

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PALM BEACH & MARTIN COUNTIES

60 BIGS IN
60 DAYS!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties is excited to launch this year's Big Draft to draft 60 new mentors for their youth mentor programs within a span of 60 days. Today, 1 in 3 kids in America are growing up without a mentor to provide support and positive reinforcement.. The initiative, which is spearheaded by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in partnership with the NFL aims to recruit more Bigs who can provide support and guidance for young people in our community, and to make a positive impact on their lives. While the NFL is drafting the next generation of players, we're drafting the next generation of mentors ("Bigs"). *(continued on page 2).*



SAVE THE DATES

COMING UP

March 1-31: Clean Wave Car Wash Fundraiser Event (see page 3 for more details)

June 3: Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraiser Event (see page for more details)

Month of June: School to Work Career Exploration Site Visits


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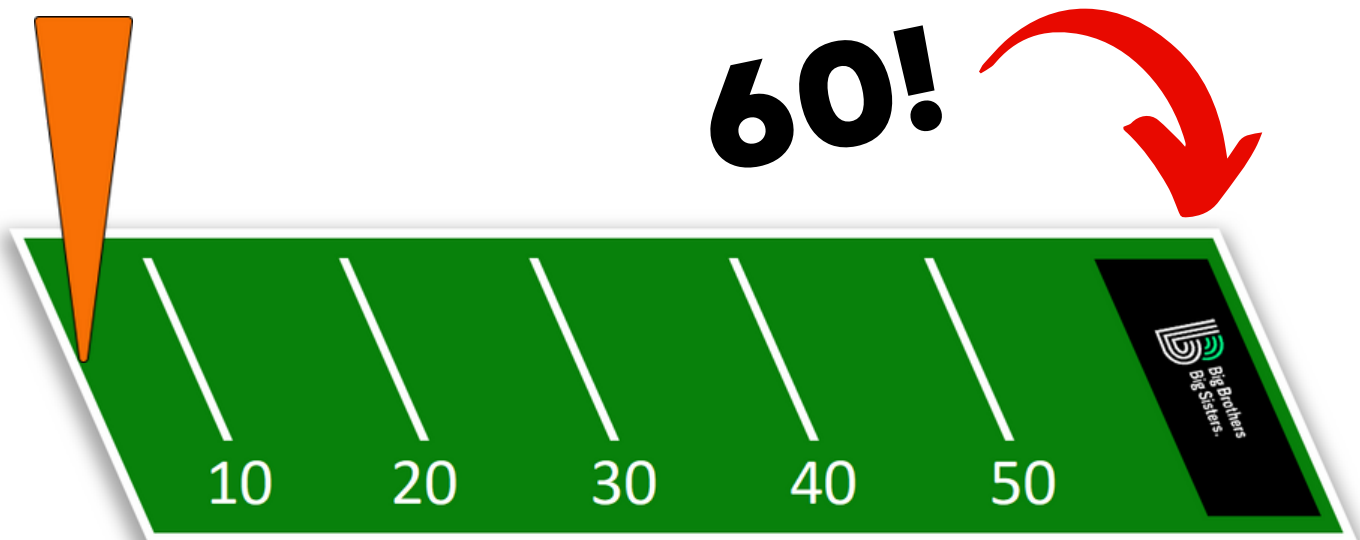
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With the support of the NFL and the broader community, this partnership has the potential to positively influence the lives of hundreds of young people across Palm Beach and Martin Counties. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who are passionate about making a difference in their communities and who want to help shape the next generation of leaders.

The deadline for drafting Bigs is set to coincide with the 2023 NFL draft picks on April 27-April 29, 2023. Help BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties hit our goal of **60 Bigs in 60 Days!** Visit www.mentorbig.org to learn more or contact us at info@mentorbig.org.

