

# BBBS Bugle!

May 2015



## Match of the Month



Big Sister Monica and Little Brother Thomas have been matched in the site based program since December 2014. Thomas is a very serious third grader who came into the program struggling academically in reading and math. Monica and Thomas worked on reading comprehension and math worksheets every week to prepare Thomas for the standardized test this school year. Monica describes Thomas as a very smart and fun student. She enjoys his eagerness to learn and the dedication he puts towards everything they do together. Thomas shared that his Big Sister Monica helps him with his work and helps him get better grades in class.

**This Match of the Month was brought to you by  
Cristina Paniagua.**

## Sponsor Spotlight



As Big Brothers Big Sisters continues to provide the children in our community with one-to-one mentoring services, Bank of America's investment in our organization will enable us to assist a greater number of children and their families. Thank you for your partnership!

## Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who participated in Jacquin & Sons 3rd Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters One Day Fishing Tournament. A special thank you to Jacquin & Sons for their continued support.



PSL Sunset Rotary presented The Treasure Coast Charities Classic on May 2, 2015 at Santa Lucia River Club at Ballantrae. We would like to thank the participants and extend a special thank you to PSL Sunset Rotary for their generous support.



Meghan ("Big") and Taylor ("Little") are an example of an Indian River Match made possible through the generosity of the county.

It takes so many, working together, to make a long lasting difference. Indian River County is a perfect example of a community that has made great strides working together through philanthropy, visioning and collaboration. Big Brothers Big Sisters is tremendously grateful for the ongoing support of many local foundations that have come together to fund our reading mentor, mentor training and parent engagement programs in Indian River County. A huge thanks goes out to **Indian River Community Foundation, Quail Valley Charities, John's Island Community Service League, John's Island Foundation and Grand Harbor Community Outreach.** Your commitment, caring and determination to see positive transformation never cease to amaze and inspire me! Thank you from the bottom of my heart on behalf of all our children at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

With much gratitude,  
Judi Miller, CEO

## AmeriCorps Moment



AmeriCorps member Deidre Moore was recently selected to be a part of a new team through Volunteer Florida called LeaderCorps. She participated in four days of intense training on leadership, collaboration and communication. She will be helping our Program Staff and lead her team through service opportunities locally and at the regional and state level. She will receive ongoing support and training to develop her skill set and career opportunities!

**This AmeriCorps Moment was brought to you by Jenna Stinnett.**

## Upcoming Trainings

*Help your little avoid the "Summer Slide!"*

**Who:** Chris Ryall with Big Brothers Big Sisters

**What:** Tips to use during the summer break

**When:** May 21st from 5-6:30 pm

**Where:** IRSC Educational Blackburn building, room 108

3002 Avenue D Fort Pierce, FL 34947

**Why:** For increasing your Mentor "toolbox"

Please join us for an

informative training on helping your mentees avoid the "summer slide" during their break from school.

**Please RSVP by contacting your Case Manager!**

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



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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!



Cobb's Landing



St. Lucie Draft House



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2nd Street Bistro

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**SONNY'S**  
**BBQ** LOCAL  
PITMASTERS  
SINCE 68

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015**

Bring your family and friends for  
a delicious BBQ dinner at Sonny's BBQ.

5001 20th Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32966

**10% OF YOUR BILL WILL BE DONATED  
TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

Please show this flyer to your server.

Come out to [Sonny's BBQ](#) in Vero Beach all day on May 21st and help support Big Brothers Big Sisters! Show your server this flyer and 10% of your bill will be donated to our organization. What a great way to help out Big Brothers Big Sisters while enjoying some delicious BBQ!

# 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](mailto:info@bbbsbigs.org)



## Big Spot



### Edu. App:

Hey Bigs, grab your tablets/phones for some electronic fun!

NASA App for [Apple](#) and [Android](#)

- Contains over 14,000 images of space and is updated regularly!
- Read up on the latest news and upcoming NASA missions.
- Contains informative interactive maps and images from space!

### Learning Game:

#### Trash (or Garbage)

This is a two-person game, perfect for a child because it requires some thinking but not a lot of sophisticated strategy.

Also, there is no score-keeping required.

