Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda

BBBS QUARTERLY

THE LATEST BIG NEWS, VIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictured Above : 2023 BBBS Bigs of the Year

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COVER STORY: THANK YOUR MENTOR DAY

2023 Big Sister of the Year Larissa

2023 Big Brother of the Year Jonari

BBBS started the year with a BANG by announcing our Bigs of the Year during our Mentoring Month Celebration on January held at City Hall.

Congratulations to our 2023 Bigs of the Year! Big Sister Larissa and Big Brother Jonari!! (Pictured with their Littles Nya and Nijasz)

Their littles were asked to write a brief paragraph about why their BIG should be chosen. They also wrote something special and read it out to them. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd. It just goes to show that no matter how little you think you have to offer, it can have a major impact in a child's life!

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Big Brother Jonari said “This is a beautiful thing because I was a part of BBBS myself so I’ve always said if I can give back to a charity that helped me get to where I am then I will do it.

“NiJasz is not only a Little Brother to me but he is also a big brother to my daughter as well.”

The event commenced with words from the Mayor of Hamilton, Mr. Charles Gosling, and also some encouraging words by Minister of Social Development and Seniors, Minister Tinee' Furbert.

In addition to announcing the Bigs of the Year for 2023, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda also acknowledged, and gave awards, to 7 community partners that have helped to make a key difference in our program.

Lori Dunstan, executive director of the Chubb Foundation
Philip Vandoninck, chief executive of Fidelis Bermuda
Dr. Carika Weldon
BGA Group of Companies
Phoenix Group of Companies
Acrisure Re
MASC Bermuda

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

2023 International Woman of the Year, Mrs. Patrina O'Connor-Paynter

BBBS of Bermuda would like to congratulate our Managing Director Patrina O'Connor-Paynter for receiving the 2023 International Woman of the Year Award. The award was presented on March 8 during the International Women's Day breakfast at Pier 6 hosted by The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) in partnership with the Bermuda International Women's Day Committee. It was a wonderful morning celebrating women and their accomplishments, with the highlight at the end being the announcement of the International Woman of the Year Winner. It was a very meaningful time as some of our Little Sisters were invited to attend and stood by Patrina's side as she accepted the award.

Way to go Patrina! We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished in your community.

Patrina:

"This picture was one of the highlights of my day... it was amazing to have 'my girls' (some of our BBBS Little Sisters) by my side during this moment. These are the moments they need to experience, not just seeing it on TV but being a part of it with me. I am forever grateful."

Managing Director, Patrina alongside 'her girls' Century, Amiyah A., Amiyah L. and Kiera

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

BBBS partnered with ABIR to do a hands-on workshop where students received one on one assistance with scholarship & internship applications, resumes, and job applications from ABIR members. The students were able to bring their laptops and get the help they needed. The children really enjoyed interacting with the members they were linked with. Some have even been able to link after the event to receive additional assistance. We can't wait for the next event. Thank you so much ABIR!!!

Our Community Partners One Communications

Pictured above: Jonathan Martin - Manager at One Communications
Patrina O'Connor-Paynter - Managing Director Big Brothers Big Sisters

One Communications did a social media campaign and featured our Managing Director demonstrating how One Communications are committed to connecting with their #onecommunity. Their teams are passionate about giving back and making a difference.

MEET OUR NEW MENTORS

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! Email us at bbbs@bbbs.bm for further information!

BBBS New Match Alert!!!
Introducing: Big Sister Taylor and her Little Sister Starr!

BBBS New Match Alert!!!
Introducing: Big Sister Mabel and her Little Sister Fancie!

BBBS New Match Alert!!!
Introducing: Big Sister Charlotte and her Little Sister Aurora!