



November/December 2018

*Pictured above: New Match in our Generation to Generation Program, Big Sister Ella & Little Sister Shelby*

## ***Generation to Generation***

This fall, Big Brothers Big Sisters expanded Site-Based programming in Salem County with the launch of the Generation to Generation mentoring program. Generation to Generation is a unique Site-Based program where Littles are matched to Bigs at Friends Village at Woodstown, a local retirement community.

Mentoring as we know, has the ability to improve a youth's overall attitude towards school, social skills (communication and relationship-building), attendance at school, and the ability to avoid the onset of risky behavior. The unique partnership between children and the Bigs at Friends Village at Woodstown, allows Littles to learn life lessons from their Bigs, as well as providing Bigs the opportunity to learn from a younger generation.

Twice a month Bigs and Littles meet at Friends Village to participate in a conversation while also engaging in activities such as arts and crafts and playing games all while exploring shared interests and learning from one another. Gloria Thompson, Director of Community Based Mentoring states "the Friends Village program will greatly benefit the Friends Village residents and the children who will be mentored. The residents have a world of knowledge to offer by giving advice, helping with homework and providing a listening ear. The children will benefit by having a friend to talk to and play games with. It gives both the Big and Little the opportunity to think outside the box and it offers the Littles structured extracurricular activities. As the program grows we hope to see our Littles mature and have a better sense of community, the residents will see they are very much needed regardless of age and both will have gained a lifelong friend.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties offers a few programs to accommodate busy people who want to volunteer:

- **Community Based Mentoring**- An individual adult or couple are matched to a child and the activities take place in a community setting. The Bigs commit to a few hours a month with their Littles. [Apply Today](#)
- **School Based Mentoring**- An adult is matched to a child and they meet regularly (usually about an hour each week) in the child's school [Apply Today for the 2018-2019 School Year](#)
- **High School Mentoring**—A high school student is matched with an elementary or middle school student and activities take place within a school setting [Apply Today for the 2018-2019 School Year](#)

## You Change Lives



As 2018 winds down Big Brothers Big Sisters continues to wind up and this issue of our newsletter is just a quick glimpse of what's happening. Enjoy reading the stories that range from new programs, new partnerships, and upcoming events.

Every year I look forward to the Deerfield Harvest Festival because it's an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Talking to everyone as they consider which vehicle they would select if they were to win the All American Car Raffle is always fun, but the best conversations start with 'do you remember me?'

This year my favorite 'do you remember me' conversation started when a young man walked up and asked me that exact question while he patiently waited for my response. I tried to recall what this young man may have looked like when he was a Little Brother in our program, but as we continued to talk I felt like I was playing the 20 questions game until I was able to recall his whole story, the reason he was in our program, his Big Brother's name, and the years of great experiences he had while in our program. Part of Big Brothers Big Sisters accountability is the measurement of our outcomes through pre and post surveys, but the true results are seen years after our Littles graduate from our program and return to share stories of their happiness and success. This young man, who will always be a Little Brother to me, is now married, a dad, and a responsible employee. After our conversation, as I watched him confidently walk away with his wife and 2 children the sense of pride, respect, admiration, and appreciation I felt at that moment was truly overwhelming. The long-term commitment and positive impact that Big Brothers Big Sisters has on Littles and their families during hard times and in this case it was to help a Little deal with grief has a silent way of rippling into generations.

Final thought is a quote by Amit Ray who is famous for his teachings on peace, compassion, non-violence, and positive vibration. "Our wings are small, but the ripples of the heart are infinite."

**Happy Holidays and I hope to see you at our Rise & Shine Breakfast on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> as we unveil our new logo and branding.**

Sincerely,

Donna Bennett

**It Takes 5 To Keep A Match Alive.....Staff. Parents. Littles. Bigs. Donors.**



## 2018 All American Car Raffle Winner



*Pictured right: BBBS, President/CEO Donna Bennett hands the 2018 All American Car Raffle Winner, Thomas Konya the keys to his new Jeep*



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties (BBBS) is pleased to recognize the winner of their 2018 Annual All American Car Raffle, Thomas Konya of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. The winning ticket was drawn by Cumberland County Freeholder Carol Musso as part of this year's Deerfield Harvest Festival. Mr. Konya, who has been purchasing car raffle tickets from BBBS since 2014, selected a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo as his prize.

"Each year, it is a pleasure to get to know the winner of our car raffle and this year was no exception," said Donna Bennett, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties. "It is always rewarding to see how many people take part in the raffle. We want to thank the staff at the Novick Auto Mall for their help, and all of those who participated by purchasing a ticket. Your support helps BBBS to grow our programs, and ensure our services are fully accessible to those in need throughout the communities we serve."

