

BBBS Bugle!

June 2015



Match of the Month



Alexis is an 11-year-old in fourth grade. She is not shy about asking for help when needed. However, she can become quite upset with herself when she can't grasp a subject. Rachel is currently a Teacher's Assistant. This match is very new in terms of length with BBBS. However, Rachel and Alexis have developed a close relationship over the course of the school year. During the second meeting, Alexis presented Rachel with a friendship bracelet she had made herself. Alexis' mother was thrilled to learn of her daughters match with Rachel. During conversations with Case Manager, Kari, Alexis speaks highly of Rachel and their time together. When asked what her favorite thing about Rachel is Alexis said "That she helps me with my Reading and listens to me. She tells me I can do certain things and doesn't get mad if I get something wrong."

**This Match of the Month was brought to you by
Kari Tankersley.**

Upcoming Trainings

Stay tuned.
New Training opportunities coming this fall!

This Mentor Collaborative report was brought to you by Jessica Karr.

Sponsor Spotlight



Indian River Community Foundation has been a supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters for more than two years. This year is no different. Big Brothers Big Sisters was awarded a grant that will expand a successful one-to-one mentoring and family literacy program at two Indian River County child care centers. Sixty-four children will be tutored in reading by trained AmeriCorps volunteers. Evening parent workshops, with child care and dinner provided, will reinforce the lessons.



Pictured are Kim Morgenstern, Corporate Board Chair, CEO Judi Miller and Indian River Advisory Board Chair Ken Roberts with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thank You!



Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank Sonny's BBQ of Vero Beach, located at 5001 20th Street Vero Beach, FL, 32966. Sonny's hosted a give back night to benefit BBBS. Each table that presented a flyer donated 10% of their bill to BBBS. If you are in the Vero Beach area please stop in for a meal. Try out their limited time special: All You Can Eat Ribs: Get them while they last!

This gratitude moment was brought to you by BBBS Staff.



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**Congratulations to our People's
Choice Winners from
The Taste of St. Lucie!**

Please visit this month's featured
restaurants from the Taste of St
Lucie!

Applebee's



Bluewater
Beach Grill



The Cake
Lady



Coyote
Grille



Big Spot



Edu. App:

Hey Bigs, grab your tablets for some electronic fun!

[Fun Arithmetic For Kids](#)

- Four game modes: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Each mode has 10 levels.
- A very easy and interactive way to help improve basic arithmetic!

Learning Game:

Fiddle Sticks
Learning Skills:
Sight words, Math Faces
Categorization
Letters/Sounds

Materials:
Plastic cups
Craft Sticks
Black & Red Sharpie

Set up:

With the red marker, color the tip of one craft stick. Write a word or math problem at the end of the other sticks with the black marker.

How to Play:

Place all the sticks in the cup, written side down. Players take turns choosing a stick and reading the word or solving the math problem. If the player answers correctly, he/she can keep the stick. If the question is answered incorrectly, the stick must be placed back in the cup. If one player chooses the stick with the red tip, they must put all of their sticks back in the cup. The player that earns the most sticks within the 10-minute time frame wins the game!

School changes/closure Dates:

SLC: 8/17 First day of school

IRC: 8/24 First day of school

Okee: 8/17 First day of school

This Big moment was brought to you by the Case Managers of BBBS.

Big Brothers Big Sisters BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

is **GLOWING** crazy! Join us for our
annual kickoff luncheon to find out more!

July 16, 2015, 12 noon
at Superplay USA

Join us for lunch, get your team packet and
sign up for advanced registration.

RSVP: 772-466-8535, info@bbbsbigs.org



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of St Lucie, Indian River & Okeechobee Counties

What: Bowl for Kids' Sake, \$150 per team (up to 6 players) includes two games of bowling, shoes, and a free t-shirt!

When: October 17, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Chobee Play, 1456 US Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL , 34974

Contact: 863-824-2227, www.bbbsbig.org

We are GLOWING with excitement for the 4th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake in Okeechobee County.

Join us for a fun time while you

Start Something

for the kids in our community!

**BOWL
AND
HAVE
AN IMPACT.
GET READY TO
START
GET STARTED
SOMETHING!**

**BOWL
FOR KIDS'
SAKE.
EVERY GAME
WILL BENEFIT
BIG BROTHERS
BIG SISTERS.
YOU'LL HAVE
A GREAT TIME
AND HELP KIDS
GET A CHANCE
TO STRIKE IT
BIG IN LIFE.
START
SOMETHING
NOW!**



Save the Date!

October 26th, 2015

6:00 pm at

Quail Valley River Club

Vero Beach, Florida

One hundred seventy five dollars per person.
Includes: Seated Dinner, Champagne & Chocolate Sweets

For reservations or sponsorship opportunities please call
772-770-6000, option 3 or visit www.bbbsbig.org



The First Celebration

On July 8, 1776, the first celebration took place in Philadelphia. On that day, the declaration was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. That summer, many towns marked the historic event with a mock funeral for the King of England. This symbolized the death of the monarchy and ushered in the days of liberty. Hundreds of years later, the national holiday remains important, as a day to pay tribute to the United States of America—its laws, heritage, history, and people.

Did You Know?

Independence Day was not declared a legal holiday until 1870. But that didn't stop people from celebrating!

Work on the Erie Canal in 1817, the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument in 1848, and the laying of the cornerstone of the Freedom Tower all began on the Fourth of July.

The city of Boston, Massachusetts, first commemorated Independence Day on March 5, 1783, the day of the Boston Massacre.

Fireworks were made in China as early as the 12th Century! The Chinese originally used them for war rockets and explosives.

There were 13 original colonies. Can you name them all?

This Hip Hip Hooray was brought you by Marian Alvarado.

Employee of the Month

The **Fred FACTOR**



Congratulations to **Jeannie Christiansen-Goggin** for winning this month's Fred Award. **Jeannie** was named this month's Fred because she has worked tirelessly to further speed up the intake process for new volunteers. Jeannie continues to show that she is a true champion for children.

The Fred Award is based on the book **The Fred Factor** and is our version of the Employee of the Month.

The Fred Factor is based on four principals: Everyone makes a difference.

Everything is built on relationships.

You must continually create value for others and it doesn't have to cost a penny.

You can re-invent yourself regularly.

By following these principals you too can be a Fred!

The Fred Award was brought to you by the management team of Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Join with us as we celebrate staff Birthdays!

Caitlin Elbrecht

Grants Reimbursement Coordinator

Cristina Paniagua

Case Manager

This Birthday Blast was brought to you by BBBS Staff.

Get involved!

Contribute towards our endowment fund.

Make a one time donation.

Be a table captain for Chocolate, Champagne & Chefs.

Sponsor a family for the holidays.

Join the Volunteer Corp.

Be a guest reader at an episodic reading event.

Help plan and execute an event.

Volunteer as an H.R. Specialist.

Be a Mentor.

Attend a special event.

Purchase a BBBS license plate.

Start Something Today!

Please Help Spread the Word!!

Help create awareness by becoming a social media volunteer. It's easy and only takes seconds!

1. Like Big Brothers Big Sisters of St Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties on Facebook.

2. Click Share on our Facebook posts so your friends and family can join in the fun.

Imagine the possibilities, what will you start? Thank you for your continued support. Please share the BIG News by forwarding this email to your friends!

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