

OUR BIG NIGHT IN OZ

20TH ANNUAL ART OF HELPING CHILDREN GALA



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018


Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Tampa Bay
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Please join us at the **Art of Helping Children Gala** where you'll enjoy a night of exciting entertainment, delicious food, and beautiful art and auction items. We need your help to raise the critical dollars needed to sustain our programs for the 3000 children we serve annually in our seven county service area. Our 20th annual event will be hosted at Hilton Tampa Downtown on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

We are grateful that our corporate sponsors and philanthropic friends have been helping Big Brothers Big Sisters to **Start Something**—by supporting our BIG night for the past 18 years. But we need more valued partners to contribute the resources needed to match the 800 children we have waiting for a caring adult mentor in Tampa Bay and beyond.

Join us at our signature event which began as a modest art auction and cocktail party and has evolved into a spectacular evening where 600 community and business leaders network together and are inspired as we share the impact our mentoring programs are having on the children in our community. Guests have a further opportunity to make an investment in our programs, by participating in our exciting auctions while also enjoying a beautiful evening. Last year we raised \$600,000 with a sell-out crowd.

Sponsorship Opportunities

It costs about \$1,500 to provide a child with a mentor for one year—covering background checks and ongoing support services that are the key to ensuring that each match between a Big and a Little will be successful. Last year, 96% of the kids in our program went on to the next grade level and 99% had no involvement with the juvenile justice system. **For the children we serve, the impact of your financial support can last a lifetime.** With your help, more at-risk children in our community will have a caring adult role model in their lives—and a much better chance of fulfilling their potential.

Title Sponsor support 26 Big/Little matches for **\$40,000**

• Top Billing with all benefits below, plus serve as an event emcee / special presentation

Premiere Sponsor support 13 Big/Little matches for **\$20,000**

- Premiere billing for sponsor recognition & opportunity to officially welcome guests
- Two (2) VIP tables (20 tickets) with premiere seating
- All benefits listed below, plus:
- Premiere logo placement in marketing ads
- 2 Invitations to Exclusive 20/20 Patron Party

BIG VIP Sponsor support 6 Big/Little matches for **\$10,000**

- Two VIP tables with premiere seating (20 tickets total)
- One full page ad in program
- All benefits listed below, plus:
- Recognition as an official sponsor of the VIP reception preceding the main event

VIP Table Sponsor support 3 Big/Little matches for **\$5,000**

- One VIP table with preferred seating (10 tickets total)
- All benefits listed below, plus:
- One half page ad in program
- Company name/ logo on promotional materials

Individual Tickets limited availability for \$300 each or \$3500 for 10 at one table

- Plated three-course dinner with full open bar throughout event
- Live entertainment with music & dancing

JOIN US to support the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay -

To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

**BIG Thanks to our
All our SPONSORS!**

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As of June 18**

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*Former Little Sister Tiffany
Colucci shared her own inspiring
story and is paying it forward as
a Big Sister herself through our
School to Work program and
was introduced to her new Little
Sister Ashley!*

800 kids across Tampa Bay are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister.

400 deserving children were matched with a caring adult mentor because of funds raised during last year's gala.

3000 Big/Little matches are supported each year in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, Citrus, Hernando & Sumter Counties.

1 is the number of mentors needed to make a BIG difference in the life of a child. Sign up to be "1" today!

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Our Matches of the Year

Big Sister Jessica & Little Sister Angie have been matched for over 3 years.

"This relationship has truly touched me," Jess said. "I feel like I'm not only a mentor and role model to her, but also a true friend. Having Angie as my Little Sister, I have learned to slow down and enjoy the simpler things in life. The joy she has when she accomplishes something she didn't think she could do is overwhelming and truly humbling. Her excitement for life has renewed my own sense of joy."

She has shown me that I can be comfortable with being myself no matter what," said Angie, who likes to go roller skating with Jess while wearing matching costumes or hats. "Jess has impacted my life so much. I am so grateful to have her as a Big Sister."



Big Brother Michael & Little Brother Tavoris have been together more than 5 years. "I came to Tampa knowing it was my turn to try and open doors for other people," he said. "Big Brothers Big Sisters was a perfect fit."

When they first met, Tavoris was shy, had some struggles in school and occasionally would misbehave. Now his report card is full of As and Bs, and he and Michael have made several speeches together, once addressing a crowd of 500 adults.

"If Michael was never in my life, my whole life would be different," said Tavoris. "My school grades would not be as good as they are right now. My attitude would be different. My personality would be way different. Michael is a big part of my life."