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COVER STORY:
BBBS/FIDELIS KBB CLEANUP

Pictured above: Littles Amiyah and Starr

In July, the BBBS and Fidelis Homework Programme crew did a KBB Cleanup of the Kindley Field Area. Katie from KBB taught everyone about the effects of litter on our environment and the importance of recycling. The children had a blast learning and were informed about the importance of taking care of our island home! They couldn't believe the amount of litter that people had left in the area and were quite upset, which in turn led them wanting to do more! They did a fantastic job and look forward to participating in more cleanups in the future! After we were done, the children enjoyed some refreshing ice cream from Double Dip!

BOYS 2 MEN

This Summer BBBS launched the first cohort of our Boys 2 Men Programme partnership with MASC Bermuda (males only counselling service). With the help of our newly formed partnership, we were able to facilitate peer support groups for our boys. We separated the groups with the Primary and lower Middle School boys in one Group and Upper Middle and High School in the other group. In these groups, the boys were able to see that their peers are facing similar challenges and receive support. This made them realize that they are not alone in their struggles and helped them to learn how to support each other by finding pro-social solutions. Each boy in this group was able to authentically express themselves, feel listened to and valued. They are empowered to speak their truth and are encouraged to take responsibility for their choices. The sessions were every Wednesday. The 2nd Cohort will begin in January/February of 2022.

We asked our boys what they would like to do as an end of summer Boys only event. They suggested a day at Kinezumi Water Sports at Rosewood Tuckers Point. After discussing with the owner Antoine Albouy, we were able to make their wish a reality! They had 2 whole hours of fun running through the obstacles, swimming and bonding with each other. Then they ended the day with a pizza party! The boys were so well behaved that the other visitors to the park commented that we had a group of “perfect gentlemen”! Thank you to all of our male chaperones who assisted on the day!

Girl Power

The BBBS Girl Power Event 2021 at Hamilton Princess was a huge success!

The girls walked into Marcus' and were greeted by a Flower Wall, and Lemonade in "fancy" glasses! The music in the background was full of GIRL POWER!!! It was time to take pictures!! Then, after an introductory ice breaker, they were given empowering words of wisdom from Kristen Carreiro the owner of ModBlu. Next, they were treated to a lovely lunch with dessert. Lillian Lightbourn shared her journey and gave them more inspirational and empowering words. The girls were very engaged with both speakers. The grand finale was a Sip & Paint courtesy of Strokes in The City! The girls were able to tap into their creativity! Then it was time to say goodbye... and each girl received a beautiful (and delicious) cupcake made by DivaCakes AND... a goodie bag with specially made BBBS Girl Power branded lip gloss, candles and Shea butter courtesy of TayGi Bermuda.

Thank you to everyone that supported BBBS in this vision! A special shoutout to our Ignite Bermuda intern, Angel Seaman, and Kristen Carrerio for helping to organise everything! We would also like to thank Hamilton Princess, Strokes in the City and Flower Wall Bermuda.

Pictured above: Sarah Rubery CEO of Catalina, Brea Smith - Executive Asst., Tina Rego - Chair of their ESG Committee and Patrina O'Connor Paynter - Managing Director of BBBS

Pictured above: School Bags given by an anonymous donor

SCHOOL BAG DONATIONS

Catalina Holdings helped some of our BBBS students get a good start to the school year by donating 30 school bags with supplies.The bags even included scientific calculators for the older students!

An anonymous donor also donated an additional 10 school bags filled with supplies.

We would like to offer a HUGE thank you to Catalina Holdings and our anonymous donor! Our BBBS Families are truly grateful for your generosity especially during these very challenging times!!

Pictured above Little Brother Ta'Ziyah Kelly and Patrina O'Connor Paynter - Managing Director of BBBS

Pictured above Little Sister Century Burrows-Robinson

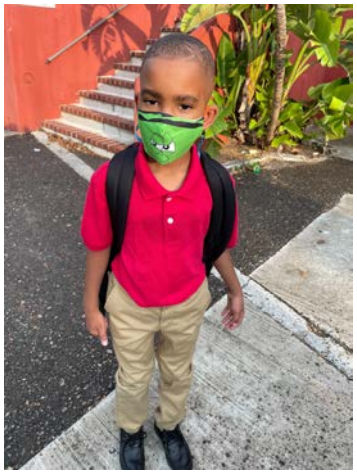
LAPTOP PRESENTATIONS

When Jane Burt of Think Real Bermuda found out that some of our BBBS children did not have laptops she immediately offered to assist by providing two! One to be given to a boy in the program and one for a girl. Jane and our Managing Director were a part of the Ignite Bermuda Cohort 3 where entrepreneurs and non-profits were brought together for the first time to participate in the programme. It was a great experience and some long term relationships and partnerships have been formed.

Thank you very much Think Real!

BACK TO SCHOOL

As you can see, our littles are excited to get back to school and are ready to tackle this new year whether in person or remotely on Zoom. See a couple of our littles ready to learn!



Pictured above: Little Brother Dimari Daniels

Pictured above: Little Brother N'Zhai Walker

Special Shoutout

A special shout out goes to the Former Commissioner of Police, Mr. Stephen Corbishley and his entire team of officers as well as traffic wardens for their generous donation of 40+ Restaurant Gift Cards for our families. The families that received these gift cards were truly grateful! Your generosity is truly appreciated! Thank you for your support!

NEW MATCH HIGHLIGHT

We are very excited to see our BBBS Family growing!!
Remember, everyone has something to offer, however small you think it is, it matters! Consistency is KEY!
You can be a part of our family too! Call or email us for further information!

BBBS New Match Alert!!!
Introducing: Big Sister Larissa and her Little Sister Nya!

Pictured above: Ywione Darrell

Pictured above: Nadir Young

Pictured above: Cameron Jeffers

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to BBBS Family Members Ywione Darrell, Nadir Young and Cameron Jeffers on winning some of Bermuda's most Prestigious Scholarships!

"When you have a community, you have a family. That is the value that Big Brothers Big Sisters taught me. This is the idea of paying it forward; your community guides you towards success, then you invest back into the community and raise the next generation. Winning this scholarship means the opportunity to pursue my career aspirations. I want to obtain my CPA designation and return to work in Bermuda and continue to give back to the community." Nadir Young.

Mr. Ywione Darrell - [King's College, UK] winner of the 2021 AXA XL Scholarship four-year full Re-insurance Scholarship.

Nadir Young - [Acadia University, Canada], winner of the PwC ABIC Award Scholarship worth $15,000 annually for two years.

Mr. Cameron Jeffers - [Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK], Paget Parish Council 2021 Undergraduate Award Recipient.

VIRTUAL TAG DAY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda held our annual Tag Day on Friday, September 24th. This year, due to the rise in COVID cases, we made the difficult decision to scrap the in-person Tag Day and instead have a "Socially Distant" Flash Tag Day online. Since it was a Flash Tag Day, we encouraged everyone to donate from 12am – 11:59pm on September 24th. We would like to thank all of our virtual taggers who shared the information and encouraged people to make a donation! Thank you to everyone that donated and a BIG shoutout to those that still participated in our denim day, even though most people were still working from home! Through your support we raised over $8,000!!! We are truly grateful for your friendship and support!