



Changing the Community. Little by Little.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Ocean State

Letter from the Executive Director

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2016 was a leap year, literally, and also metaphorically for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State (BBBSOS). We celebrated 50 years of service, significantly grew our social enterprise, the Donation Center, enhanced the services we provide to children in Rhode Island, and improved our internal operations.

In July of 2016, our board and staff members worked together to develop a set of Core Values for BBBSOS. These values define how we conduct ourselves and our organization when interacting with the public and each other. I encourage you to become familiar with them on page 3 of our annual report.

70,000 volunteer mentoring hours were committed to BBBSOS in 2016! That amount of volunteer time would equal \$672,000 if the volunteers were to be paid time at minimum wage.

6.8 million pounds of clothing and household items were donated – that’s the equivalent of 272 school buses not being placed in a local landfill, and instead being donated to support our mentoring programs!

In 2016, Amgen continued its commitment to our Beyond School Walls program, bringing 6th and 7th grade children to Amgen to be paired with mentors and work together on STEAM curriculum provided by BBBSOS. National Grid followed suit with their first ever Beyond School Walls program in Providence.

We reduced expenses in 2016 by \$183,163 over the previous year, while increasing the number of children served from 588 in 2015 to 611 in 2016.

In 2016, we had 100% board member participation in fundraising and 100% of

the senior leadership team personally donated to BBBSOS.

2016 served as my first year as Executive Director at BBBSOS and I am very proud of the work that was done. On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you to the volunteers, staff, donors, companies and individuals who support the BBBSOS Mission. Thank you to our board members for serving the Rhode Island community as officers of BBBSOS.

We are a nonprofit organization, a children’s charity, that continues to evolve and grow and we look forward to the next 50 years.



*Katje Afonseca, Executive Director
Big Sister Mentor, 2009–2013*

Our Mission:

To provide 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.

Our Vision:

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

Our Core Values

In July, the Board of Directors and staff members met to develop a set of Core Values for BBBSOS. Our Core Values define how we conduct ourselves and our organization when interacting with the families we serve, our volunteers, our donors, our partners, each other, and the public at large. Our Core Values are driven by a desire to improve the lives of children in Rhode Island, and they will remain at the forefront as decisions and actions are made. Our Core Values define the culture within BBBSOS.

Respect: We embrace diversity, operate in a spirit of cooperation and inclusiveness, value human dignity, and cultivate a positive and compassionate environment.

Accountability: We are committed to our mission and will be accountable at all times. We hold ourselves to the highest professional standards, which include reliability, quality support, effective governance, and effective management.

Integrity: We conduct our organization in accordance with the highest standards of professional behavior and ethics. We are transparent, honest, and ethical in all of our interactions.

Safety: We value and prioritize safety at all times and in all situations.

Empowerment: We inspire all who we serve, and all whom we work with, to learn, grow, and build confidence to independently make positive changes.

Program Statistics

Children served in 2016:

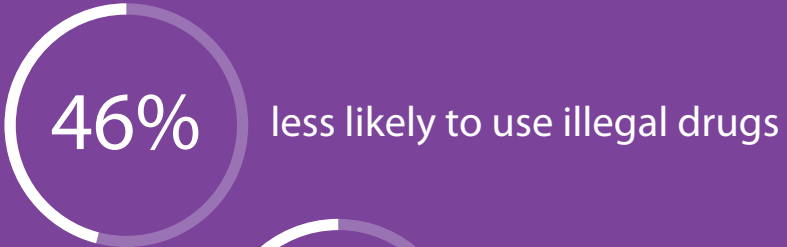
345 children served in Community-Based Program

266 children served in Site Based-Programs

Our volunteers spend approximately 70,000 hours mentoring children in Rhode Island each year.

By helping children develop supportive relationships with positive role models, we make a direct and lasting impact on their lives.

Little's matched with Bigs are:



Community-Based (Traditional) Mentoring

Our Community-Based Mentoring Program pairs at-risk children between the ages of 7 and 15, in long-term, one-to-one relationships with adult volunteer mentors (who are at least 19 years old). 'Littles' and 'Bigs' are matched on the basis of personality, common interests, the child's needs, and the volunteer's strengths. Together they decide on their outings and activities within the community. Littles can remain in the program until they graduate high school.



Our Programs

Site-Based Mentoring

Site-Based Mentoring pairs college students and working professionals with elementary and middle school students who may be in need of additional academic support or personal encouragement in a supervised group setting at a school or community site. Mentoring is typically one hour per week during the school year.

