaliyah	Ashley	1
Destiny	Barbara	2	Alisha	Joyce	1
			GianCarlo	Nicole	1

Congratulations to our New Matches

<u>Little</u>	<u>Big</u>	<u>Match Date</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Big</u>	<u>Match Date</u>
Dominique	Staci	17-Jan	Latoya	Dorothy	13-Feb
Ivin	Amiot	24-Jan	Briana	Anissa	15-Feb
Miguel	Scott	25-Jan	Diamond	Acacia	18-Feb
Keisean	Wilma	28-Jan	Shakeena	Karissa	22-Feb
Sebastian	Nyshawn	5-Feb	Serena	Breuna	25-Feb
Amiyah	Diane	5-Feb	Tatiana	BethAnne	27-Feb
Kristina	Roxanne	7-Feb			