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Words From Our CEO

As Big Brothers Big Sisters embarks on an aggressive growth agenda to serve an increased number of youth throughout Central Florida, we received confirmation from the United Nation that our services are needed today more than ever.

In a recent United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) report, we learned that the United States ranked **second to last** in child well-being out of the world's twenty-one wealthiest nations!

We must all pull together in support of our youth – they are our future. Fortunately, this is what BBBS of Central Florida is best at – engaging the community in support of our youth. Our services are needed today more than ever. Join us – help our youth – help our community – help our nation!

In the words of Gabriela Mistral:

We are guilty of many errors and many faults, but our worst crime is abandoning the children, neglecting the fountain of life.

Many of the things we need can wait.

The child cannot.

Right now is the time. Bones are being formed, blood is being made, senses are being developed.

To the child we cannot answer "Tomorrow".

The child's name is "Today".

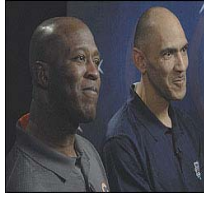
THANK YOU!

Jennifer Disla, MSED

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Featured on Nationwide Super Bowl



BBBSCFL is excited to report that the CBS PSA, in which Chicago Bears coach, Lovie Smith, (left) and Indianapolis Colts coach, Tony Dungy, call for BBBS volunteers, aired during the Super Bowl. The PSA continues to run at various days/times during CBS primetime.

If you would like to view the PSA please click on the photo above. To learn more about becoming a mentor, please contact:

Marie Curran – for Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake Counties
407-478-2996
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Bruce Wade – for Brevard County
321-279-2581
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FAITH PARTNERS BREAKFAST

Uniting Faith, Mentorship and Community: A Call to Action

Join Us And:

- Learn about the need for mentors in your community
- Learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida
- Discover how, together, we can make a difference

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Time: 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Location: Valencia Community College West Campus
Building 6 Room 202

To RSVP contact: (407) 478-2996 or e-mail marly@bbbscfl.org

And

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Time: 8:00—9:30 a.m.

Location: Marjorie Olsen Head Start Center

To RSVP contact: (321) 724-0237 or e-mail bruce@bbbscfl.org



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THIS MONTH IN BREVARD

Face 2 Face Meeting Update

We have received good feedback to our new [Face 2 Face program](#). We encourage Bigs, parents, and Littles to drop by to say hello and hang out for a little while. The purpose for these meetings is simple: we want to provide you with a chance to meet with us because we know the value of in-person meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to share stories, get advice, give advice, and network with other people in our great program. It is a wonderful chance for us to work together to improve the BBBS experience and ultimately to make a bigger impact in children's lives. **All meetings start at 5:30 p.m.**

2/28—Barnes and Noble Café (Barnes and Noble off 192 New Haven Blvd.)

3/7—Cocoa Village (Ossarios off of Brevard Ave.)

3/14—Pizza Gallery (The Avenues at Viera)

3/21—Starbucks (Starbucks off of Palm Bay Rd.)

MATCH ACTIVITIES

We would like to encourage all matches to participate in our events. It takes a lot of time and effort to set up and plan activities. Outside corporations and companies put a lot of faith into us when they provide free or reduced-price opportunities and we don't want to disappoint them! So we would like to encourage you all to put the following exciting events on your calendar!

March 10th—a local martial arts school has agreed to do a workshop that will give matches a chance to try out several well-known and some not so well known martial arts. Cost will be \$10 a match and the event will be held in the afternoon. Please stay tuned for more details!

March 24th—Ben and Jerry's has graciously offered to donate a catered ice cream party for 200-300 people. We are in the process of picking out a suitable location - most likely, a local park.

Estimated time frame will be 11:30-12:00. Be on the lookout for more details!

Also, we are looking into monthly basketball get-togethers. We know that so many Bigs and Littles enjoy shooting hoops. Venues and times will be posted later.

Please also note that many of our activities are time-sensitive and have first come first serve availability. This means that email is the best way for us to inform you about new opportunities - as there isn't always time or resources to send out postcards or mailers. We would love to have an updated, regularly checked email, for you on file so you won't miss out on any of these great opportunities. Also, many emails have spam filters that may inadvertently block emails from BBBS. Please double check to make sure our emails are getting to you!



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THE JOY OF MUSIC



Thanks to the generosity of the Darden Restaurants Foundation and the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, we are able to offer complimentary tickets to any interested Bigs, Littles or their families. This is your opportunity to experience the joy of music! All performances take place at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center, which shares a parking lot with the Amway Arena (formerly known as the TD Waterhouse), in downtown Orlando. Here are the two dates they have offered:

Sunday, March 4th at 3:00 pm showcases the Atlanta Symphony, conducted by Robert Spano, and a very special performance by the National Philharmonic of Russia, conducted by Vladimir Spivakov, on **Saturday, March 31st at 8pm**. For information on directions and parking, please log onto: <http://www.festivaloforchestras.org/>

Unlike most of the events we offer, please DO NOT call the Big Brothers Big Sister office if you would like tickets. Instead, please **call the Festival office at: (407)539-0245** and identify yourself as a participant in Big Brothers Big Sisters program, so that you can receive the free tickets. They will advise you on their system of distributing the tickets. A special thanks to Susan Carey at the Festival office for extending this offer to our agency!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!



Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we are excited to offer 5 free tickets to the Houston Astros vs. the Florida Marlins spring training baseball game. The game is scheduled for Thursday, March 15th at 1:05 pm, and the tickets are in a good location of the Osceola County Stadium (Section 218). Log onto: <http://www.ohpark.com/flash-intro/index.html> and click on the "Osceola County Stadium" button in the lower left hand corner. We will give these tickets to the first caller/emailer. If you miss out, please do not worry! We are working hard to get more free tickets to another Astros game in March. More information will be sent out in an email once we know more about the date and time.



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March Birthdays

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

BIGS: Steve C., Davida K., Christ B., Michelle W., Michelle M., George S.

LITTLES: Symone G., Justin D., Sundy I., Yanezi G., Jasmine S., Jakeyirra B., Jamez M., Desarae G., Cody B., Angelo S., and Justin A.

Match Anniversaries



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to the Following Matches:

Pierre and Nathaniel, Elton and Brandyn, Ramona and Sundy, Kimberlie and Kelsi, Tiffany and Chantal, Jamie and Karilyn, Nicole and Amanda, Ricky and Chris, Summer and Carole, Ashley and Linda, Johan and Paul, Jesse and Sam, Alisha and Sandra, Nicole and Rose, and Jaida and Nancy

Congratulations!

As an agency we would like to say congratulations to Donna Renberg, a school based Big, for being recognized as part of Brevard's Next Generation of Leaders. Donna, as a city manager of Cocoa, has availed Big Brothers Big Sisters with a slew of Bigs that have been matched for several years.

