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Matchmaker News

THE LITTLE BIG EXPERIENCE

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Match Highlight

Look what you have started! Introducing our latest match: BS Kayla and LS Gianna. The two of them love arts & crafts, both are left handed and both have birthdays in October. At the end of their match meeting, Gianna expressed how she and Kayla are already "twins." So precious!



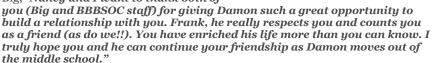
School Based Match Graduation

Littles in the 8th grade class of Valley Central Middle school celebrated their graduation from the program and school on June 14th. Two matches not only celebrated this important milestone, but also the length of their time together.

Bigs Georgiana and Mike were matched with their Littles Alyssa and Reuben when they were in elementary school. As they moved on to middle school their relationships continued to thrive and develop.

Now the Littles prepare to move to the next transition in their lives...high school! Their Bigs are so proud of how far the Littles have come and will continue to be a part of their lives as they move forward.

We are so proud of the school based programming at Valley Central Middle school and grateful for the support our Littles have. One parent shared her appreciation for the experience her child had with his Big, "Nancy and I want to thank both of



Two of our school based matches will become community based matches.





We Need You!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County is in search of caring volunteers (Bigs) to serve as mentors to at-risk kids (Littles) in our program.

Right now there are more than 50 children ready to be matched and waiting for a mentor.
Potential volunteers sometimes feel uncertain of their ability to mentor a youth, and wonder what to do during their time together, or how they will fit mentoring into their schedule.

Not to worry! We take care of these concerns by making volunteering flexible and just a few hours a month. We take great care in finding the right volunteer to match with each child, and in providing each person in our program with the on-going guidance they need to be successful.

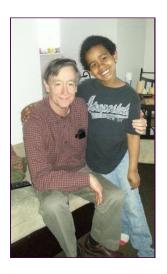
BBBSOC supports each volunteer every step of the way.

You don't have to change your life to impact the life of a child!

For more information go to:

http:// www.mentorachild.org/getinvolved/become-a-big/

The Perfect Match



BB Dan and LB EJ have been together a little over a year now. When asked what he likes most about his BB, EJ says that he likes his BB because "he treats me like I am in his family". So sweet!

Supporter Spotlight

Thank you First Niagara Foundation for your support of \$15,000 over the next 3 years!



Thanks to our newest sponsor MVP Healthcare!



"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you." ~ Bob Proctor

Look at the Power of Our Matches!



BS Denise and LS Arianna conducted a fundraiser during a yard sale. They managed to raise over \$137 and they wanted all proceeds to come to the agency. We cannot tell you how much your efforts touched our hearts. We love our matches!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER & MATCH ACTIVITIES



- Volunteer Think Tank, July 18th, 6:00-8:00pm, Mount Saint Mary College. Admissions/The Villa. Please join us as we thank you for all the work you do with your Little and for BBBSOC. It will also be an opportunity to share ideas and network with others mentors as well as BBBSOC staff. Call 845-562-5900, ext 12 to RSVP by July 5th
- Summer Family Picnic, August 19th, 12:00-4:00pm.
 Camp Robbins, Walden, NY. A return of our annual summer event to celebrate our Bigs, Little and their families. There will be food, fun, music, swimming and MUCH MORE! Call 845-562-5900, ext 18 to RSVP by August 1st

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



- Zumba Fitness for a Cause, July 29th, 10:00am-12:30pm, CYO of Washingtonville, 76 Goshen Avenue, Washingtonville, NY 10992. Come shake, groove and feel good as you support our mentoring program. To register go to: http://bit.ly/zumbafitnessforacause2017 You can also register the day of the event at the venue.
- 9th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Classic, August 28th, 8:00am-5:00pm, West Point Golf Course, West Point, NY. Be a sponsor or golf with a foursome! The day includes, golf, driving range, 18 Hole Shotgun Start Four Person Scramble, Lunch, Dinner, Beverage on the course & Awards. Fun raffle, 50/50 & auction items spice up the day. When you support this event you share the vision that all children can achieve success in life. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1 to 1 relationships that change their lives for the better. To register as a golfer or a sponsor, go to: http://bit.ly/forethekidsgolf2017

Happy Anniversary!



