# **NEWSLETTER**



**JULY 2019** 

#### A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAM SALCEDO

Dear Friends,

Summer. We wait for it with anticipation, and it's always too short! It's a time when kids aren't busy with school and sometimes lack constructive activities. I am proud that BBBSMMC's mentors, supporters, and activities provide our Littles with enriching ways to spend their summer days.

Bigs and Littles can share outdoor adventures like paddle boarding, hiking, attending festivals and carnivals, visiting a boardwalk and playing games, or enjoying time at the beach. Our Bigs play a vital role in engaging and supporting their Littles and maintaining structure in their lives, particularly when school is not in session.

Our agency also receives day camp scholarships for some of our Littles who would otherwise not be able to attend. These scholarships give our Littles the opportunity to attend camps that offer recreational and enrichment programs. In addition, we host Kids Club events throughout the summer for Bigs, Littles, and families to enjoy. Two of the most popular are our annual fishing trip and our pool party.

I hope you all make the most of your summer and all of the fun activities it has to offer!

Sincerely,

William Salcedo Executive Director

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#### **YOUTH SPOTLIGHT**

This month, it is our pleasure to congratulate Little Sister Nalah on her acceptance into Bloomfield College on a scholarship! Nalah received many scholarship offers to several colleges throughout the country and has decided to attend Bloomfield. Nalah enrolled in the Community Based Program when she was just 6-years-old, and it has been a pleasure to watch her grow and mature into a successful young woman. We wish Nalah the very best in all she does in college and the future!





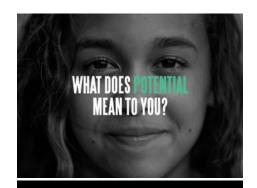
### THE **BIG** WAIT

Dylan completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade with all As and Bs and participated in recreational basketball and track teams. Some of his interests are science, fishing, video games, being outdoors, and exploring his creative side through video making. He's looking forward to spending time with a Big Brother to expand his social network and share time at an arcade or the beach.

Find out how to BECOME A BIG at www.bbbsmmc.org

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR JULY MATCHES

- Big Brother Joe & Little Brother Alex 1 Year
- Big Sister Priya & Little Sister Valery 1 Year
- Big Sister Jennifer & Little Sister Zarriah 1 Year
- Big Sister Amy & Little Sister Melissa 1 Year
- Big Brother Eric & Little Brother Jaidyn 1 Year
- Big Brother Mike & Little
  Brother Christopher 1 Year
- Big Brother Nick & Little
  Brother Messiah 2 Years
- Big Brother Jeff & Little
  Brother Meukow 3 Years
- Big Sister Kim & Little
  Sister Mariah 3 Years
- Big Brother Chris & Little Brother Tyler 3 Years
- Big Brother David & Little Brother Dominic 4 Years
- Big Brother Chris & Little Brother Logan 5 Years
- Big Sister Meggan & Little Sister Ashlie 6 Years
- Big Sister Ashley & Little Sister Skylar 6 Years



THANK YOU RIZCO FOR DONATING THIS GREAT DESIGN THAT EMPHASIZES POTENTIAL!

#### **FORE! THE KIDS**



BBBSMMC held the 8th Annual FORE! The Kids Golf Outing on July 22 at Manasquan River Golf Club, 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.

#### MATCH HIGHLIGHT

Chris and Logan have been matched for five years this month! When Chris and Logan were matched in July 2014, Logan was a somewhat reserved yet friendly 9-year-old who was open to the experience of having a Big Brother. They started their friendship with a trip to Twin Brook Golf Center for a round of mini golf. Over the years, they have enjoyed going to festivals, out on a boat, on hikes with Chris' dog, playing and going to sporting events, going to the movies, and having fun at the arcade or iPlay America. Now that Logan will be entering high school, Chris has been able to adjust activities to be not only fun and engaging but also as simple as just spending time together. Logan has always found Chris to be helpful and describes



BIG BROTHER CHRIS & LITTLE BROTHER LOGAN

him as "caring and funny." In a recent conversation with Logan's mother, she expressed gratitude saying, "Chris has done more than I could ever ask for. Chris is such a big part of Logan's life, and Logan has been imitating all of Chris's good behaviors."

#### UPCOMING EVENTS





#### **SKATER GIRLS**



Big Sister Elyse and Little Sister Karla had a skate-tastic outing together! They visited Pro Skateboard Shop and got their favorite treats at Playa Bowls in Belmar. Then they joined the weekly Girls Skate Meetup in Brick, and both dropped in for the first time ever with the help of Pink Pineapple and encouragement of everyone at SkateBrickNJ. Karla described it as the best day of her life!

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BIGS AND LITTLES HAD A BLAST FISHING ON BINGO" FROM ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS THANKS TO THE HI-MAR STRIPER CLUB'S GENEROSITY!







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