Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda

BBBS QUARTERLY

THE LATEST BIG NEWS, VIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COVER STORY: EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

In April, we held our Easter Eggstravanganza Kite Day and Scavenger Hunt at Whitehorse. Although it rained, that did not stop us from having a great time, we had a ball! We split up into 5 teams and had a Scavenger Hunt in the Towne of St. George's. The winners and runners-up received some fabulous prizes. Thanks to CHUBB for providing the awesome ponchos that kept us dry!!! The children also learned the art of Kite-making, from the Kitemaster himself, Mr. Eugene O'Connor. Everyone was pleased with their creations! Thanks also to Whitehorse Pub and Restaurant for catering lunch for our families!

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WALKER'S RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Walkers held a Crafting Your Career CV/Resume Writing Master Class back in April to assist our Littles with the fundamentals of preparing
their CV/Resume. This Master Class was offered to Littles over the age of 14. We also extended the invitation to our community partners, Raleigh who also took advantage of this awesome opportunity. They allowed the young people to ask questions and even offered to provide feedback once they had drafted their resumes. We are still receiving positive feedback from the tips they gave! We look forward to working with Walkers again to provide another Master Class to help our youth prepare for the workforce!

XTREME SPORTS

Team Validus Re representing BBBS for the WIN!!! Congratulations to Validus Re on being Co-Winners of Xtreme Sports alongside BELCO up at PHC Field! They fought hard and put their all into representing BBBS while having a lot of fun!!! Thank you so much Team Validus Re!! You Rock!!!

OUR BIGS ON PARADE

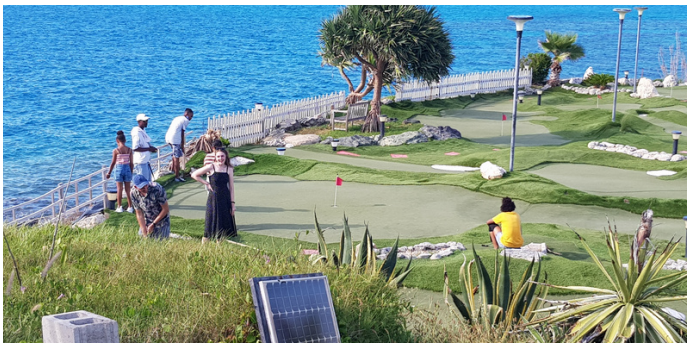
BBBS history was made as our Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year participated in the annual Bermuda Day parade with their Littles! Our Managing Director, Patrina, gave them her Grand Marshal spot and duties in the parade! It was a beautiful experience, especially since the theme of the parade was "Togetherness" which resonates deeply with what BBBS stands for!

Congratulations Big Brother Corville and Big Sister Jennifer!
Also a big shoutout to Little Sister Asaiya and Little Brother Ta'Ziyah! Both of them had to perform with the PHC Majorettes and Drum Corps but they wanted to have this moment with their Bigs first... then they dashed off to join PHC!

CONGRATS TO OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR!

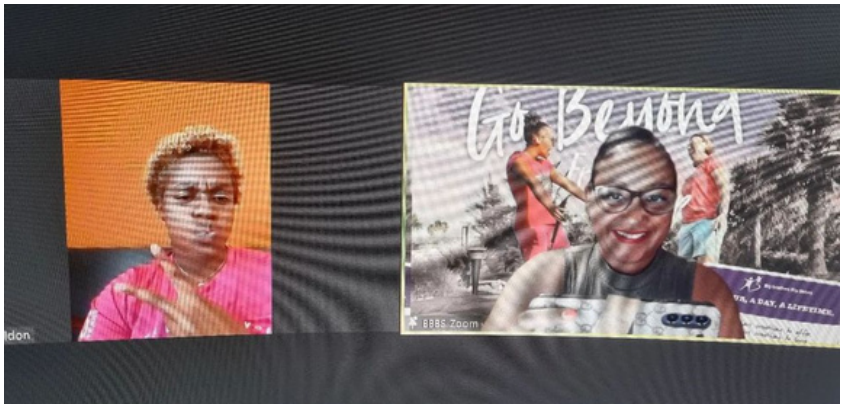
Congratulations to our BBBS Managing Director Patrina O'Connor-Paynter on being awarded the title of Grand Marshal of the Bermuda Day parade! She was not in the parade as she had given her place to our BBBS Bigs of the Year - Big Brother Corville Hylton and Big Sister Jennifer Howard! They represented with their Littles driving in convertibles in the parade!

