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Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Ocean State

The Big News

Vision: BBBSOS envisions a community where all children have access to mentors to support individual growth and development.

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A Word from Lori Viner Director of Operations & Administration

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for you (yes, YOU!) and to acknowledge all the ways that you help to make our mission of providing mentors to youth in Rhode Island possible.

- Parents and families who dream big for their child and entrust BBBSOS to help them reach their fullest potential;
- Every volunteer who gives of their time and talents to mentor a child or support our special events;
- Rhode Islanders who make an investment in a child's future by donating money, clothing and household items to BBBSOS;
- The dedicated BBBSOS staff and board for their countless hours of work while always putting our mission and the children served first;
- Our corporate and community partners for their continued support and collaboration.

Best wishes for a happy and memorable Thanksgiving!

BBBSOS & Barnes and Noble Team Up For Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day focused on giving back and making our community a better place. Join BBBSOS on Tuesday, November 29th at Barnes and Noble, 1350 Bald Hill Rd in



Warwick for a special day-long event.

Make a dent in your holiday shopping & support youth mentoring in RI! BBBSOS staff and volunteers will be in the store from 9am to 7pm for a fun filled day that will include holiday music, gift wrapping, crafts, a photo booth, a Harry Potter scavenger hunt, and storytelling.

Barnes & Noble will generously donate up to 20% of your purchase to BBBSOS. Just let the cashier know that you are there to support BBBSOS or present your Giving Tuesday

voucher.

Additional volunteers are needed at the gift wrapping and craft stations. If you have an hour or two to help, please email tmillsbaugh@bbbsos.org.

Can't make it? No problem! Donate [HERE!](#)

To download your Giving Tuesday voucher [CLICK HERE](#)

Local Attorney Joins BBBSOS Board of Directors

We are please to announce that Angela Carr has recently joined the BBBSOS Board of Directors.

Angela is an experienced civil litigator with the firm of Barton Gilman, focusing her trial practice on professional liability defense, employment law, and business litigation. She regularly provides risk consulting for hospitals and practice groups.

The Providence Business News selected Angela to its 2014 class of 40 Under Forty. She was named by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and as a Super Lawyer in 2015.



Exciting New Program...Beyond School Walls

Last November, BBBSOS launched a new mentoring program in conjunction with **Amgen** called "Beyond School Walls". Through this partnership, Amgen hosted students from Metcalf



Elementary School biweekly and Amgen employees spent time working on a prepared science-base curriculum of activities.

We're pleased to be starting year two of this program with Amgen employees now mentoring students from both Metcalf Elementary and Exeter-West Greenwich Junior High. Students will continue to learn hands-on about the Amgen facility and the applicability of science in daily life.

Building on the successful Amgen Beyond School Walls model, BBBSOS has just partnered with **National Grid** to launch a similar program with National Grid hosting fourth graders from the Lillian Feinstein Elementary School. National Grid employee mentors will pair up with these students to work on a STEM-based curriculum with a focus on Energy, Engineering and Robotics.



New Site-Based Team Members

BBBSOS's site based mentoring initiative continues to grow as we partner with 15 schools and community sites to offer structured mentoring programs. Bigs & Littles meet for 60-90 minutes and spend time on academic work, STEM and literacy activities, or just hanging out and having fun!

BBBSOS recently welcomed Hannah Bialer(left), Lauren Thurston (not pictured), and Trinh Tat (top right) to the role of Group Leader. They are responsible for leading weekly or biweekly activities at our mentoring sites.



401 Film Festival is a BIG Success!!!

Big Brother Adam Theroux raised \$2,121 for BBBSOS during the 2nd annual 401 Film Festival. In just two years, Adam has raised over \$3,000 while sharing his enthusiasm for youth mentoring programs with others. Thank you for all you do, Adam!

Hundreds Join The Big Walk 'Harvest Hike'

It was a chilly fall morning, but that didn't stop over 200 people from coming out to Roger Williams Park on November 5th for the 2016 Big Walk 'Harvest Hike'.

We want to extend our gratitude to the Rhode Island Building & Construction Trades Council for all of the hard work they put into organizing this event to benefit BBBSOS. Refreshments were generously provided by Dunkin Donuts and Uncle Tony's Pizza and Pasta.



Donate Clothing & More...

Need to declutter before the holidays? Our Donation Center gratefully accepts gently-used clothing, shoes, and household items. Through our partnership with the Savers Thrift Stores, BBBSOS is able to turn your unwanted items into funding to support our mentoring programs.



Visit www.DonateRI.org to find a convenient drop-off location near you or to schedule a free home pickup.

Support us when you shop this holiday

Amazon donates when you shop at smile.amazon.com.



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Big & Little Dipper Charm Bangles

Want to thank someone who has served as a mentor to you? Need a special holiday gift for someone who has supported or guided you in your life?

Consider the Big & Little Dipper set of two charm bangles from Alex & Ani.

Alex & Ani will donate 20% of each set sold to Big Brothers Big Sisters. **Get yours [here](#).**

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