



BIGS IN BLUE

BIGS IN BLUE: Connecting Police and Youth through Mentoring

Bigs in BlueSM is a one-to-one mentoring program that connects youth with police in communities throughout our nation, building strong, trusting, lasting relationships. These relationships can help build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve. Big Brothers Big Sisters is pleased to roll out this initiative across the nation.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America designed the program to address the strained relationship between officers and the communities they serve. While there are several law enforcement officers already participating in youth mentor programs across the country, creating a formal program and expanding it nationally provides the best opportunity to foster relationships between the two groups and bridge any divides within a community.

Locally the Cumberland & Salem Prosecutors, Cumberland County Sherriff Department, Vineland Police Department, and the Millville Police Department are participating in the Bigs in Blue Program. Officers will volunteer to serve as a "Big" for a child, interacting in the Community Based or Adult School-Based Programs.

Our most recent Bigs in BlueSM match in March is between Big Sister Elizabeth and Little Sister Grace. Big Sister Elizabeth is from the Cumberland County Sherriff's Department. We are excited about this program and the local law enforcement participation!

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Big News



March April
2017

The Big Night



This year's **Big Night** is Friday, May 12th at the Greenview Inn, Eastlyn Golf Course in Vineland.

The gala starts at 6 pm with an hour of gourmet hors d'oeuvres paired with specially selected wines. Then from 7 pm until 10 pm guests will enjoy a Live & Silent Auction, an assortment of entrees and desserts, all while sampling from an assortment of wines from different vendors to enjoy throughout the evening.

Reservations are \$85 per person if purchased before May 5th. After May 5th reservations are \$100 per person.

If you are interested in donating an item for the auction or purchasing an **Advertisements for the Big Night Ad book**, please contact **Cherell Eutzy** at (856) 692-0916.

Bigs and Littles having a Ball at Bowling



I have been a Big for 4 years now. The idea of being matched with a child in need right in the community where my family and I thrive was the simplest, most accessible answer to my aspiration to give back a little. The BBBS staff has been wonderful answering all my concerns and the matching process was very simple.

When I joined BBBS, I became a player on a team focused on giving each kid in our Cumberland and Salem community a chance to succeed by simply showing them they are worthy of love and matter to others. Through my Little, I have witnessed first-hand the power of this message.

By joining the Board of Trustees, my goal is to help increase the reach of our organization and provide many more kids with the life changing access to a caring mentor.

Our New Board Member
Emmanuel Gauffeny



2017 Scholarship Competition Announced

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties awards scholarships to graduating seniors. The criteria are

1. High School Senior that is currently a trained/matched High School Big Brother or Big Sister and has documented a minimum of **20** hours of participation in the program, **OR**
2. High School Senior who is/was a Little that is/was either matched or waiting to be matched, **OR**
3. High School Senior whose parent/guardian is a Big Brothers Big Sisters agency volunteer or staff member.

In 2016, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation awarded 11 scholarships to students from high schools that were High School Bigs and Graduating Littles: Scholarships will be awarded as chosen among eligible applicants from area high schools in Cumberland and Salem Counties in 2017.

Interested applicants must complete a scholarship application (available at <http://www.southjerseybigs.org/matches/scholarship-opportunities/>) and write a short (typed) essay answering the question, "How has being a High School Big or Little impacted you at this time of 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 "Describe 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?"

Scholarship applications are due April 15, 2017 and must be submitted to the Big Brothers Big Sisters office by mail or fax, in person or e-mailed to Danielle Clementson at <mailto:dclementson@southjerseybigs.org>. If you have any questions, please call the office at 856-692-0916. Winners will be announced at your high school's award ceremony or through mail correspondence.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties
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Financial Seminar

Market & Interest Rates After Trump Election

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Running Deer Golf Club 1111 Parvins Mill Rd., Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

Presented By:

David R. Kotok, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of Cumberland Advisors

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres (refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Program (food and cocktails will be available until 7:00p.m.)

\$1000 per table of 8 people or \$125 per person

Reserve a Table or Seat

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New Board Member, Denise Jackson



I became involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties more than 5 years ago, and was inspired when I was invited to attend a Rise & Shine Breakfast. My husband and I wanted to give back to a child in need by sponsoring a family for the Holidays. I am now involved in the School-Based Mentoring Program and working with my co-workers to inspire them to get involved with this amazing organization that can change not only a child's life but it can also change yours.

It is an honor to serve on the board for this organization. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties and the individuals involved are providing a unique service to the children, parents, and caregivers in Cumberland and Salem Counties with a professional staff that support one-to-one mentoring of at risk children. The benefit for the children and their caregivers of having another adult in their lives to provide friendship is invaluable.

BIG Thank You to TenBrook Orthodontics



Little Brother Brian with his family at TenBrook Orthodontics

For the fourth year, TenBrook Orthodontics donated free braces to one of our deserving Littles.

TenBrook asks Big Brothers Big Sisters to select the candidate for braces, and then TenBrook sets up an appointment and makes the arrangements.

