

October 2022

BIG TASTE OF MARTIN EDITION



Learn More
INSIDE

**BIG
TASTE**
OF MARTIN COUNTY
Big Brothers Big Sisters.

PRESENTED BY  **PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS
CHARITIES**

SAVE THE DATES

- October 6th – Online Auction Opens
- October 10th – Check out BBBS on WPTV/WFLX Morning News
- October 11th – ***The Big Taste of Martin County Food Festival!***
- October 26th – Match Meetup hosted by PB County Advisory Board



IN THIS ISSUE

PAGE

2-3 Who Are the At-Risk Kids in Your Community?
The Answer May Surprise You (Literacy)

4-5 **It's Time For the Big Taste of Martin** –
Info & Updates on the Online Auction, Vendors,
Tickets and more...

6 Donor Spotlight

7 Mentor Meetup with the BBBS Advisory Boards

8 Match Corner from Your Match Support Team



WHO ARE THE LITTLES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Big Brothers Big Sisters began nearly 120 years ago to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.



The theory was, if a caring adult mentor could help a child see their own potential and support their goals, it could change that child's life. That simple idea to inspire young people caught on and today BBBS is the nation's gold standard in youth mentoring with chapters in all fifty states and around the world. But the world is changing quickly and many kids in our very own communities are having a tough time keeping up.

Nowhere is that more evident than in our children's education. With the school year well underway it has become clear that kids across are struggling with reading and math like never before. Kindergartners in switched to remote learning in 2019 at a critical time in their cognitive development and socialization. Third grades are particularly hard hit, according to an [August 31, 2022 AP News article](#) -

"Third graders are at a particularly delicate moment. [This is the year](#) when they must master reading or risk school failure. Everything after third grade will require reading comprehension to learn math, social studies, and science. Students who don't read fluently by the end of third grade are more likely to struggle in the future, and even drop out, studies show."

For 36 years, BBBS has been an resource supporting the educational attainment of thousands of Littles throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Most people are familiar with our one-to-one mentoring programs, but we also offer school-based mentoring and education focused initiatives, including Literacy Mentoring and Bigs Inspiring Scholastic Success. Our Littles also work with their mentors to learn new social skills, such as how to handle a bullying situation, cooperation and gratitude. For years, our evidence-based initiatives have successfully helped Littles to improve their scholastic achievement and prepare for their futures.



THE ANSWER MAY SURPRISE YOU!

Littles have confirmed their own successful outcomes time and again, with better report cards, by being promoted to the next grades, and by becoming more engaged in their school work now than before they were matched with their Big.

- **92% of kids matched with a mentor for one year or more show improved in social-emotional competencies (social acceptance, scholastic competency, educational expectations, and risk attitudes)**
- **85% of kids matched with a mentor for 6 months or more maintained satisfactory academic performance and/or improve unsatisfactory academic performance.**



While the school districts are doing a tremendous job providing updated resources, BBBS is here to assist when our Littles need some extra help in reading, math, science and beyond.

By working with local schools and with the help of our amazing volunteer mentors, BBBS is committed to playing a BIG role in helping Littles in our community to achieve their potential. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Big please visit www.mentorbig.org/becomeabig.



Every kid could use a mentor, BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties is also accepting Littles year-round. For more information visit

www.mentorbig.org/getabig

DEFEND POTENTIAL!

IT'S TIME FOR THE BIG TASTE

Are you ready for this year's BIG Taste of Martin Food Festival?

We sure hope so because this year's line up is off the charts! To celebrate our 26th Annual BIG Taste Food Festival, BBBS has brought together 20 of the finest local restaurants, wineries, and craft beer establishments in all of Martin County. From **Hudson's on the River** to the **Boardwalk of Jensen Beach**, you won't want to miss this foodie extravaganza. [Order your tickets online](#) before October 10th for \$60 or pay \$70 at the door. All event attendees will have the chance to vote for their favorite samples, bid on luxury goods in the **silent auction** or purchase tickets for your chance to win cool **raffle prizes** – more on that below!

The BIG Taste of Martin is the signature fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. All proceeds go towards our mission to empower youth to graduate with a plan for their future and a mentor for life. This year Taste has a theme, Building **BIGGER Brighter Futures** for Kids!, so grab some glowsticks and come on over to:

Atlantic Aviation

Tuesday Oct 11th from

5:30-8:30 PM

(5:00 PM Early entry for VIP Guests).

We look forward to seeing you there!



PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOL TASTINGS



Boardwalk
Jensen Beach FL



The BIG Taste of Martin Silent Auction and Raffle

Everyone knows It wouldn't be the **BIG Taste of Martin County Food and Spirits Festival** without our annual silent auction and raffle. Place the winning bid and you could win a stay at the **Guitar Hotel at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino Hollywood** or a round of golf for four at the renowned **Jonathan's Landing Private Golf Resort in Palm City**. Bidding opens on October 6th and you can check it out by visiting bigtaste.givesmart.com. Be sure to bring cash for tickets to enter into this year's raffle, Remember the BIG Taste of Martin is the premier annual fundraiser for BBBS of Palm Beach & Martin Counties - support the cause, enjoy great food and spirits and win prizes! See you there!



OCTOBER 2022

A BIG Thank You to Our 2022 Big Taste of Martin County Sponsors

Thank you to our 2022 Big Taste Of Martin County Sponsors!



Get Your Tickets to TASTE While They Last

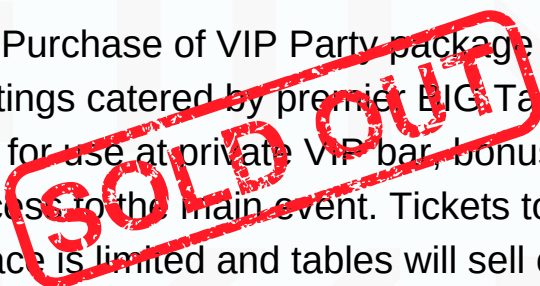
GENERAL ADMISSION: Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$70 or get your tickets online now and pay just \$60.

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Buy your tickets online before October 11th to get \$10 off each ticket.

Visit <http://mentorbig.org/events> or text **BIGTASTE** to 76278.

VIP PARTY: Purchase of VIP Party package includes access to the VIP Party with exclusive tastings catered by premier BIG Taste vendors, a reserved table for four, drinks tickets for use at private VIP bar, bonus raffle items, complimentary gift bags, and early access to the main event. Tickets to the BIG Taste VIP Party are available for \$400. Space is limited and tables will sell out, so don't delay.



Donor Spotlight

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Plays a Key Role to Bring Literacy and Sports Mentoring to Local Kids!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, with the support of the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, is fostering healthy lifestyles, while educating Palm Beach and Martin County kids through literacy and sports mentoring programs.

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation is supporting programs that are helping over one-hundred children and youth receive one-to-one mentoring that support the critical social and emotional development needed to help build resilience and promote the mental health and well-being of our children and youth. This partnership provides the fidelity needed to give our kids new opportunities that guide them in reaching their brightest potential.

About The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Inc. was created in 1997 by the late Frederick DeLuca, co-founder of the global SUBWAY® restaurant chain, to provide youth and adults the tools to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The Foundation supports health awareness, workforce development, and artistic experiences through educational programs that enhance the lives of children and families throughout South Florida and beyond.



MENTOR MEETUPS

Our volunteers are the driving force that keeps the Big Brothers Big Sisters mission alive. Without their support and commitment the work we do is not possible. To show our appreciation, the Palm Beach and Martin County Advisory Committees would like to invite all our Bigs, past, present and potential future Bigs to join them at one of our upcoming Mentor Meetups. Meet other mentors, make new friends. Or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister or are curious about Big Brothers Big Sisters is invited to attend an upcoming event.

The Martin County Advisory Board would like to thank everyone who joined us at Townie's Tavern in Palm City on Thursday, September 15th. Despite heavy rains, many people came out to chat with friends and there were several new faces in the crowd, there to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters and our mission to empower youth and provide caring mentors to Littles in our community. Be sure to sign up for this newsletter at www.mentorbig.org to learn about more upcoming Mentor Meetup events in your area.



Coming Up: Stop our next Mentor Meetup in Palm Beach County

WHERE: Fries to Caviar
6299 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, FL

WHEN: Wednesday, October 26th from 5:30 -7:00 PM

TICKETS: [Register now](#) on Eventbrite



A BIG THANK YOU FROM ENTIRE MATCH SUPPORT TEAM

MATCH, CAMERA, ACTION!

This month your BBBS Match Support Specialists are sending a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to the Bigs, Littles and their parents who participated in the production of an upcoming, "mission moments" video about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.



These amazing Matches will appear in a three minute video to discuss our mission to Empower the Potential inherent in every child, and their experiences with our Community-based, School-based, and School to Work, programs.

We would also like to send a huge thank you out to Jack and Shane and the entire team at [PATHOS](#).

Their patience, professionalism & generosity helped us capture the the special bond our matches share as well as the benefits of the work we do every day for the kids in our community. Thank you one and all.