Each player is dealt ten cards face down in two rows of five, with the remainder of the deck face down between the two players. The youngest player goes first, taking a card from the deck. If it is any card from ace to 10, it is used face-up to replace the face-down card in the corresponding position.

(An ace would go in the top left spot, a ten in the bottom right spot.) The player then looks at the replaced card and places it in the corresponding spot, if possible. Kings are wild and can be played in any spot.

The player's turn ends when a card is picked up that has no place to go or when a jack or queen is drawn. At that point the player discards the card in his or her hand in the "trash." The next player can "dig in the trash" (pick up the discarded card) or draw. Play continues until one player has replaced all face-down cards with face-up cards. That is the end of round one. For round two, the winning player uses only nine cards. The winning player also goes first. The game ends when a player gets down to one card and wins that round.

### School changes/closure Dates:

SLC:

5/20 - Early Release  
5/25 - No School, Memorial Day  
6/3 - Last Day for Students

IRC:

5/22 - Early Release  
5/25 - No School, Memorial Day  
6/03 - Final Exams; Early Release  
6/04 - Final Exams; Early Release  
6/05 - Final Exams; Early Release; Last Day of School

Okee:

5/25 - No School, Memorial Day  
6/5 - Last Day for students

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

## Employee of the Month

The  
**Fred FACTOR**



Congratulations to **Barbara Smith**, for winning this month's Fred Award. **Barbara** was named this month's Fred because she helped with our letter writing campaign and secured more than 70 letters for our senators.

(See "Start Something" Section to learn more about the campaign.)

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.**

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

Join with us as we celebrate staff Birthdays!

**Debbie Hawley**  
Mentor Trainer

**This Birthday Blast was brought to you by BBBS Staff.**

## Trivial Pursuit

Did you know: A **rainbow** looks different to every person who sees it!

**This Trivial Pursuit fact was brought to you by Sabrina Semé.**



Over the past couple years the State of Florida has allocated 6 million dollars to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida in order to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Mentoring in Education Program. In the past as will occur in the future, once these funds have been received by the Association they have been dispersed throughout the state to the 12 different BBBS chapters for the sole purpose of supporting this program.

As of this time, the House of Representatives is supporting the renewal of the 6 million dollar budget. The Senate is currently recommending a budget of 2 million. As you can imagine, cuts in funding towards this educational program will result in a very high probability of affecting our agency substantially.

Due to the potentially devastating effect this type of reduction could have on our programs, all BBBS mentors, supporters, parents and/or children are being asked to hand write or type a letter to Senators Joe Negron or Denise Grimsley letting them know how important the program has been to you or your child. And while writing this letter, if you could, please thank Senators Negron or Grimsley for their past support of BBBS and ask them to continue putting forth an effort to see the continuance of BBBS programs.

Please email, mail, or drop off your letter to our offices or you may contact the office to make arrangements; our "littles" would greatly appreciate it! Please enclose your letter in an envelope with your return address. We will take care of postage and mailing the letters to the Senators.

## Hip Hip Hooray



The first Friday in May was National (International) Space Day!

Space Day was created by the Lockheed Martin Corporation, 'an American global aerospace, defense, security and advanced technology company' (Wikipedia) in 1997. National Space Day is a fun day focused around math and the sciences to inspire young people who have a love for all things space related.

Here are some fun facts about space! And don't forget about our educational app of the month!

- [Space facts](#)
- [Astronaut facts](#)
- [International Space Station \(ISS\) facts](#)

"Lockheed Martin." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, n.d. Web. 12 May 2015.

**This Hip Hip Hooray was brought you by Marian Alvarado.**

## Community Corner



Big Brother Andy was nominated for Big Brother of the Year. As a treat, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida hosted a celebration for all the nominees of the award at Universal Studios in Orlando. Andy and Travis met with "Bigs" and "Littles" from all over the state to celebrate the occasion. The matches participated in a Mardi Gras themed parade and enjoyed the attractions that Universal has to offer!



Big Brother and Case Manager Ethan Jimenez taught his little the value of charity. The family of one of our "littles" was in need of furniture. After several phone calls and some planning, Ethan was able to secure furniture to fill the house! Volunteers, parents and children came together to help out a family in need. Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank those that helped our family continue to thrive.

## 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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