


**NO PIN INTENDED**

'22 Winners  
for Best  
Team Name

## Bowl for Kids' Sake 2022



### EVERYONE AGREES, BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE WAS UNFORGETTA-BOWL!

June 5, 2022, Greenacres, FL - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties (BBBSPBMC) was honored to have the community come together at Greenacres Bowling for an afternoon of fun and prizes at our annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser. Thanks to their support and the generosity of our many sponsors and individual donors BBBSPBMC surpassed our fundraising goal of \$20,000! Congratulations to our prize winners, Team Grainger who won Top Fundraising Team, Strikes and Britney Spares, winners for Most Spirited Team, and to No Pin Intended who took the prize for Best Team Name. A BIG shout out to everyone who came to support of BBBSPBMC. Event sponsors included: The Wawa Foundation, FPL, Florida Crystals, the Eckler Foundation, Inc., Guardian Recovery Network, Adams Coogler, P.A., Kelly Kronengberg, Haynes Scaffolding & Supply, Inc., and Duffy's Sports and Grill. All funds raised will help us in our mission to defend the potential inherent in every child.

### MACKENZIE SCOTT DONATES BIG TO BBBS OF AMERICA

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA), the preeminent leader in one-to-one youth mentoring in the United States, announced today its aim to transform mentorship in communities across the country with an unprecedented gift of \$122.6 million. The gift, from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, awarded to BBBSA and 38 local agencies, supports the organization in furthering its mission to ensure every young person has access to powerful mentoring experiences that empower them for success in school, life and career. [Read the entire article here.](#)

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# PARENTS, THE HEROES OF POTENTIAL

July 24th is Parents' Day! At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, our mission is to defend the potential inherent in every child, but it is the parents and guardians of our Littles' who are the true **drivers** their children's potential. Which is why this year on Parents' Day, July 24th, we want to honor the parents and guardians who help make our efforts a success.

**BEHIND EVERY GOOD KID ARE PARENTS WHO UNDERSTAND  
THE IMPORTANCE OF RAISING THEM THAT WAY**

~ Frank Sonnenberg



## A NEW TWIST ON CAREER DAY IS A HUGE HIT!

This year's School to Work program kicked off in October of 2021 with nearly 90 students from across Palm Beach and Martin Counties. These high-school-aged Littles attended a series of workshops to boost their career readiness skills, including resume writing, public speaking, and interviewing techniques. Along with the help of their Bigs, students completed exercises and learned skills to help prepare them for the next phase of their lives.

Then in June, after months of hard work, our Littles hit the road each week to engage with dozens of professionals in a variety of fields ranging from theater and education to the law and the environment. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, they got to peek behind the curtain and learn what goes into creating live theater productions. At Grainger, Littles worked with one of our agency's Bigs, Armand who asked the students to work on team-building exercises, to think about where they wanted to be in 10 years, how they would find their passions and give back to their community.

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ABOVE: PB Dramawork & Grainger  
BELOW (LEFT): City of Lake Worth Fire Rescue  
(RIGHT): Martin County School District





# A NEW TWIST ON CAREER DAY IS A HUGE HIT!

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With the help of Board member Dr. Mary White, the Martin County School District played host to a large group of Littles who had the opportunity to learn what is involved in preparing lessons, teaching a class, and more. Fifteen-year-old Little, Alondra was so inspired that she signed up to be a Summer School volunteer in her very own first-grade teacher's class, Mrs. Adams, and is interested in pursuing a teaching career.



When it came time to learn about a career in the law, the Florida Justice Association Minority Caucus invited students to the Manatee Lagoon in West Palm Beach. The Florida Justice Association lawyers opened by asking who in the room "felt their light flicker when they thought about a legal career?" While no one initially raised their hand, Ben B. (17) ended the day on a perfect note when he told the group, "I think my light is flickering."



Florida Oceanographic Society

The City of Lake Worth offered a glimpse into what it takes to run a city. From the administrative clerks to the courts, our Littles got to see it all; but it was when they visited the firefighters that the magic happened. During an equipment demonstration, Brian O. (17) got to take control of a firehose, and there could be no mistaking the sparkle in his eye. Brian had found something to ignite his passion.

*The best part of running the STW program is watching the students learn and grow from their experiences. They typically start off shy, then something magical happens. Suddenly our kids find their voices and discover their drive! Watching our Littles grow and become more confident is why I love my job!*

~Marisa Pisani - School to Work Program Coordinator



The School to Work roster ended with a visit to the Florida Oceanographic Society in Stuart. There, Littles learned about the environment and the importance of eco-preservation in Florida. They finished the day making seagrass mats to help restore seagrass meadows in the Indian River Lagoon.

