

BBBS Bugle!



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Start Something Today!



Pilgrim, Pilgrim

(by M. Hubbard)

Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see the king refusing my plea.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see the Mayflower ready for sea.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see a new land to set me free.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see a hard winter, tough as can be.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see a green bud on a spring tree.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see an Indian helping me.
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see corn growing 1, 2, 3!
Pilgrim, Pilgrim, what do you see?
I see praise, for thankful are we!

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 postings so your friends and family can join in the fun.**

Imagine the possibilities, what will you start? Thank you for your continued support.

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Alumni



If you or someone you know is a former Big Brothers Big Sisters Big, Little, board member, donor or parent, please let us know!

In the coming months, we will be building our Bigs Alumni organization. Members will get special treatment and learn ways to help their local agency - even years after being involved. But we have to know who you are! www.reunitenow.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Join with us as we celebrate staff Birthdays!

Kelly Chicvara
Capacity Builder

Jenna Stinnett
AmeriCorps Program Director

This Birthday Blast was brought to you by BBBS Staff.

Match of the Month!



AmeriCorps received a Partner of Compassion award from Harvest Food and Outreach in Fort Pierce. This summer AmeriCorps members tutored students during their summer programs. Members played educational games, read to students and worked on skills to prevent summer slide. This is the third year AmeriCorps has participated in the Harvest summer programs and look forward to doing it again!

Dean is an outgoing and friendly child. He was referred to the Site Based program in the spring of 2010. His teacher felt the program would help to improve Dean's lacking academics. Dean is a lively boy who is not shy about requesting help on an assignment or task he cannot do.

Ann is a former teacher and admires children because they are not afraid to make mistakes and are honest and sincere. Ann and Dean have remained steadfast with their relationship. Dean frequently asks Ann to stay longer during their sessions and when he sees the case manager alone he is quick to ask, "Is Ms. Ann coming today?"

Over the years, Dean has reached several milestones such as: reading on grade level, being promoted without a Progressive Monitoring Plan and improving his fluency and decoding skills. His teacher speaks warmly about how Dean volunteered an answer to a question she asked the class, which is something he would not have done in years past. Ann and Dean will continue their friendship as long as they are able, which given Dean's grade level, age and areas of concern will be approximately two more years!

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



This AmeriCorps Moment was brought to you by Jenna Stinnett.



The November Question is: **When was Thanksgiving established as a Federal Holiday?**

Last month's question was: "What is the dot over the letters "i" and "j" called?" The small distinguishing mark you see over a lowercase "i" and a lowercase "j" is called a tittle – an interesting name that seems like a portmanteau (combination) of "tiny" and "little," and refers to a small point or stroke in writing and printing. Generally, a diacritic dot such as a tittle is also referred to as a glyph. However, in regards to "i" and "j" – the removal of the mark is still likely to be read as /I/ or /J/; as such, these are not examples of a glyph.

Trivial Pursuit:

Each month we will bring you a new trivia question. BBBS Newsletter subscribers will have a sneak peak at the question! BBBS will post this question on our Facebook page the Sunday after this newsletter goes out. A winner will be chosen from the correct responses from the Facebook Post.

This Trivial Pursuit question was brought to you by Sabrina Semé.



BBBS Board Kudos!

Big Brothers Big Sisters is fortunate enough to have a VERY engaged Board of Directors and two active Advisory Boards that work extremely hard to provide advocacy, fund development, accountability and public awareness for the agency, its mission and the children we serve. Their hard work, commitment and dedication make such a difference!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following Board Members for all they have done in October!

Kim Morgenstern, Joni Wyszowski, David Hall, Joe Wallace, Mary Alice Bennett, Lori Fry, Brad Gould, Willie Roundtree, Joanna Meyers, Hugo Tovar and **Olivia Watkins** participated in our Open House.

Kim Morgenstern is receiving TD Bank matching funds for her volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kim Morgenstern, Joni Wyszowski, David Hall, Joe Wallace, Lori Fry, Gayle Harrell, Joe Smith and **Willie Roundtree** helped tremendously with Bowl-For-Kids Sake St. Lucie.

Joe Wallace is organizing the pick-up and distribution of holiday sponsorships through Walmart Distribution Center #7038 along with his wife Karen who he has also recruited to be a mentor. In addition, Joe has introduced our agency to another potential Board Member this month.

Kim Morgenstern and **David Hall** represented BBBS at the Chamber's Business & Industry Awards Dinner.

Beth Coke has helped with personnel related issues.

Olivia Watkins met with Steve Friend and Amber Woods at Lexus.

Olivia Watkins and **David Hall** met with Amber to discuss prospective Board Membership.

Olivia Watkins, Lori Fry, and **Amber Woods** agreed to serve on a Taste of St. Lucie Committee.

Ken Roberts, Debbie Chastain, Cathy LaCroix, Joanna Scott-Meyers, Deborah Taylor and **Bonnie Wilson** helped to host the Indian River County Chamber Breakfast.

Jason Odom helped do a presentation requesting funding from Quail Valley Charities.

