

# BIG PICTURE

Latest news from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties



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## A Message from Executive Director William Salcedo

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been enjoying summertime and all of the wonderful activities that come with it. It's been an active summer at BBBS with our Bigs and Littles spending time together at the park, beach, and aboard "Bingo" where some of the kids were able to go on a boat and try fishing for the first time!

Bigs and Littles sharing time and having fun together strengthens their friendships and gives the Littles a chance for new experiences that broaden their horizons and help them set goals for their future.

While summer is a time to relax, we are still working hard to recruit volunteers to mentor local children in need of a positive friend and role model. We have 62 kids - mostly boys - waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister to call their own. As summer winds down, please consider making the commitment to become a Big!

I hope the rest of your summer is filled with sunny days and all of the people, places, and things you enjoy most.

Sincerely,

William Salcedo  
Executive Director

## Match Highlights

You may recall Big Brother Al and Little Brother John from 4 years ago when their friendship was spotlighted in our August newsletter. They have now reached 9 years of friendship! Much has changed and much has remained the same. John is entering his junior year of high school and in 2017, Al retired from a 44-year career. John started working his first job at a fast food restaurant this summer. He and Al are still getting



John and Al at a Recent Kids Club Event



Al and John at Their Match Meeting in 2009

together nearly every other weekend, usually to spend time on the basketball court or baseball field. This spring the two tried something new...disc golf at Allaire State Park's new course. While Al loved it, John did not enjoy tracking down his Frisbee which kept landing off course in the woods! Each year John is asked if he'd like to continue the friendship with Al and each year John has another good reason to continue, "He's adventurous and likes to explore new places" John said.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR JULY & AUGUST MATCHES

- Big Brother Al & Little Brother John 9 Years
- Big Brother Ernie & Little Brother Ryan 6 Years
- Big Brother Michael & Little Brother Sebastian 5 Years
- Big Brother Keith & Little Brother Jahkiy 4 Years
- Big Brother Chris & Little Brother Logan 4 Years
- Big Brother David & Little Brother Dominic 3 Years
- Big Brother Bob & Little Brother Brandon 3 Years
- Big Brother Joe & Little Brother Greyson 2 Years
- Big Brother Michael & Little Brother Robert 2 Years
- Big Brother Chris & Little Brother Tyler 2 Years
- Big Brother Jeffrey & Little Brother Meukow 2 Years
- Big Brother Keith & Little Brother Tariq 1 Year
- Big Brother Stephen & Big Sister Linda & Little Brother Gino 1 Year
- Big Brother Nicholas & Little Brother Messiah 1 Year
- Big Sister Meggan & Little Sister Ashlie 6 Years
- Big Sister Ashley & Little Sister Skylar 6 Years
- Big Sister Kim & Little Sister Ella 5 Years
- Big Sister Caroline & Little Sister Julianna 3 Years
- Big Sister Kim & Little Sister Mariah 2 Years
- Big Sister Kelly-Anne & Little Sister Cydney 1 Year
- Big Sister Delilah & Little Sister Rosie 1 Year

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## College Bound!

We are proud to announce the two newest recipients of the Hatfield Family Fund Scholarship! Dulce and Sandra are recent high school graduates and former Littles in the BBBS program. They will be attending Brookdale Community College this fall and both plan to explore the medical field.

Suzanne Hatfield invited the new students, past scholarship recipients, and BBBS staff to a luncheon this month to congratulate Dulce and Sandra! We would like to wish the students the best of luck and many thanks



Suzanne Hatfield with Scholarship Recipients

to the Hatfield family whose generosity and dedication to our youth is unparalleled.

## Workshop Preps Littles for College

BBBS recently held a college-prep workshop that was attended by Littles and their Bigs and featured two dynamic speakers. Former Big Brother Ram provided a slideshow journey on what the college application process entailed for him. The other speaker, Daniel, is a leader in the college preparation industry and provided valuable, in-depth information as well as some insider tips about the college application process. Thank you, Ram and Daniel, for the important insight you provided our future college students!



Bigs & Littles Focused on Ram's Presentation

## A Day At Sea

Bigs and Littles were able to spend a few hours at sea this month on the annual fishing trip. Eleven of our matches attended and altogether caught over 150 fish! We are so grateful to Terry and the Hi-Mar Striper Club for planning this trip year after year. All of our matches had a great time, especially Little Brother Mike and Big Brother Rich who sent this note:

*"This was Mike's first time on a boat, and his first time ever fishing! I am so glad that I became a big brother, so rewarding. I taught him different things that my parents taught me when I was a boy, and they took me fishing, such as marine terminology,*



BBBS Bigs & Littles All Aboard "Bingo"

*bow, stern, etc. I also taught him everything I know about safety and fishing. We caught porgies, and Mike caught 2 baby sharks, which thrilled him."*

## FORE! The Kids

BBBSMMC held the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual FORE! The Kids Golf Outing on July 30<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success! Many thanks to Board member John Harris and his company, Aspire Technology Partners, for their support as the Presenting Sponsor. Board member Pete McGuigan supported as a Corporate Sponsor through his company WithumSmith + Brown. Both John and Pete were instrumental in the success of the outing and we are grateful for all they do for our agency.



Board Member John Harris with Golfer and BBBS Supporter Greg Klaus

## 5 Activities for Bigs & Littles to Try Before Summer is Over

1. Pick your own fruit at a farm
2. Travel back in time at the historic Longstreet Farm
3. Stop by a local street fair or festival
4. Search for fossils at Big Brook Park
5. Go mini golfing

## A Little Life is Waiting for a BIG Change

Mark is an 8 year old boy who is sweet and polite. He enjoys football and video games. He loves animals and wishes he could have a pet wolf. He would like a Big Brother who is active and likes sports. Some activities Mark would like to share with a Big Brother are bowling, fishing, and going to the arcade.

Find out how to BECOME A BIG at [www.bbbsmmc.org](http://www.bbbsmmc.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# BEACH Volleyball Tournament

Join Us at  
Main Street Beach in Manasquan, NJ  
Sunday, Sept. 16th, 2018 - 10AM

# 20TH ANNUAL GALA ROARING TWENTIES

Join Us at The Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in Asbury Park, NJ  
Friday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 6:30PM

For more information on our events visit [support.bbbsmmc.org](http://support.bbbsmmc.org)

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