



Read all about Taste 2022 on pages 2 and 3!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2022 Holiday Season is upon us and that means holiday activities! BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties is proud of the many fun and needs-based Seasonal activities we offer to our Littles and their families but we need your help. If you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact info@mentorbig.org to find out about current and upcoming opportunities. 🍁

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WOW! Thank You!



The possibility wasn't even on the radar, but **tickets for the BIG Taste of Martin sold out for the first time in the event's 26 year history**, making this our BIGGEST Taste yet! Guests were treated to an assortment of outstanding foods and beverages, great music, glow jewelry, and an evening of good 'ole fashioned fun.

Known as the premier food and spirits festival of the Treasure Coast, this year the in-person event brought together more than 700 attendees, with all proceeds going towards Big Brothers Big Sisters youth mentoring programs throughout our area.

At dusk it was time to brighten things up with complementary crowns and other glowing accessories to accompany the **premier screening of the new Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mission Moment video** ([click here to watch the video](#)), highlighting BBBS programs and featuring local Bigs, Littles and their families. The video was followed by the Best of Martin County Taste Awards (see the winners on page 3) and announcement of silent auction and raffle winners.

Thanks to the commitment of the BBBS Martin County Advisory Board and support of the community, ticket sales shot up from **600 attendees in 2021 to a whopping 725 in 2022!** This amazing turn out helped the BIG Taste of Martin raise a record \$123,131, with proceeds going towards youth mentoring programs in our area!

"This year is our first sold out Big Taste! It was great to be around so many businesses and individuals who support our work in youth mentoring," says Yvette Flores Acevedo, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Your Support Made This Our Best Taste Ever!

Participating Restaurants:

Atoll Vodka, Berry Fresh, Boardwalk Jensen Beach, Canteen Spirits, Conchy Joe's Seafood, Culver's of Stuart, The Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House, Ellie's Downtown Deli, The Hangar SUA, Hop Life Brewing, Hudson's on the River, Islamorada Beer Co., Kyle G's Prime Seafood & Steaks, Motorworks Brewing Co., Nothing Bundt Cakes, Noxx & Dunn Florida Rum, Oak and Ember Steakhouse, One Hope Wine, Pastaio, Precision Meal Prep, Sailfish Brewing Co., Southern Eagle Distributing, Spritz City Bistro, Starbucks, and Stringers Tavern & Oyster Bar.

Event Sponsors Include:

Publix Super Markets Charities, Rehmann, Atlantic Aviation, Philip DeBerard Injury Attorney, Morgan Stanley, Go Local Electric, Premier Private Jets, Macy's, All Area Roofing & Construction, Inc., and many more.

Big Taste of Martin County Winners:

Best Soup: Stringers Tavern & Oyster Bar

Best Salad Spritz City Bistro

Best Entrée: The Hangar SUA

Best Appetizer: The Hangar SUA

Best Dessert: Nothing Bundt Cakes

Best Drink: Kyle's G's Oak and Ember Steakhouse

Best Presentation: The Hangar SUA

The success of this years' Taste could not have happened without the generosity of our host, Atlantic Aviation, our many donors and sponsors, and the many volunteers who were there to help make it a great night for everyone! ***Thank you!***



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NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARDS

On Wednesday October 26th the BBBS Palm Beach County Advisory Board hosted a gathering at Fries to Caviar located Boca Raton, close to Delray Beach. Locals came together to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, meet new people and try some interesting food.

With the massive influx of people moving to South Florida from across the country, many are looking for ways to connect and make friends. Stopping by one of our Advisory Board networking events is a great way to meet new people, engage with the community and help to support an awesome cause.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our youth mentoring programs and how to get involved please sign up for this newsletter at www.mentorbig.org to stay up to date on all upcoming get togethers.

Everyone is welcome, but registration is strongly encouraged if you want to guarantee your **FREE DRINK TICKET**.

If you are interested in volunteering at Big Brothers Big Sisters, please contact us at info@mentorbig.org today to learn more about upcoming events and mentor opportunities available in your area. 🍁


 A collage of four photographs. The top photo shows various food items on a wooden board. The middle photo shows a group of people standing together for a group photo in front of a sign that says 'Big Brothers Big Sisters'. The bottom-left photo shows a busy bar scene with people at the counter. The bottom-right photo shows a group of people socializing and drinking at a table.

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Donor Spotlight

Empowering Palm Beach County Youth Through Career Mentoring

The Jim Moran Foundation recently extended its funding for the Big Brothers Big Sisters School to Work program through 2024. With this partnership, BBBS will continue to provide career and post-secondary-focused mentoring opportunities for youth in Palm Beach County.

Because of The Foundation's commitment to the community and youth over the past six years, more than four-hundred high school students have been educated in real-life skills through interactive lessons that focus on one-to-one mentoring, career development, and/or college preparation.

Following the legacy of its founder, The Foundation's funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters demonstrates its ongoing commitment to education and encouraging youth to reach their greatest potential.

About the Jim Moran Foundation

Established in 2000 by automotive pioneer Jim Moran to ensure his philanthropy would endure beyond his lifetime, the mission of The Jim Moran Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the youth and families of Florida through the support of innovative programs and opportunities that meet the ever-changing needs of the community.

The Foundation has invested more than \$215 million in education, elder care, family strengthening and youth transitional living initiatives with efforts currently focused on Broward, Palm Beach, and Duval counties. Through a long-term Grant Agreement, The Foundation's significant funders are JM Family Enterprises, Inc., and its subsidiaries, including Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC. To learn more, visit www.jimmoranfoundation.org.



MATCH CORNER FROM YOUR MATCH SUPPORT TEAM

Help BBBS Families Celebrate Together This Thanksgiving

Join us in celebrating Thanksgiving with our families! At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, we believe that all families should be able to celebrate and give thanks together at this special time of year. Help us ensure that no child has to miss a Thanksgiving meal with their family by making a donation today.

If you are an active BBBS family in Palm Beach or Martin County in need of assistance this Thanksgiving, please speak to your Match Support Specialist about attending one of our Season to Share events, made possible by ALDI and our community of supporters.

\$25

**To Help Feed A
Child In Our
Program**

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**To Help Feed A
Small Family In
Our Program**

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**To Help Feed A
Large Family In
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