Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda

BBBS QUARTERLY

THE LATEST BIG NEWS, VIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictured Above : Andre' Lambe, Little Cattaleya and Mikaela Ian Pearman

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COVER STORY: Summer Sundays in the Park

Our celebrity Dunk Tank during Summer Sundays in Victoria Park always proves to be a fun time for all and a great fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. This year our celebrity participants were Dwayne Caines, CEO of the City of Hamilton; The Hon. Owen Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Nick Thomson, Owner & Director of Scooter Mart; Kristin White, Influencer and Owner of Long Story Short; Mr. Fotogenik, 'Social Media Influencer'; Mr. Andre' "Showtime" Lambe, Professional Boxer; Mikaela Ian Pearman, Influencer & Entrepreneur; and the Hon. Diallo Rabain, Minister of Education. We even had our very own, Managing Director, Patrina O'Connor-Paynter aka "Power Girl", who took one for the team!! The community came out and had a blast dunking their favorite celebrity. You could tell people had been warming up their arm getting ready to take them down! It was so much fun! Outside of our Dunk Tank, Summer Sundays featured funcastles, face painting, food and drink vendors, henna, cornhole games, pie eating contests, go-karts and so much more! Thank you to The City of Hamilton for putting on such a phenomenal event.

Our Big Move

Pictured Above : Paul Wilmot and his Team alongside our Managing Director Patrina

After two and a half years in The Outerbridge Building on Pitts Bay Road, Big Brothers Big Sisters, along with the other building tenants, had to say goodbye. After approximately 4 months of searching, we finally found our new home. We are definitely going to miss our floor mates and friends from Bermuda Sloop as we shared many fun moments with them!

We are happy to announce that we are now located in The Bermudiana Arcade, 27 Queen Street, on the 3rd floor. We want to give a big shout out to Boris Place and his staff of Place's Trucking, who came to our rescue at the last minute after we had to find another trucking company because our original trucker had to cancel due to reasons beyond his control. We also want to thank Paul Wilmot and his crew of Wilmot's trucking for discarding all of our trash. We are grateful for our new space and are settling in nicely.

Community Partnership and Recognition

Pictured Above : VSS Principal Ms. Kenlyn Smith, our Office Coordinator Monique, our Managing Director Patrina and our Caseworker Sarafina

Our team at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda was recognized by Victor Scott School for what we do as a community partner to help their school. Thank you so much to Principal Kenlyn Smith and her team for this honor.

MASC - Men Empowering Men

BBBS held an intimate gathering with a few of our Male Bigs to discuss their role in their Littles lives and how they could best assist them as they grow. We invited the men of MASC to come and chat with them on their roles and how to best handle certain situations. It was great for them to have this opportunity to chat amongst each other as 'iron sharpens iron'.

MASC - Mother's Raising Son's

BBBS in partnership with MASC Bermuda held our Mothers Raising Sons workshop. The men of MASC gave insight into the male mind while offering tips on how mothers can best handle situations with their sons. It was an awesome evening full of open and honest, much needed conversations. Our Mothers truly care about their sons and want what's best for them, this is why it is important for our village to rally around and offer support to them.

Thank you so much to the men of MASC, who are ALWAYS timely with their messaging. What we love is that you have 3 different men with different personality types that can offer so much insight! The way they break down information is awesome!

We would also like to thank our community partners, Conduit Re and Chopsticks.

Boys 2 Men Waterpark Fun

Our Boys 2 Men Group had a great time taking over the Kinezumi Water Park at Tucker's Point this summer. It was definitely a day out for the boys as some of our Male Bigs, Board Members and volunteers helped to facilitate. After they finished, they were also able to enjoy a nice pizza lunch. We would like to thank Antwan Albouy and his team for making this a safe and fun event!

MASC END OF SUMMER EVENT

Our Boys 2 Men Group hosted an end of summer activity at Barr's Park, facilitated by MASC Bermuda. The boys participated in ice breakers and challenging team building activities. They had a lot of fun while gaining important skills and lessons. After, they enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our community partner PSST.

GIRL POWER

Girl Power was in full effect this summer under the leadership of Dr. Jana Outerbridge. This program has the specific purpose of supporting our female Littles and is focused on developing life skills for the girls through group mentoring. It provides a safe place for the girls to explore their world, have new experiences and develop positive relationships with peers and adults.

Cooking 4 Life

Our Cooking 4 Life Program has proved to be a success under the leadership of BBBS volunteer Carmen DeSilva. The objective of this program is to teach children a valuable life skill. By learning how to cook simple, healthy, home-made meals, children will learn how to feed themselves and their families. In addition to gaining cooking skills, our aim is to teach children how to read food labels and price compare while shopping.

Movies At The Media Lounge

BBBS took over the Media Lounge and went "Under the Sea" to view the movie The Little Mermaid! The seats were packed and the children had a great time! We had a fantastic backdrop created by Bananas Party, who did an excellent job bringing The Little Mermaid to life at The Media Lounge. The children took pictures in front of the backdrop and then were treated to popcorn and a drink before they took their seats. The seats are sooo comfortable!! If you haven't been there to watch a movie we suggest you go and experience it for yourself and you will see why it's called The Media Lounge. You get to relax in style while you enjoy the show. Thank you so much to Jonathan and Candice Lambe and their staff for being so supportive, allowing us to really have a good time.

Pictured Above: Our Managing Director, Patrina O'Connor-Paynter and some of our families getting ready to enjoy the show.

Bermuda Powerboat Association

Pictured Above: A few of our Littles learning the ins and outs of Powerboat Racing

5 of our Littles participated in the Bermuda Powerboat Racing Program (that ran from May - October) for the 2023 racing season. Our littles had a pre-racing season schedule where they got first-hand experience on the ins and outs of Powerboat Racing. They learned all about safety when handling the boats and learned how to operate the vessel so that they would be able to participate in the junior races. Our children loved the experience and look forward to racing again next season. We would like to thank Commodore Janae Nesbitt of the Bermuda Powerboat Association for giving them the opportunity to experience something new.

BBBS Annual Tag Day

Pictured Above : Nikita Robinson and Pandora Woolridge

Our annual Tag Day was held on Friday, September 29th and we would like to thank everyone that came out to support, participate and donate to our charity.

We appreciate you you so much!

Meet our newest Ignite Intern

Pictured Above : Our Intern Zahn and our team; Stella, Patrina, Monique and Sarafina

BBBS would like to give a shoutout to our Ignite Summer Intern, Zahn. He was our first male intern and was a great fit. He was charismatic, and was happy to join us at Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also placed 3rd overall in the Ignite final project presentation at the end of the program celebration. Thank you Zahn for the work that you put in for us. We appreciate your service!