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Save the Date—September 21, 2019 *21st annual Art of Helping Children Gala*

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 21st annual event will be hosted at Hilton Tampa Downtown on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

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, 97% 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 and additional guest tables as appropriate

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

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

BIG VIP Sponsor support 6 Big/Little matches for **\$15,000**

- Two VIP tables with premier 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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*Board Member Vince Pavese, BBBS
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Brian Auld, at our 'Jungle Book Gala'.*

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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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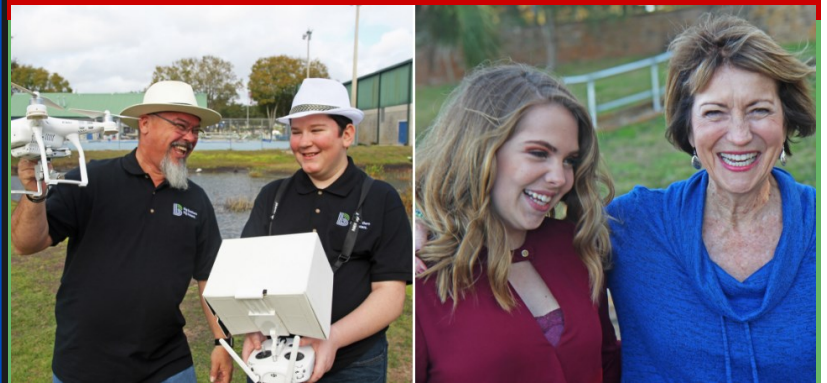
Our Matches of the Year

Big Sister Carolyn & Little Sister Nikki— As a former school principal, Carolyn recognized how much at-risk children benefit from having mentors and role models. When she was first matched with Nikki, Carolyn describes her as "shy, well behaved and somewhat sad."

A year later, Nikki and her younger sister were placed in foster care. But Carolyn remained a constant source of support.

"I was and still am her staunch advocate," said Carolyn. "Through our six-plus years together, there have been numerous changes in schools, addresses, living situations and foster homes. There have been a parade of case managers, social workers and counselors. Throughout all these changes, I was there trying to provide some sort of childhood normalcy for her."

"There was a point, in the middle of all the bureaucracy and logistics that comes with being in the foster care system, I was afraid that our match wouldn't be able to continue," said Nikki, who, along with her sister, were recently adopted. "But I'm so incredibly grateful that it did. Because through all the fears, tears and emotions, Carolyn was there."



Big Brother Howie & Little Brother Hunter—After the death of his younger brother and the departure of his adult children, Howie started looking for meaningful ways to occupy his extra time.

He signed up immediately after attending an orientation session, and was matched with Hunter, at the time a shy 13-year-old whose primary past time was playing video games.

The two clicked from the start, enjoying time together at the park, fishing, bowling, attending volunteering opportunities or spending time together talking.

"I once concentrated on what was missing in my life, but I discovered that being a mentor to Hunter has taught me patience, understanding and the value of listening instead of reacting."

"Whenever I try something new, Howie is great at cheering me on. And he has taught me to be grateful for the things that I do have, and to work hard for the things that I want."