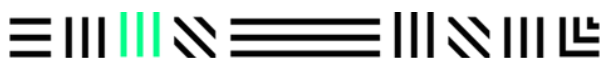
Now that School to Work 21-22 is wrapping up and graduation is just around the corner, many STW Littles are applying their new skills in the real world. They are out in the community taking proactive steps towards getting jobs, applying for college, enlisting in the military, and more. With the help of their Bigs and our extraordinary STW team, this group of kids has done the work and gained skills to set them apart from others in their peer group. It is our mission at BBBS to inspire and defend the potential of every child, but it's our Littles who inspire us.



BBBSPBMC would like to thank our generous donors, the Children's Services Council of Martin County, the Jim Moran Foundation, William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust, BallenIsles Charities Foundation, the Batchelor Foundation, Honda Classic Cares, the Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation, and many individual contributors. Without their support our work would not be possible.



Florida Justice Association



## Donor Spotlight



**June 2022** – “The Honda Classic Cares” once again partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc. This partnership gives local kids opportunities to gain experience and grow through mentoring. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides quality mentoring experiences assisting kids in achieving success and inspiration for their brightest future. This year Honda Classic Cares awarded a record-setting \$6.45 million to more than one hundred South Florida philanthropic organizations. The Honda Classic Cares' mission is to give back to the children of the community. While the tournament strives to provide Palm Beach County with a premier professional sporting event, the ultimate goal is to positively impact youth in need and create a brighter future for our community. Thank you, Honda Classic, for sharing our vision that all children will succeed.

## THE BIG TASTE IS COMING BACK TO MARTIN COUNTY



*The Big Taste of Martin County Annual Fundraising Event is back! Join us on October 11th at Atlantic Aviation at the Stuart Jet Center in Stuart, FL. Enjoy a day of food and spirits, and be sure to check out our auction.*

To get your Early Bird Discounted Tickets before time runs out visit [bigtaste.givesmart.com](http://bigtaste.givesmart.com) or TEXT **bigtaste** to 76278.

**Sponsorship opportunities are still available.**  
Visit [www.mentorbig.org/thetaste/](http://www.mentorbig.org/thetaste/) before they're gone.



## MATCH CORNER

This month's tips are brought to you by Channing, Match Support Specialist at BBBSPBMC

### If you're looking for things to do with your Little, check out these Match Activity ideas!

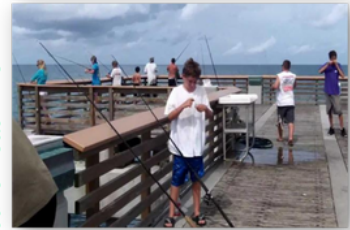
#### Free:

- Take a walk on the beach
- Visit your local park - enjoy a picnic/play board games while you chat.
- Explore the boats at a local marina.
- Check out the Manatee Lagoon (West Palm Beach) open year-around, peak manatee season Nov. 15-Mar 31
- Visit Loggerhead Marine Life (Juno Beach) donations are recommended
- Spend the day at Sugar Sand Park (Boca Raton).  
Entrance is free though a \$5 pp donation for the Science Explorium is recommended
- Ride the trolley around The Square (West Palm Beach)
- Screen on the Green (Clematis- WPB) -every 2nd Friday of the month from 7-10 PM  
Coming up: August 12th: Ratatouille
- Discover Green Market (October- May)
- Go bird watching at the Wakodahatchee Wetlands (Delray Beach)
- Walk the Delray Beach Art Trail.
- Grab your fishing poles and head over to your local pier
- Learn about the local history at the Historical Society of Palm Beach
- [Rent a bicycle](#) and go for a ride at Okeeheelee Park
- Get into local [nature-based activities](#)
- Visit the Norton Museum - free Saturday admission for Palm Beach County residents from May 28 - Sep. 5,

Sugar Sand Park



Juno Beach Pier



#### Budget-Friendly:

- Play a round of mini golf
- Explore the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum -\$12 adult, \$6 children
- Travel back in time to the Palm Beach Gilded Age at the Norton Museum -\$15 adult, free for children 12 and under
- Explore the South Florida Science Center -\$19.95 - adults / \$15.95 - children ages 3-12
- Spend the afternoon at a Trampoline park
- Grab an ice cream on a hot day
- Visit the Cox Science Center & Aquarium
- See the animal at the Palm Beach Zoo
- Take in the natural exhibits at Mounts Botanical Gardens

Jupiter Lighthouse



Ice cream!



#### Pro Tip:

- Veteran Bigs may be eligible for discounts or free entry to an assortment of activities throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