Our goal is to support long-term relationships between our Littles and Bigs. Congratulations to our matches that have met these outstanding milestones:

1 year

LS Aaliyah & BS Arlene LS Nia & BS Nancy

LS Ammarah & BS Ajia

LB President & BS Jasmine

LS Joanna & BS Stacey and BS Alexus

LB Bryce & BB Louis

LS A'mya & BS Ana

LS Arianna & BS Denise

LB Christopher & BB Jason

LS Quinn & BS Wonha

LB Edward & BB Daniel

LB Thomas & BB Nathan

LB Sebastian & BB Juan

LB Nicholas & BB Chris

LS Serenity & BS Teisha

LS Makaiya & BS Tina

LB Stephan & BS Ashleigh

LS Jaziah & BS Jessica

LS Carly & BS Carly

LB John & BB Matthew

LB Jacob & BB Rick

LS Erin & BS Rachael

LS Leia & BS Mildred

LB Blaize & BB Juston

LB Jacob & BB Gabriel

2 years

LS Sarai & BS Stephanie LS Jeda & BS Jennifer

LB Joseph & BB Glenn

LB Adam & BB Jonathan

LS Jada & BS Alexis

LB Nkosi & BS Maryanne and BB Larry

LS Hailey & BS Leighann

LB Jayden & BB John

LS Yaritssa & BS Jennifer

LS Sindy & BS Lisa

LS Deziree & BS Linda

LB TeAndre & BB Ruben

LS Christasia & BS Lisa

LB Shane & BB Patrick

LS Trinity & BS Emily LB Ramaine & BB Karl

LS Hanna & BS Teresa

LB James & BB Martin

LS Rosaya & BS Valerie

LB Tyler & BB George

LS Alona & BS Jade

LS Arianna & BS Ashley

LB Jeremiah & BB Richard

3 years

LS Ashalya & BS Sarah

LS Zamira & BS Rebecca

LS Cami & BS Annalie

LS Tionna & BS Kayla and

BS Amanda

LS Yazzari & BS Margaret

LB Brandon & BB Michael

LB David & BB Joseph

LS Princess & BS Nicole and

LB Master & BS Lauren and

BB Lawrence

LS Roderra & BS Melissa and BS Malaina

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LB Zavier & BS Ingrid

LS Ayonna & BS Rose and BS Marissa

BS Marissa

LS Amir & BS Raelynn

4 years

LS Hannah & BS Jennifer

LS Tatyana & BS Kimberly

5 years

LB Paul & BB Frank

LB Reuben & BB Michael

LS Ciara & BS Dominique

<u> 6 Years</u>

LB Christian & BS Hilda LB Keshaun & BB Timothy

ED Residuir & DD Timothy

7 years

LB Carlos & BB Colby
LS Rachel & BS Elizabeth

10 years

LS Nyla & BS Marguerite

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we release the first edition of the Matchmaker News, I realize I am just shy of my one year anniversary here at BBBSOCNY. It has been a whirlwind of a year: getting to know our work first hand, working with our staff team, and meeting the volunteers who impact the lives of young people around Orange County. As an adult, we can all remember a person from our childhood who we not only looked up to, but who brought a little magic into our life, just by being there. Likely, it was someone other

than our parents and someone we respected. This person helped guide us to become the person we are today. This is what our Bigs do each time they meet with their Little. This is the power of mentoring. It is inspiring to hear and share the stories of the matches of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County! We could not do this work without our mentors, and we could not do this work without you - our friends and supporters. Thank you for all you do for us. I hope you will enjoy the Matchmaker News as we



capture the impact of our work, recognize our partnerships and celebrate making the difference in the life of a child.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, NY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, NY (BBBSOC) operates under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life.

BBBSOC's mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

By collaborating with families, volunteers and others in the community, BBBSOC is accountable for each enrolled child achieving higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors and educational success.

Ways to give BIG

There are lots of ways to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Whichever way you choose, you'll be helping us make a positive impact on kids in your community.



Donate Online

Donating online is the fastest, easiest way to join the Big Brothers Big Sisters mission and help a child.



Donate By Check

In addition to the fast, simple, and secure ways that you can make a gift online, Big Brothers Big Sisters is honored to accept your gift made by personal check.



Foundation & Corporate Giving

Philanthropy starts with you. Big Brothers Big Sisters is grateful for financial support from foundations and corporations.



Car Donation Program

Donate your car to Big Brothers Big Sisters. We'll sell it, then start something with the proceeds. For more information call us at (845) 562-5900.



Do Good Donate Clothing Program

Schedule a free pick-up, or drop clothes off at a local bin. Host a clothing Drive to fund-raise for YOUR organization, and both of us benefit from the proceeds! Call (877) 399-2570, to schedule pick-up and for more information.

For more information please visit our website at:

www.mentorachild.org







