Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda

BBBS QUARTERLY

THE LATEST BIG NEWS, VIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictured Above : Standing - Mentors; Sandra, Lyndon, Aruna and Mabel
Kneeling - BBBS President Syrica and Caseworker, Sarafina

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COVER STORY: Our Bigs Escaped

A group of our Mentors, alongside our President Syrica Richardson and our Caseworker Sarafina Woolridge-Burns, decided to take on the 'Jacked' Escape Room.

They had loads of fun, and it was pure laughter as they all worked together to figure out the clues to help them escape before their time ran out. We are glad to say 'THEY ESCAPED!!'

Activities like this help our mentors to get to know one another and builds camaraderie.

Gorham's Hot Dog Day

It was an amazing day at Gorham's for our annual Hot Dog Day. Loads of people came out to support us even though the rain tried to to put a damper on the day. Our Littles came to "show up and to show out"! It was a long day and they served the entire time! We are very proud of them! Thank you very much to Anne, of Gorham's, for making the children feel at home. We had chef Jonny on the grill serving up delicious hot dogs and DJ Markie T was spinning on the ones and twos. A special shout-out to Tunji and his Team at BGA and also to Barritt's for sponsoring our beverages. With everyone's generosity our day was a huge success!!!!

Dolphin Quest Experience

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda Family was invited to Dolphin Quest for our annual Dolphin Quest Experience. Our families always have such a great time learning about the dolphins and interacting with them on the dock excursion! They even learned signals that are used to make the dolphins perform tasks and tricks! Thank you so much to Sundee and Christine at Dolphin Quest for always organizing such an awesome day! After our session, everyone was treated to lunch at Bonefish Grill. The service at Bonefish was excellent and the food delicious! A big thank you to Filippo and the staff for accommodating us and making us feel so welcome. It was a truly an amazing day!!! We look forward to this event every year.

Gala of Giving

BBBS Managing Director, Patrina O'Connor-Paynter; former BBBS Board Member, Alex Waring; and our Caseworker, Sarafina Woolridge-Burns.

Big Brothers Bigs Sisters of Bermuda received part proceeds from the Gala of Giving put on by Conduit Re. The evening's donations of $310,000 were split between 14 non-profit organizations.

Our Managing Director, Patrina O'Connor-Paynter and our Case Worker, Sarafina Woolridge Burns attended the event which was held at Hamilton Princess & Beach Club.

Blake Family

4 year old Joshua Blake came to present a donation to BBBS on behalf of his family for the 4th year in a row! This year he brought along his little brother, 2 year old Oliver. They both gave us a BIG smile. You can see just how proud he and his brother were to donate!

Dunkley Family

The Hon. Michael Dunkley came into our office to present BBBS with a very generous donation on behalf of himself and his family. Thank you so much to The Dunkley Family! We really appreciate you!

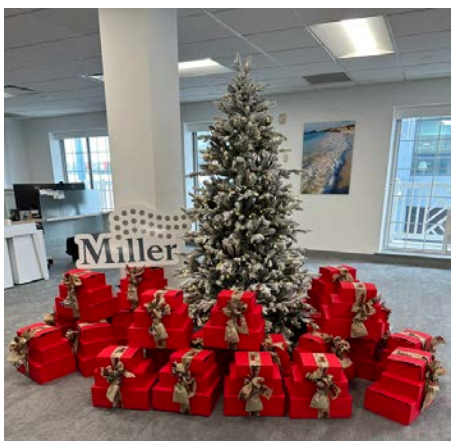
Mr. Ed Christopher and The English Market

Mr. Ed Christopher, in partnership with The English Market, generously donated food items to a family of 4 for the Christmas Holiday. The groceries this family received enabled them to cook a complete meal for Christmas. The family was very grateful for this act of kindness. Thank you so much Ed and The English Market.

Pictured Above: Mr. Ed Christopher, Our Managing Director, Patrina O'Connor Paynter and Mr. Fabio Iannone.

CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATIONS

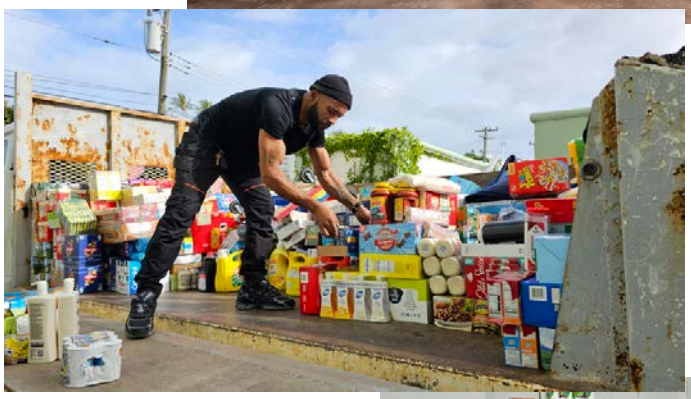
Every year some of our community partners come on board to partner with us and provide Christmas gifts for our children to ensure that they indeed have a very Merry Christmas. We would like to give a very special thanks to Rosa's, Mosaic, Miller, and Sunlife for making sure that our children had gifts for the holidays!! We appreciate your generosity!



BBBS community partner - Miller

BBBS community partner - Sunlife

Athene Christmas Pantry



For the 3rd year in a row, Athene has come together to provide grocery donations for our BBBS families and community members in need. The groceries were delivered to Evening Light Pentecostal Church (ELPC) where they were then arranged ‘pantry style’ for our families to come and shop. These items were hand selected by each individual staff member of Athene. They donated what they would provide for their own families. The recipients were able to walk around like they were in a grocery store and select what they needed. This year we had food items, toiletries and cleaning products to select from. Through this deed, we proved the power of working together. It's not about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda or Athene... it is about our Bermuda community. Athene also provided BELCO vouchers that we were able to bless our families with as well! What a joy! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to assist, we appreciate you so much! Also, a BIG shoutout to Pastors Jonathan and Candice Lambe of Evening Light Pentecostal Church (ELPC) and their church family for allowing us to use the church hall as our pantry.

Children's Christmas Party

This year, once again, we held our BBBS Christmas Luncheon at Hamilton Princess. Our theme this year was “A Whoville Christmas”. The room was decorated beautifully! Our children felt soooo special! We invited the Grinch, who had kidnapped Mrs. Claus, but in the end, Santa located his precious wife and got her back! Lol, it was hilarious! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to the Grinch, Mr. Brian Botelho; Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Anne Botelho; and to Santa - played by Mr. O’Connor. We also had a delicious buffet lunch with tasty desserts and played fun interactive games. Every child received a gift bag and lots of candy. As the grand finale we went outside to pull the ‘spin’ Piñata created by one of our parents! What a great time we had!

A special thanks to Hal Browne and his team at Hamilton Princess, once again, for making this event possible and giving us top-notch service. Thank you to Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Paynter for the awesome sound system. And last, but not least, thank you to Zenia Brooks for the lovely ‘spin’ Piñata! A huge shout-out to Brian and Anne Botelho for the decor and the BBBS staff and events committee for making sure the event was a success and for putting a few finishing touches on our already beautifully decorated room.

MEET OUR NEW MENTOR

We are always excited to see our BBBS Family grow!! 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 Brother Josh and his Little Brother Kypton