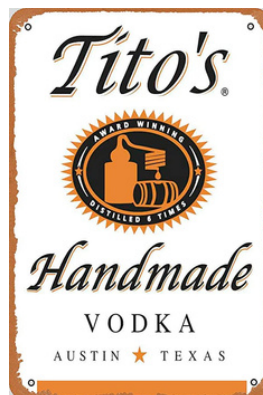


Notes from the Advisory Boards

Our Biggest Turn Out to Date At Batch In West Palm Beach

On February 16th from 6-8 PM, the Palm Beach Advisory Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted a networking event at Batch Southern Kitchen & Tap on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach to bring awareness to our youth mentor programs. The event saw a great turnout of 37 people and the possibility of many new Defenders of Potential!

The event was organized to give local individuals an opportunity to learn more about BBBS programs and how to support youth in our community. To make the event more exciting, a \$5 donation paid for a drink ticket, appetizers, and entries into a raffle for two gift baskets featuring Tito's Handmade Vodka items. The evening was a huge success, and it provided a great platform for the community to come together to build a better future for our Littles. A huge shout out to every one who attended and to Tito's Handmade Vodka for their support.



March

Clean Wave Makes Big Waves for BBBS with Carwash Fundraiser

Clean Wave Car Wash is hosting a fundraiser to support youth mentor programs in the community. Throughout the month of March, for every Manager's Special car wash package sold (Full Service or Exterior Only) \$2.00 will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. This is a great opportunity to not only get a top-quality car wash, but also to give back and help young people reach their full potential.

Show your support for BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties and encourage everyone to participate and make a positive impact in their community. Stop by Clean Wave for your next car wash at **9960 Belvedere Rd, Royal Palm Beach**.



Bowl for Kids' Sake is Back!

June



It's time for the **2nd Bowl for Kids' Sake** fundraising event to help support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. This event promises to be a fun-filled day of bowling, games, prizes, awards, pizza, and more. **On Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 1-3 PM, at Greenacres Bowl** bowlers will come together to help raise \$30,000 for youth mentor programs. By signing up for Bowl for Kids' Sake, participants will not only have a great time but will also be supporting a fantastic cause. The funds raised will go towards providing essential resources and support for local BBBS youth mentor programs.

This is an event you won't want to miss! To find out how to register to bowl or to become a Bowl for Kids' Sake sponsor visit us [online](#)



WILLIAM & HELEN THOMAS CHARITABLE TRUST

The William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee. "continues to collaborate with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties to impact youth who would benefit from the positive relationship and connection to a Mentor. Because of the foundations dedication to education and youth development, local children and youth are reaching their biggest potential. The generous award moves Big Brothers Big Sisters mission forward. Empowering kids to stay on track to graduate with a plan for their future and a mentor whose impact lasts a lifetime by Creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. The Foundations continued impact to our South Florida community is admirable, and Big Brothers Big Sisters is appreciative for the partnership with the "William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee."

About the Foundation

The William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust honors a long-time philanthropic couple from Stuart, Florida by supporting nonprofit organizations providing services for education, the environment, medical needs, the underprivileged and other charitable purposes. Grants are primarily made in Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties in FL; however, requests are also entertained from the Appalachian region of the U.S., and other locations in Florida and the U.S. as determined by the trustees.

MATCH CORNER FROM YOUR MATCH SUPPORT TEAM



After years of hoping to implement Beyond School Walls, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties has finally achieved its goal in January by matching 24 students from Inlet Grove at Connections Education Center, our first ever Beyond School Walls workplace mentoring site. Seven more students were added in February, for a total of 31 Littles. The mentors are professionals working with students in a variety of fields including business administration, finance, teaching, speech, occupational and physical therapy and nursing.

The success of this initiative has been overwhelming, as feedback from both the youth and mentors has been hugely positive. Our Littles are asking great questions and it is clear that they and their mentors are enjoying the experience as they take great steps towards expanding their knowledge and gain new skills. This is an exciting achievement that will inspire more people to get involved and make a positive impact on young people's lives by becoming a driver of potential!

A BIG thank you to Connections Education Center for joining us as a Beyond School Walls Partner in Potential!