



Message from Katje Afonseca *Executive Director*

#HeySuperstar Update

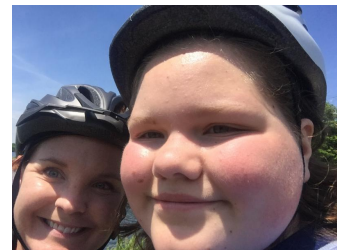
Our community of supporters has been asking how Little Sister Hannah is after a relapse with Leukemia, and I am very happy to say that on January 27th she celebrated 100 days since her bone marrow transplant! Hannah is home from the hospital with her little dog Alex. Her health has improved and the outlook seems positive. However, she remains in isolation for one year so that she is not exposed to germs. For a 13 year old girl, this is very boring and also gets her down. She keeps herself busy with crafts, reading, and catching up on Netflix and is planning on writing new songs, because she wants to release her demo tape when she is fully recovered. Hannah loved tracking #HeySuperstar on Facebook and Twitter! We hope that you will join us in virtually connecting with her by posting #HeySuperstar on your social media feeds along with words of encouragement as Hannah continues to heal.



Mission Moment

Meet Erin Hough and her Little Sister Theresa

Erin and Theresa celebrated their one-year match anniversary last month. Big Sister Erin said "I think Theresa and I have a great relationship that just keeps getting better and better." Since Theresa has met Erin, she has not only improved her academic performance, but has become more physically active as well. They are both looking forward to what their second year of friendship will bring.



The Big Night Out

Save The Date: May 6, 2017

Please join us at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI, for our signature fundraising event, The Big Night Out.

This year's theme is Enchanted Garden. Tickets are \$150 per person, or a table of ten for \$1,250. All proceeds directly benefit our mission: Providing mentors to the youth of Rhode Island who will motivate and empower them to make positive decisions, improve academic results, avoid risky behaviors, and grow in a way that will positively impact our community. Click [here](#) to view our Sponsorship Package, or email events@bbbsos.org for more information.



Donation Center Update

Did you know...



The BBBSOS Donation Center generates 65% of the overall budget for our mentoring programs. It's true! Visit www.DonateRI.org to schedule a free donation pickup of clothing and household items or find a convenient drop-off location in your area.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

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Vision

A community where all **children** have access to mentors to support individual **growth** and **development**.

Core Values