

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PALM BEACH & MARTIN COUNTIES



CELEBRATING 12 YEARS WITH MACY'S & BBBS OF PALM BEACH & MARTIN COUNTIES



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A grateful shout-out to our 2022 Holiday Gift Drive Partners -

- Fifth Third Bank
- Spirit of Giving
- Treasure Coast Buyers
- Coastal Animal Hospital



We also appreciate everyone who donated toys and gifts. This year Big Brothers Big Sisters will collect more than 400 gifts and toys for Littles in our community this holiday season.

Thank you!

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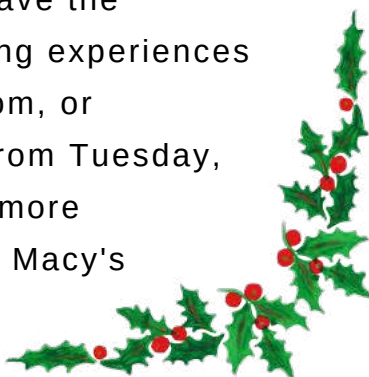
Our Local BBBS and Macy's Partnership Goes National

The Macy's-BBBS Holiday Breakfast began in 2010 with a small group of about 20 Littles and Bigs and family members at their Jensen Beach location. The Littles are then presented with their gift bag, **including a \$50 Macy's gift card funded by the retailer's corporate granting program.**

After the success of the Macy's-BBBS Holiday Breakfast in Jensen Beach, other stores in Palm Beach County, FL, joined in, bringing the number of hosting stores from five to six and expanding the reach of children served from a single store to the entire region. This was followed by increased financial support through Macy's Thanks for Sharing program, an initiative exclusive to Florida until recently.

In the 12 years since that first breakfast at Jensen Beach, Macy's support for BBBS and their Littles has grown to 22 Florida stores, covering Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami/Dade counties, along with the Tampa/St. Pete area and beyond. The Macy's partnership with BBBS now includes additional events such as The Big Taste in Martin County. Through *Mission Every One*, the retailer's new social purpose platform, they committed to creating brighter futures through bold representation for all.

This holiday season, Macy's customers will have the opportunity to help fuel life-changing mentoring experiences through BBBS by donating online at macys.com, or rounding up purchases in-store (up to \$.99) from Tuesday, Nov. 1 through Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022. For more information about supporting BBBS and other Macy's Mission Every One initiatives please visit macys.com/purpose.



ALDI' GIVES



This Thanksgiving ALDI once again partnered with with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach & Martin Counties and other BBBS agencies around the state to help supply families with Thanksgiving staples. Thanks to ALDI and the generosity of our donors, we were able to provide 120 local families with non-perishable Thanksgiving sides and \$25 ALDI gift cards to purchase a turkey or other perishable items.

Thank you for your support! Without your help, our work to encourage and power the potential in children would not be possible.

The Children's Services Council of Martin County Empowers Youth Potential by Funding Mentoring Programs!

The Children's Services Council of Martin County has provided the resources for Martin County children and youth to take part in a variety of mentoring programs that empowers kids to stay on track to graduate with a plan for their future and a mentor whose impact lasts a lifetime.

To address the lack of social-emotional learning children and youth are connected to a mentor and engage them in collaborative activities, which make learning and social-emotional growth fun. The following programs are funded through the Children's Services Council of Martin County. The "Start Something" program is community-based mentoring that pairs kids with a caring adult who provides friendship and positive experiences to support children and youth in learning and developing new skills for a brighter future.

"School to Work" is a unique online mentoring program that integrates one-to-one mentoring, career exploration, and life skills development to inspire high school-aged youth to set goals and make plans for their future beyond school.

Big Brothers Big Sisters newest program "Beyond School Walls" program takes high school aged youth into local businesses to address the unmet need for many youth to gain the ability to explore the career opportunities in the working environment. Each program is proudly supported by the Children's Services Council of Martin County who believes in community investment for local youth. BBBS mentoring programs encourage academic engagement, positive lifestyle choices, and introduce Martin County kids to caring adults from diverse backgrounds. Because of this ongoing support, local kids are reaching their brightest potential.

About the Children's Services Council

The mission of the Children's Services Council of Martin County is to enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential. The Children's Services Council of Martin County is an Independent Special Taxing District created by ordinance by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners in June 1988. The voters of Martin County approved taxing authority by referendum on November 1988 by 62 percent, and on November 4, 2014, voters reauthorized this by nearly 77%.

Learn more at www.cscmc.org/mc-homeowners/



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MATCH CORNER FROM YOUR MATCH SUPPORT TEAM



Keeping Our Littles Safe Is Our Top Priority

ABOUT OUR BIGS -

Every Big accepted into the Big Brothers Big Sisters program has demonstrated that they have what it takes to be a mentor to a child. Volunteers are screened through multilayered background and criminal history checks, Driving Record Checks, Reference checks, and an Extensive interview process. When it comes time to match a Big Brother with a new Little Brother or a Big Sister with a new Little Sister, our Match Support team considers a number of factors unique to every child's individual needs. Our Bigs come from a variety of walks of life, and they are committed to supporting the critical social and emotional development of the Littles in our community.



Inquire & Apply

Interested in becoming a Mentor? For more information, you can call, email or visit us online at www.MentorBig.org. When you're ready, simply fill out an application and we'll get the process started.



In-Depth Screening & Match

Next we will conduct a thorough background check based on your application and references. Once you're approved you're all set to be matched! One of our Match Support Specialists will contact you to propose a Little!



Ongoing Support

Now that you're an active Big Brother or Big Sister, your dedicated Match Advocate will be there for you and your Little. They will check-in monthly to invite you to fun match activities, provide support and encourage your mentor relationship and assist you through the annual renewal process..



Interview & Training

Once you've completed your application, let us know. We will schedule a time to meet with you. After that, we will sign you up for one of our next training sessions. There you will learn more about the program and your role as a Big.



Meet Your Match!

The BIG day has finally arrived! It's time to meet your Little. BBBS will coordinate an introductory meeting between you, your Little and their parent or guardian. As partners in their child's path to potential, you'll get to know each other, discuss goals for your match and arrange your first outing together.

GET STARTED TODAY!



4 **LITTLE** hours a month can have a **BIG** impact!

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Call: (561) 727-3450 or email us at info@mentorbig.org



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*Wishes
you*

HAPPY

Holidays