Ed Shanapy recruited two potential T.E.A.M mentors.

Sharon Vinson and **Gay Carlton** emceed our Bowl-For-Kids' Sake event in Okeechobee.

Nick Blount secured an FPL sponsorship and he bowled on a team at our Bowl-For-Kids' Sake event in Okeechobee.

Ken Roberts organized an Elks event for that will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Joanna Scott-Meyers ,Debbie Chastain, Pat Bingleman, Georgann Schreiber and **Bonnie Wilson** helped organize the Chocolate, Chefs & Champagne event in Vero Beach.

Judi Miller, CEO

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY MENTORING COLLABORATIVE



The new coalition in Indian River County has a vision to achieve positive youth outcomes in the county as a result of evidence based training, resources and staff development provided through the collaborative of several youth serving agencies. Trainings are open to anyone working with youth in the area and the resources are available through their website.

The coalition is also currently working to compile detailed information about volunteer opportunities in each agency that is involved in the coalition to provide as a resource for those looking to get involved in their community.

Starting in September the mentors of Indian River County will get a chance to meet other mentors and talk about relevant topics. Mentor Mingle events will be hosted every third Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm. Join the fun at the United Way of Indian River County. Find out more on IRC-MentorCollaborative.org

The holidays are fast approaching and so are some great mentor trainings! The trainings in November are being held by popular demand!

Mentor/Mentee Craft

When: December 3rd

Time: 4:30 to 6:00pm

Where: 1846 18th Ave. Vero Beach, FL 32960
(Big Brothers Big Sisters' office)

The end of the year is a great time to review with your mentee all the awesome activities you did together and plan for new ones. What better way than with ice cream! Mentors and mentees of all ages are invited to participate in an ice cream making craft that will help mentors sum up the year, appreciate your mentee and discuss the plans for the next year. Seating is limited so please register early and notify the trainer of any food allergies.

The Monthly Mentor Mingle will be held on Tuesday November 18th from 5:30 to 6:30pm. All youth mentors, volunteers and agency staff are welcome. Discuss your experience with mentoring, help other mentors and find some guidance over drinks and snacks.

To register for any of the events listed, visit IRCMentorCollaborative.org and select "Upcoming Trainings". Once on the page titled "Upcoming Trainings", use the calendar to navigate to the event you would like to attend. Click on the event name in the calendar and a registration dialogue box will pop up allowing you to register.

Sign up for the Collaborative's newsletter to get the most recent update and information to help your match by submitting your email address on the front page of the website.

Check out the website at IRCMentorCollaborative.org for more information, resources and to find out about upcoming trainings.

For questions please contact Jessica
at Jessica.Karr@BBBSBigs.org

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

THANK You

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thanks
for sharing

Thank you Macy's of Vero Beach, located at Indian River Mall, for all your hard work during this year's Thanks For Sharing campaign. A special thank you to the top five sales associates for going above and beyond this year:

Karen Coward
Barbara Mitchell
Robin Reed
Cheryl Williams
Emma Vaserman

Please thank these and all sales associates the next time you are shopping at Macy's!



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Vero Beach Elks Lodge #1774 for throwing a 30th anniversary party to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. We appreciate you and your dedication to the children of Indian River County."



Left to right:

Ken Roberts, Indian River County Advisory Board Chair

Judi Miller, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters
Donna Knerr, Chairmain of the Elk's Board of Directors and Leading Knight
Flo Synenko, Secretary for the Elk's Lodge

**This Gratitude moment was brought to you by
Kelly Chicvara and Errin Williams.**



Learning Game:

Word ladders are a fun way to sneak in spelling practice with your Littles. You begin with one word and change one letter at a time to create new words.

This can help children learn phonics and spelling patterns while they try to reach the top of the ladder. Many excellent free printable word ladders that also emphasize handwriting can be found on the Word Study Wiki at: <http://mpsdwordstudy.wikispaces.com/Word+Ladders> , or you can get creative and make your own.

Education App:

Hey Bigs, grab your tablets for some electronic fun!

Mathmateer: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mathmateer-free/id408770902?mt=8>

- Contains 5 math missions: numbers, telling time, US Money, 3D shapes and arithmetic.
- You can build your own rocket with over 90 rocket parts!
- Has 3 difficulty levels to choose from.

Important Dates in SLC:

11/19 Early Release
11/26-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

12/19 Last day of school before Winter break

Important Dates in IRC:

11/19 Early Release
11/24-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

12/10 Early Release
12/19 Last day of school before Winter break

Important Dates in Okeechobee:

11/21 Early Release
11/24-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

12/19 Last day of school before Winter break

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

The **Fred FACTOR**



Congratulations to **Errin Williams** for winning this month's Fred Award. **Errin** was named this month's Fred because she worked on organizing and filing for most of her time, a task that is tedious to say the least! Errin has been a BBBS staff member for less than two months and already shows a tremendous willingness to help anyone with their tasks!

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.



