27th BIG NIGHT

Friday May 8th at The Greenview Inn at Eastlyn Golf Course in Vineland, NJ was the 27th annual Big Night for the benefit of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem counties.

The festivities began at 6 pm with an hour of socializing, wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres hosted by Stephen Curry, our wine consultant. From 7 pm until 10 pm guests enjoyed an assortment of entrees including a carving station and desserts. Throughout the evening an array of wines were available to sample.

The highlights of the night were the fabulous, interesting, useful and unique items available in the silent and live auctions. This year’s auction items included: Phillies tickets, Eagles tickets, Mike Trout memorabilia, theater tickets, specialty dinners, high end wine packages, Disney World get away, landscaping items, Pocono Getaway, chain saw art, original artwork, a year of flowers, Pampered Chef Items, kids fun package and jewelry.

A Big Thank-you to our Big Night Sponsors:
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If you would like to become a Sponsor for our Big Night next year please visit our website:
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2015 BIGGIE AWARDS

Big Sister of the Year:
Andrea Handy

Big Brother of the Year:
George Reeves

School Based Big of the Year:
Kevin Ludwig

High School Big of the Year:
Cedric Homes

Best Supporting Business:
Aliano Brothers General Contractors Inc.

Best Friend:
Steve Allen

Legacy Award:
Peter Capizola

Best Kept Secret:
David Davidow

Cheerleader:
Melanie Druziako

Best Supporting School:
Johnstone Elementary School

Honey Do:
Percy Watson

Life Saver Award:
Newfield National Bank

Spotlight Match
Big Brother Carlos & Little Brother Ricardo

Carlos and Ricardo were first matched in the High School Mentoring Program on 10/20/2010. They enjoyed getting together for the HSM Program and formed a great relationship. The match ended in 2014 due to Carlos graduating. However they remained friends and wanted to continue in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. On 4/25/15 they were re-matched in the Community Based Program and continue to meet at least every 2 weeks. Their fantastic relationship continues and they enjoy getting together and just hanging out.

Little Brother Ricardo & Big Brother Carlos

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Little Sister Gisel. This summer Gisel is working at Wawa in Ocean View as part of Wawa's summer program for high school students. Gisel is thrilled to have her first job and loves working at Wawa.

Little Sister Gisel
“Egg”cellent Easter Party

BIG Thank You to VHS Interact Club for hosting the Easter Party and Our Lady of Mercy Academy for their donation of the Easter Baskets

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Welcome Laurie Shaiko

Meet our Administrative Assistant, Laurie Shaiko! Laurie worked in the school system for 10 years and for the City of Vineland for 5 years before coming on staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

She has two daughters, Ashley and Samantha, and pets, Mia and Kooper. She enjoys her work at Big Brothers Big Sisters because she loves working with children and giving back to the community.

Give our office a call to say hello and welcome Laurie to the Big Brothers Big Sisters family!

9th Annual Run for Aaron

April 18th was a beautiful day for the 9th Annual Run for Aaron, a 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk in honor of Aaron Ploch.

Funds from this race go to The Aaron Ploch Memorial Scholarship Fund and for the fifth year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.

This year Big Brothers Big Sisters received a donation of $7,200.00 from the Run for Aaron, which makes a total of $36,300.00 since 2011.

The Ploch Family with Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and volunteers.

Diane Ploch present Donna Bennett with a check for $7,200.00.

Farewell and Thanks to a Good Friend

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties mourn the passing of our good friend Marilyn “Dale” Parvin this past February.

Dale was deeply involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and served and a member of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland County for a number of years. Dale devoted her life to caring for others.
**BIG NEWS**

*Phi Theta Kappa of Cumberland County College Donates Bookbags*

This September, our Little Brothers and Little Sisters will go Back to School in style, thanks to the members of Phi Theta Kappa at Cumberland County College, who collected donations throughout the spring semester.

**Littles, come see us at the Summer Picnic to get your bookbag.**
(info to follow!)

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**SPECIAL MATCH ACTIVITY!**

"*Arts on High Street*"

Dinner and a show- a special spring treat! Thanks to a grant from the Joseph L. Carley Foundation, 25 matches will be able to see a live performance of their choice at the Levoy Theatre in Millville and enjoy a meal at a nearby restaurant on High Street.

Matches, (SBM Plus & SBM only) please call Gloria Thompson at (856) 692-0916 to reserve your tickets!
May and June Match Anniversaries

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Congratulations to our New Matches

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