FUNTASTIC FUN-GOLF!



We had a great time at Fun Golf in Dockyard! The children and their parents had a blast teaming up for a fun-filled experience! We had everyone from the Novices to Experts and even those in between! To top it all off, Terry and the other staff did a phenomenal job with the food! We had burger sliders, fish, mozzarella sticks and fries and everything was delicious!!! The manager on duty even accommodated us when one of our littles came a little too late to start with everyone else. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to going back in the future. Thanks to our Staff and Board members who came out to support and ensure that we would have a good time.

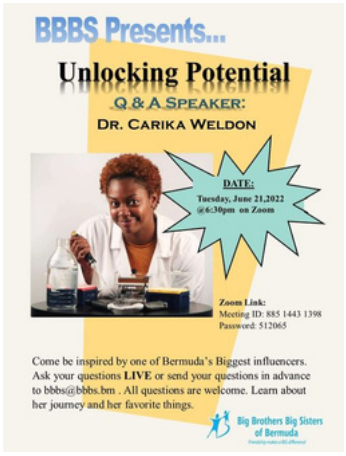
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL



Dr. Carika Weldon was our special guest during our BBBS Unlocking Potential Zoom series! All we can say is wow! She is phenomenal!!

Dr. Weldon was so down to earth and fun which really surprised the children! She answered questions about her favorite sport which we found out is "tennis" and her favorite colour which is yellow! She also talked about her educational journey which led to where she is today! (There were a few surprises!) AND... what it was like being on the frontline during the pandemic.

Dr. Weldon, thank you so much for taking the time out to pour into our youth! As you know this will NOT be the last time that we call on you! You are now a part of the BBBS Family!



OUR LITTLES DOING BIG THINGS

Pictured in the Center: Our Little, Teizh Hall

On June 16 – 17, Bermuda HealthCare Services welcomed Warwick Academy student Teizh Hall as part of her school's student Work Experience Program.
A spokesperson said, "The aim is for the student to gain insight into the expectations of the world of work, enabling the development of social skills while broadening their career plans.

Teizh, who is interested in a career in nursing, had a productive two days during which she learned what it's like to work in an outpatient clinical setting. During Teizh's time with Bermuda Healthcare Services, she shadowed BHCS's Registered Nurses, Mariane Umali and Jamie Leoncio.

The Year 10 student observed how to take blood pressure, triage patients, and communicate effectively. Teizh also witnessed an EKG being performed, observed patients getting bloodwork, and watched the scheduling of patients and follow-ups concerning results. Additionally, she observed patient calls regarding their prescriptions and patient-related messages.

"Throughout the two days, Teizh showed initiative and expressed a high level of interest," BHCS Medical Director Dr. Mahesh Reddy commented.
"Bermuda Healthcare Services was delighted to assist Teizh with placement for her work experience. It was a pleasure to have Teizh, and our team wishes her all the best with her future career endeavours."

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

CPR, First Aid and AED Certified!

At BBBS we believe that child safety is a priority!

Recently, our BBBS staff, some Board Members and volunteers received their CPR recertification and for a few, first certification.

We also held a training session on a Saturday and will be offering more sessions for our Bigs and Volunteers.

Thank you to Bermuda Red Cross for organizing this for us! It was extra special because our BBBS Vice President Othneal Haynes was our trained facilitator for Bermuda Red Cross!

We had a great time while learning in the process!