At the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party, the agency asked for applications for the free braces. From approximately dozen applications, the agency selected 12-year-old Brian for the braces valued at about \$3800.

Brian's relationship with TenBrook is expected to last 12-15 months and require an average of eight office visits. Brian will keep the TenBrook tradition and sign the wall when his braces come off and he walks away with a long-lasting gift.

Run, Have Fun, Honor

Join us on April 22th for the 11th 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 Scholarship Fund and for the seventh-year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.



Aaron was an excellent student and athlete, loved by his teachers and coaches. Aaron had a smile and a personality that could light up a room. Aaron was 10 years old when he passed on, September 30, 1999. To continue his legacy the Ploch family established a scholarship fund now known as, Aaron's Fund Inc.

It is with honor; we participate and encourage you to be a sponsor, walker, runner, or sideline cheerleader. Come out and have some fun while also raising money for Aaron's Scholarship Funds and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your participation will positively impact the lives of children and families throughout Cumberland and Salem Counties. In 2016, the Run for Aaron donated \$7,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters with a collective total of \$43,300 since 2011 which in turn has helped BBBS provide one-to-one mentoring services to more than 40 Littles.

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Time: Registration begins at 7:30am or on line at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Vineland/RunforAaron5Kand1MileWalk>

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
4680 Dante Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08361

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties, Inc. Kicks Off Support Mentoring Campaign

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties (BBBSCS) is excited to announce that several notable community leaders have kicked off its endowment fund campaign with \$341,723. The Support Mentoring Campaign Kick-off was marked by the Fox Foundation's generous offer to match the first \$100,000 received for this campaign. Inspired by this challenge, an individual donor gave a personal \$100,000 cash gift to the campaign.

The Support Mentoring Campaign goal is to raise \$500,000 to initially build Big Brothers Big Sisters' endowment fund. The fund will help offset the costs of professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships in the future.

It costs an estimated \$1200 each year to develop and maintain each one-to-one mentoring relationship. There is no fee for the volunteers or children who participate in the mentoring programs.

In 2016, the agency served approximately 300 youth and achieved significant immediate impact, while laying the groundwork for future productive citizens.

"I have seen first-hand not only the impact this mentorship has on the life of a 'Little', but also the impact that this program has on the 'Big' mentor. My daughter, Morgan served as a high school 'Big'. I saw her grow in many ways as a role model, and I was excited to see the value of giving back firmly solidified through this service-learning opportunity. It's a mission that has continued to move me to become further invested in it. I invite others in our community to learn more, volunteer, and join me in this campaign. It's critical to the vitality of our community."



Caption: Dan Falasca visited Wood School where 'Bigs' mentor elementary school-aged 'Littles' for an hour each week. The activities are organized and supported by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties. These school-based mentoring relationships have even been proven to increase standardized test scores.

March April Events

| Date | Event |
|--------|---|
| 16-Mar | 3rd Thursday at NJ Motor Sports Park - Motorless Night, Bike on the Track - Free! |
| 18-Mar | Work day at Parvin Park - Chip in to maintain this treasure |
| 18-Mar | Signs of Spring, a Pinelands hike at Batso - 10:30 - Free! |
| 25-Mar | Lego Printing at Wheaton Arts |
| 2-Apr | Paws for Art at Wheaton Arts. SPCA event for the DOGS! |
| 8-Apr | Charlotte's Web at Cumberland College - \$9 |
| 13-Apr | Big Brothers Big Sisters Easter Party |
| 29-Apr | Civil War Weekend at Hancock House in Salem |

Match Anniversaries

March 2017

| <u>Big</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Years Matched</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Wayne | Zyshonne | 7 |
| Jennifer | Alexacus | 6 |
| John | De-Andre | 5 |
| Cherie | Christian | 4 |
| William | Hector | 4 |
| Christopher | Kenny | 3 |
| Rockay | Amya | 2 |
| Stephanie | Tamyra | 2 |
| Madison | Joriel | 1 |
| William | David | 1 |
| Mackenzie | Claire | 1 |

April 2017

| <u>Big</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Years Matched</u> |
|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Jennifer | Dahlia | 4 |
| Dorothy | Yarelis | 3 |
| Carlos | Ricardo | 2 |
| Nicholas | Robert | 2 |
| Kayla | Emma | 2 |
| Judith | Aubreonna | 1 |
| Laura | Leanna | 1 |
| Whitney | Jesias | 1 |

New Matches

January 2017

| <u>Big</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Match Date</u> |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Amy | Diamond | 1/12 |
| Donata | Maria | 1/18 |
| Vivian | Ja'Lynn | 1/26 |
| Denise | Isabella | 1/27 |
| Sunetta | Juliana | 1/31 |

February 2017

| <u>Big</u> | <u>Little</u> | <u>Match Date</u> |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Elizabeth | Tiani | 2/8 |
| Denise | James | 2/8 |
| Jordan | Dasya | 2/10 |
| Linda | Mi Ara | 2/13 |
| Destinay | Kirk | 2/15 |
| Cynthia | Jewelle | 2/21 |
| Sheila | Amy | 2/21 |