Tickets can be purchased, starting in May 2019 for next year's car raffle. More information can be found at [allamericancarraffle.com](http://allamericancarraffle.com), or by calling Cherell Eutzy, BBBS Development Assistant, at 856.692.0916

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## August Events

Date	Event
11/23	Millville Holiday Parade Glasstown Arts District (856) 293-0556
11/23 – 12/ 2	Annual Holiday Studio Sale Wheaton Arts & Cultural Center (800) 998-4552
11/24	Vineland Holiday Parade Vineland Downtown Improvement District (856) 794-8653
11/24	Home Depot Kids Workshop: Gingerbread Ornament 9AM-12 PM <a href="http://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0946">www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0946</a>
11/25	Bridgeton Holiday Parade Bridgeton Main Street (856) 453-8130
11/25	The New Jersey Ballet Presents: Nutcracker 2:00 PM - 4:20 PM EST <a href="http://levoy.net/event/nutcracker18/">http://levoy.net/event/nutcracker18/</a>
11/29 – 12/ 1	Festival of Lights, Cohanzick Zoo Bridgeton Recreation (856) 453-1675
<b>December</b>	
1	Home Depot Kids Workshop: Sled with Reindeer 9AM-12 PM <a href="http://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0946">www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0946</a>
1	<b>31st Annual Yuletide in Salem @ Salem City, NJ 08079</b> Magic Of Christmas Parade 1 / Yuletide Tour of Historic Salem 1-6 PM / Tree Lighting Ceremony – Follows tour Location: Salem City, NJ 08079
1	Michaels Store: Make Break, Gingerbread House 1-3 PM
1	Wheaton Arts Saturday Story Circle 10:30-11:30
1	Wheaton Arts Sketch and Tell: Stories for Deep Time 1-2:30 PM
1	Bridgeton Historic Christmas House Tour Bridgeton Main Street (856) 453-8130
2	Cumberland County Jazz Band and Wind Symphony Holiday Concert – 3 PM Cumberland County College
2	Michaels Store Make Break: Gingerbread Slime 2-4 PM
7	Twelve Twenty-Four: The Holiday Rock Orchestra 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM EST <a href="http://levoy.net/event/twelvetwentyfour/">http://levoy.net/event/twelvetwentyfour/</a>
7	<b>Woodstown By Candlelight @ Woodstown, NJ</b>
8	The Polar Express (movie) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST <a href="http://levoy.net/event/polarexpressmovie18/">http://levoy.net/event/polarexpressmovie18/</a>
8	Mauricetown Candlelight House Tour Mauricetown Historical Society (856) 785-1137
8	Greater Bridgeton Amish Farm Market Indoor Craft Show 9am – 4pm (856) 451-3008
8	Soul of the Season Glasstown Arts District (856) 293-0556
8	9th Annual Greenwichl Gingerbread House Contest and Display Cumberland County Historical Society (856) 455-8580
9	50th Anniversary Christmas in Greenwich Cumberland County Historical Society (856) 455-8580
11	Movie Night @ Henry E. Wyble Library Millville Army Air Field Museum (856) 327-2347
11	Virginia Repertory Theatre's Production of The Shoemaker & the Christmas Elves 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST <a href="http://levoy.net/event/shoemakerelves/">http://levoy.net/event/shoemakerelves/</a>
14	2nd Friday Bayshore Center @ Bivalve (856) 785-2060
15	Michaels Store Make Break: Cute Christmas T Shirts 1-3 PM
15	BBBS Christmas Party 1-3 PM 692-0916 (By invitation only and must RSVP)
21	3rd Friday Glasstown Arts District- Millville (856) 293-0556
22-23	Miracle on 34th Street (movie) <a href="http://levoy.net/event/miracle-34th-street-movie/">http://levoy.net/event/miracle-34th-street-movie/</a>

## New Matches September 2018

<u>Big</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Match Date</u>
Tyler	Michael-James	9/26
Andrea	Fiona	9/26
Michelina	Benjamin	9/26

## October 2018

<u>Big</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Match Date</u>
Lisa	Estefanie	10/11
Michele	Brielle	10/12
Madisson	Aolani	10/18
Xavier	Dominic	10/18
Camille	Isabella	10/23
Denise	Sha'Liyah	10/26
Jazive	Simari	10/29
Miranda	Jayla	10/29
Jennifer	Briel	10/29
Nicole	Alex	10/29
James	Jeremiah	10/29
Dalila	Ronald	10/29
Alexandra	Paisley	10/29
Marycruz	Daisy	10/30
Diane	Alexi	10/30
Nancy	Gabriella	10/30
Melita	Nefera	10/31
Linda	Emily	10/31

## Match Anniversaries

### November 2018

<u>Big</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Years Matched</u>
Emmanuel	Tommy	5
Julia	Isaac	3
Xavier	Brayden	1
Rylie	Caylee	1
Jordan	Levi	1
Sydney	Brynn	1
Justice	Uriel	1
Catherine	Taylor	1
Ayanna	Ry'NayJah	1
Emma	Morgan	1
Lauren	Makayla	1

## Match Anniversaries cont.

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<u>Big</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Years Matched</u>
Jessica	Charlotte	4
Wilma	Charisma	3
Wilma	Trinity	2
John	Zachary	1

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**