BBBS Staff Members would like to welcome two new staff members

Kwabend Maycock

Match Support Specialist

This Welcome Wagon was brought to you by the entire BBBS Staff.

Sponsor SPOTLIGHT



The Governor's Mentoring Initiative is an effort to improve the quality of life and education of children and allows one hour of administrative leave per week for State of Florida employees, not to exceed five hours per calendar month, to participate in programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Department of Health encourages all its employees to give back to the communities in which they live and serve.

The Okeechobee Health Department has three employees that have taken advantage of this initiative. Let's meet them and hear about their experiences with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Erin has been in the program since 2012 and has this to say about her experience:

"The impact of BBBS goes well beyond the classroom. For the Little, it's knowing there is someone who cares and whom they can talk to. For the Big, it's knowing you're an important adult role model in their life. I became a mentor as a way to give back in the community and because I believe readers are leaders. The program, and my Little, have given back to me in unmeasurable amounts. I feel fortunate to work for an agency that supports mentoring and strive to encourage, support and model the advantages of mentoring to the staff at the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County."

Tiffany has been in the program since early this year. Here's what she has to share:

To be successful in life, an aspiring leader needs two things: knowledge and guidance. I have challenged myself to be more involved with helping young children of today realize their fullest potential. Being a mentor is an opportunity to enrich the life of a young person as well as your own. The knowledge gained in elementary school, especially in reading literacy, is the foundation for future academic success. The Florida Department of Health has empowered me to be a child mentor as it provides me with the ability to see diverse points of view which help make me a better leader. Mentoring provides young children with the guidance of a consistent role model and the knowledge that is necessary to ensure the success of our community's future leaders.

Lison has been in the program since early this year and shares why she became a Big Sister:

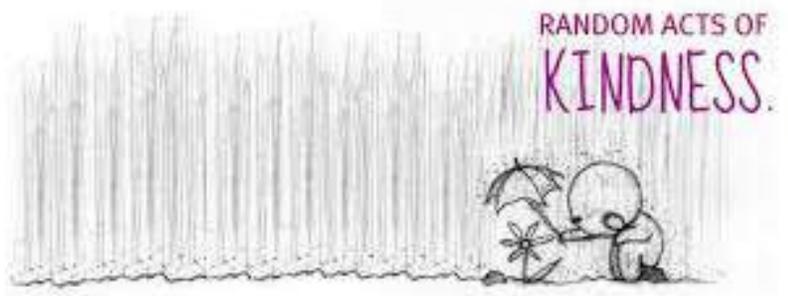
I wanted to become a mentor because it is a part of my core values and faith. Joining BBBS provides me with an avenue to do something that is dear to my heart. I always want to help others, especially the most vulnerable among us, "disadvantaged children". Additionally, it provides me a sense of purpose and a setting to give back to my community and society as a whole. To me, it is always good to guarantee children that there is someone who cares about them. A child doesn't have to be alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges. I want to provide my mentees with an experienced friend who is there to help in any number of situations, specifically, improve their self-esteem, and help keeping them in school to develop their academic skills.



Left to right:

Lison Philor-Jonassaint, WIC Director
Erin Hess, Health Officer
Tiffany Collins, Administrative Services Director

This Sponsor Spotlight was brought to you by Erin, Tiffany and Lison of the Okeechobee Health Department.



Google
Science
Fair 2014

"We believe the universal access to technology and information can truly make the world a better place." – Google Science Fair website

Recently in August, an online science competition called the Google Science Fair was held and judged by teachers, professors and even the very big names in the science/tech world today! Thousands of students ranging from the ages 13-18 from all around the world entered their projects into various science and technology subjects. Among these entries, 18 finalists were chosen. Each finalist tackled different problems with solutions that could help all of us in the future!

Read up on the 18 finalists on Smithsonian.com! <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/google-thinks-these-18-teenagers-will-change-the-world-180952293/>

And to see the winners of the Google Science Fair! <https://www.google-science-fair.com/en/>

This Hip Hip Hooray was brought you by Marian Alvarado.

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You can get involved too! Stop by the PetSmart in Tradition Square and make a small monetary donation of a stuffed animal. PetSmart will donate the animal and money to local charities including Big Brothers Big Sisters!



Save the Date:



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Presents the 8th Annual

"Mistletoe and Margaritas at Mulligan's Beach House"

1025 Beachland Blvd, Vero Beach

Join us Tuesday, December 9th, 2014

5:00pm-8:00pm

Admission: One unwrapped children's gift (6-12 yrs old, \$15 value)

There will be hors d'oeuvres, \$2 beer, \$4 Margaritas and dessert buffet!!

Live Music by MJ!

This event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indian River County,

For more information call 772-770-6000



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Hawk's Nest Golf Tournament

Monday, February 2, 2015

[Click here to sign up today!](#)

Registration, Practice & Buffet Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

Two hundred twenty five dollars per golfer

Includes: 18 holes, buffet lunch, on course refreshments & hors d'oeuvres

For more information call **[\(772\) 770-6000](tel:772-770-6000)** option 3

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