



Little Moments.

BIG Magic.

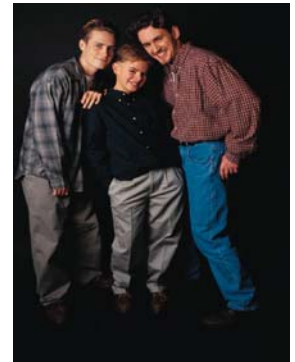
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Words From Our CEO

someone's face. You can thank the person who impacted you. They will be forever changed knowing you cared enough to reach out with a special "Thank you." Click to find some great Thank You ideas >

THANK YOU!

Jennifer Disla, MSED Chief Executive Officer



Last month was National Mentoring month....a month that we at Big Brothers Big Sisters work to celebrate and thank our volunteers who are the mentors to our Little Brothers and Little Sisters. Now that the month is over – we want to continue thinking about and thanking all those who give of themselves to make a difference in someone else's life. So, I ask you to take a moment to think about who the mentors were who had an impact on your life? A parent or grandparent? Maybe a Big Brother or Big Sister, teacher or coach?

Think of today as "Thank Your Mentor Day." Take a quick moment to put a BIG smile on

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It's A Match!!!

Little

Jarrett is a 7th grader who is very interested in science and computers. He is an honors student and is in the math club at his school. Jarrett is also a second-degree black belt in karate.

Big

Joe is a 23 year old software design engineer. He has run his own business in the past and is very successful at what he does. He enjoys doing outdoor activities and hanging out at home. However, computers are his first joy and love.

Match story:

Jarrett and Joe were matched on December 21, 2006. The common thread in their relationship is their shared love for computers. For their first outing they had a lot of fun. They went to Toys R' Us and bought skyrockets, which they assembled and painted and then shot off. They have also recently gone to a robotics show. Jarrett and Joe are a great pair and off to an AWESOME start to their Big Brothers Big Sisters match! Way to go guys!



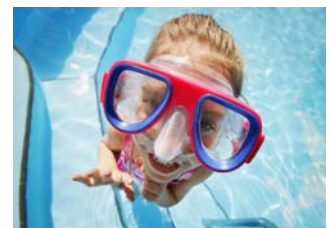
Money, Money, Money!!!!!!

The Orange County Kids' Club is sponsoring 1,000 need-based scholarships for children to use as payment at participating summer camp/recreational programs. Each scholarship will be valued at \$300 (in the form a voucher) and can only be redeemed at Club Recreation Partner Program locations. If there are more applicants than available scholarships, a lottery system will be used for those who qualify. Applicants do not have to be members of the Orange County Kids' Club.

Eligible children must:

- Be between the ages of 5 and 19
 - Live in Orange County
 - Be part of a family receiving qualifying public assistance
- Submit only one application per child

The scholarship applications must be postmarked by February 16, 2007 to be considered. For an application, log onto www.theocclub.net or call The Club's information hotline: (407) 836-9790.



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Upcoming BBBS-CFL Sponsored Events!



It's time to start preparing for the culinary event of the year! Big Brothers Big Sister of Central Florida is celebrating the **13th Annual Men Cooking from the Heart Fundraiser**, on Saturday, February 17th, 2007 at the Melbourne Auditorium.

Men Cooking is a tasty fundraiser simmering with irresistible ingredients, loaded with fun, perfectly aged for 13 years and seasoned with love to benefit the children of Central Florida.

Ingredients: 120 big hearted and sizzling community leaders who transform into chefs for the evening, varied spicy live entertainment, delicious live auction and a loaded silent auction all topped off with a generous community.

Men Cooking Facts:

Event Size: 600 guests from Central Florida

Where: Melbourne Auditorium

When: Saturday, February 17th, 2007

Why: Because children need a positive role model in their lives and our programs create **Little Moments. Big Magic!**

Ticket Price: \$55 a ticket for Teetotaler and \$70 for unlimited Beer and Wine after January 15th, 2007 the ticket prices will be \$60 and \$75.

Please contact **Lisa Hudson at 321-724-0237** or at lisa@bbbscfl.org if you would like to be a sponsor, purchase tickets for the events or become volunteer the night of the event.

French Quarter Fantasy

It's time to start preparing for Orlando's premier New Orleans-style "Big Easy Auction." If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, become a sponsor, or donate items for the silent and live auction please contact Lisa at 321-724-0237 or at Lisa@bbbscfl.org for more information on this fantastic event!



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February Birthdays



On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters we would like to say Happy Birthday to some very special people, they are:

BIGS: Lindsey H., Trey G., KeYanna B., Victoria K., Monroe H., Sara L., & John P.

LITTLES: Reneisha M., Hunter S., Mauricio R., Amanda D., Brandyn T., Angel L., Joshua A., A'trenique D., & Rashard I.

Match Anniversaries



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to the Following Matches:

Ke'Yanna & Symone, Lucas & Nick, John & Joshua, Chris & Ryan, Randall & Delajuwon, Josh & Travis, Andrea & Analiyah, and Julia & Alisa, Daniel and Brent, April and Vicki, Cody and Les, Heather and Candace, Leah and Yvonne, Chloe and Kimberly, TJ and Adam, and Ayana and Lucinda.