

Local Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth Receive BIG Holiday Surprise from NY Jets Player Solomon Thomas

Defensive Tackle Solomon Thomas hosts holiday hop at Sky Zone Pine Brook



Solomon Thomas, NY Jets Defensive Tackle recently hosted a Holiday Hop Party for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey (BBBSCNNJ) youth in collaboration with Sky Zone in Pine Brook. | Photo Credit: Courtesy of BBBSCNNJ

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ASBURY PARK, NJ — Most National Football League athletes spent all of the week preparing for their Week 16 games, but Solomon Thomas had a little something extra to prep for – his Holiday Hop party hosted for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey (BBBSCNNJ) youth.

Collaborating with Sky Zone in Pine Brook, Solomon was thrilled to host a holiday event that delivered a delightful experience for these local youth.

Solomon proudly serves as an ambassador in the Game Changers initiative with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA). With a heartfelt mission to create lasting memories and mentorship moments, Solomon treated 20 Littles (ages 6-17) and their mentors (Bigs) for an unforgettable night.

Each participant also received four gift cards, offering them a chance to indulge in some holiday shopping.

Additionally, the attendees were gifted special event T-shirts courtesy of Fully Promoted, festive balloons donated by The Balloon Boss N.J. and a delicious dinner generously provided by Jersey Mike's.

Solomon helped to ensure that this event was a cherished moment for the young participants, encouraging them in the trampoline basketball courts and even joining them in a few rounds of dodgeball.

"The holidays we always think of as a joyful, amazing time, but honestly, it's hard for some people," said Solomon. "Whatever I can do to bring some joy and happiness to this time, I'm happy to do."

The event was also a reunion for Solomon and Meshach, one of the youths enrolled in the BBBSCNNJ program whom he previously mentored for a day. The two picked up right where they left off, updating each other on their football seasons and getting right into the hop time alongside other attendees.

"As an organization, we are grateful for Solomon's time and his passion for supporting our youth and making their holiday season a bit brighter," said William Salcedo, Executive Director of BBBSCNNJ.

Learn more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Game Changers initiative [here](#).

About BBBSCNNJ

For the past 47 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey has been making a positive difference in the lives of children through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships with adult volunteers.

BBBSCNNJ empowers children to achieve their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent and caring individuals.

BBBSCNNJ currently represents ten counties in New Jersey, including Bergen, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and Warren.

More information on becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister or to donate is available [here](#).

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