



# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida

June  
2010

Experience Big Magic.

## Match Spotlight: Teri & Hannah



Teri and Hannah were matched in June of 2006 and are fastly approaching their four year match anniversary! Throughout the past several years this Big and Little Sister have grown part of each other's family, supporting and caring for one another through the trials and triumphs of life including the passing and birth of loved ones, challenges

and achievements in school, and personal milestones of self-growth. Just this year, the girls have enjoyed fun activities together such as going to Sea World, having sleepovers, hiking, baking, doing arts and crafts, playing dress-up, and lots more! Hannah's mother said, "Big Brothers Big Sisters has given her children the ability to experience things that she does not have the opportunity to provide and to grow and enjoy themselves in such a big way." Teri is a part of her family. Teri happily pronounced, "I keep thinking we can't get any closer and then I look back and realize we have.... I love my little sister, she is awesome!"

### Big Fun

Family Fun  
& Safety Expo  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 11-3pm  
Santa Fe College's  
North Field

Upcoming in July  
Lillian's Music Store  
Annual Golf Tourny  
Big BBQ with  
Boys and Girls Club

### Big Adventures

#### ► Big/Little Field Day

Field Day Event hosted by college volunteers from Students for Big Brothers Big Sisters, a UF student organization on April 17th. A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the University of Florida student volunteers who organized this event. BBBS is looking forward to participating again next spring!



#### ► Nationwide Insurance - Littlepalooza

On April 24th, the employees of Nationwide Insurance hosted their annual "Littlepalooza" for children and families of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida. This event was a huge success with our Littles having a blast with all of the fun games, activities and food provided at the event. A huge THANK YOU to Nationwide for their continued support and all that they do for the children in our community.



### Match Anniversaries

#### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

June 6 - Kelly / Mercades

#### 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

June 19 - Kim / Haley

June 20 -Teri / Hannah

#### 2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

June 7 - Ed / Sam

June 11 - Janet / Lillie

#### 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

June 3 - Timothy / Zakari

June 10 - Sha-Mekeyia / Jakeria

June 11 - Maria / Michael

June 16 - Allyson / Roddreka

June 18 - Lee / Kaige

June 23 - Raechelle / Monichelle

June 29 - James / Britain

## Helping Hands

- Nationwide Insurance
- Gainesville Television Network
- Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
- RT Schafer Masonic Lodge
- SAFEID4Families Inc.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Students for BBBS
- Sunshine Broadcasting
- Vanguard Foundation



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A MENTOR.....

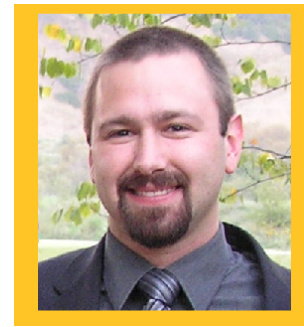
## Big News

Check out our website at  
[www.bbbsmidflorida.org](http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org)

Expect a call as we check  
in to support our matches  
and reconnect with our past  
supporters.

All of the children in our program  
are encouraged to submit a one  
page, hand-written essay about  
what their big means to them.

## Welcome John Bonacci, our new CEO!



We would like to welcome John A. Bonacci III as our new CEO. John is no stranger to the organization, having served as Vice President on our Board of Directors before being asked to help invigorate the agency.

John is a Certified Financial Planner with over a decade of experience in Financial Analysis and Business Consulting all over the country. John has a Bachelor of Science in Finance and is also published in Sociology.

John is married and has three children. His objective is to maintain a "children-first" philosophy in our agency. With his background in finance and business, John will offer a fresh perspective to the agency's leadership.

"It's all about improving the lives of children," John said. "The strength of Big Brothers Big Sisters is investing in quality relationships that impact a child's life instantaneously, and for years to come. Our community's children are our most precious resource, and we are here to serve them."

## CAMPAIGN

As many of you are aware, we are rebuilding our organization to better serve our community. Thus far, we have created and implemented sound business and program systems. We have done a wonderful job of reaching out to those in need; however, the high demand for our program remains. Our goal is to serve children with the highest quality matches.

Our program requires a great deal of resources and due to limited funding, we are at the maximum level of matches our staff can support. Because it requires over \$1000 in staff resources to make and support each match, we currently have over 200 children on our waiting list.

Our future looks very bright and is filled with opportunities to serve children. We are currently seeking your support in order to change the lives of the next 200 children. To donate visit our website at [www.bbbsmidflorida.com](http://www.bbbsmidflorida.com) or contact John to discuss ongoing or more substantial gifts.

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