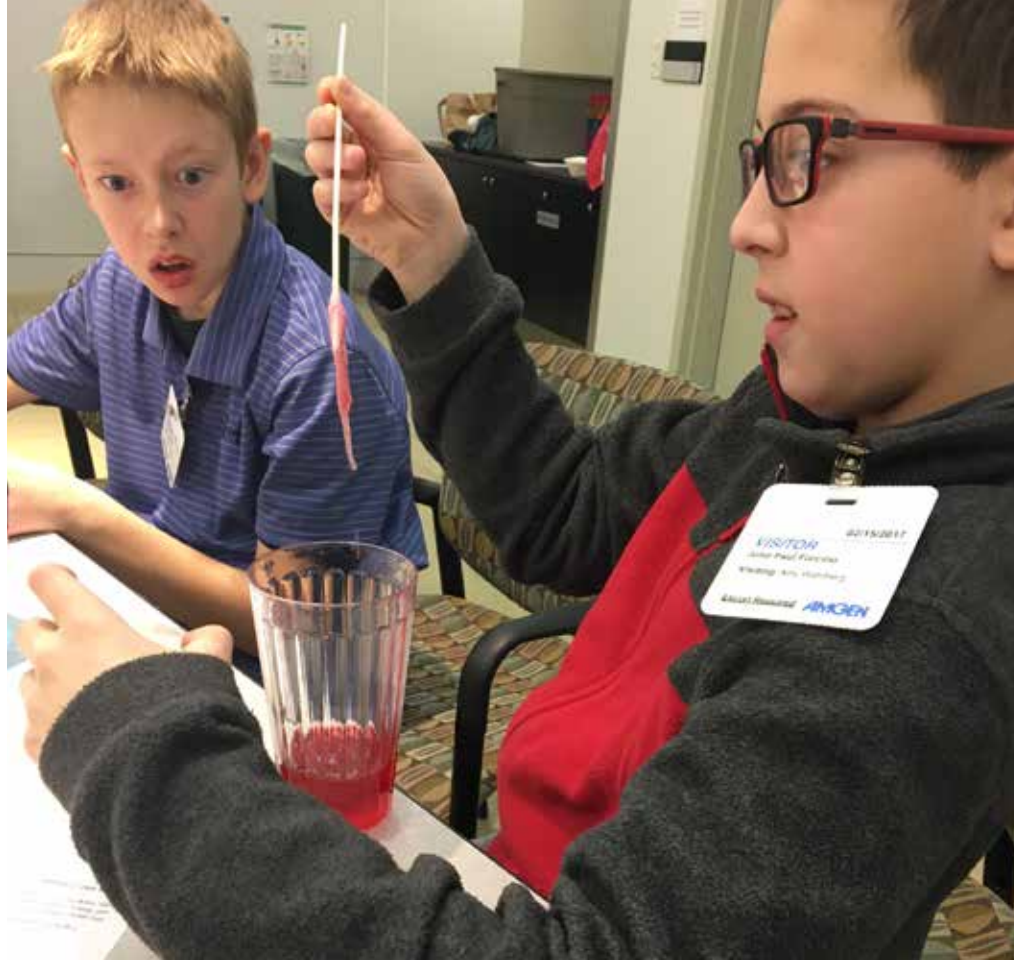
Big Couples Mentoring

A variation of our Community-Based Program, the Big Couples Mentoring Program allows a married couple to share the mentoring responsibilities with a boy registered in the program.

Beyond School Walls

Beyond School Walls (BSW) is conducted in partnership with local companies and local elementary and middle schools. Students are paired in one-to-one mentoring relationships with employees from a "Beyond School Walls" company. Our agency transports the students out of the classroom and into the workplace. Curriculum includes structured STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) based activities and mentoring sessions that engage students in positive, empowering mentoring relationships, as well as excite them about learning and career exploration, particularly in STEAM fields. Through relationships with "Corporate Bigs," Littles experience what it means to work for a corporation and the educational requirements needed to achieve professional success. Children are exposed to professional environments, new career paths are introduced, and lives are truly changed.

Extracting DNA from a strawberry.



Site-Based Program Highlights 2016



In 2016, Amgen funded two Beyond School Walls programs at their West Greenwich site. The funds allowed the agency to extend its first BSW program for a second year, enabling the children previously matched to continue their mentoring relationships for another school year. In addition, a second BSW program was launched, pairing a new group of students with Amgen employees. At Amgen, Littles and Bigs work on biology-based science experiments.

No matter which program a child is enrolled in, many of our Big/Little relationships last a lifetime.



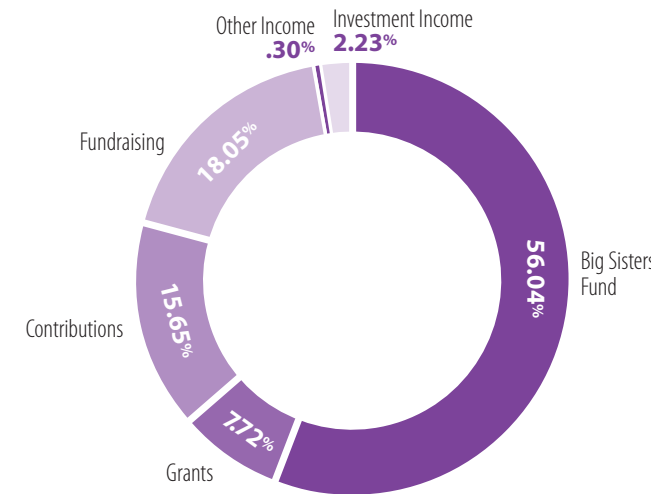
In 2016, National Grid launched a Beyond School Walls program at their Providence site. For children participating in the National Grid BSW program, the focus is on physics, specifically energy. Beyond School Walls introduces children to jobs at an early age, giving them an opportunity to learn about the business first-hand.

2016 Financial Overview Summary

Revenue

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
Big Sisters Fund	625,260	56.04%	625,260	60.07%
Foundations/Grants	86,155	7.72%	75,487	7.25%
Contributions, including in-kind	174,642	15.65%	114,264	10.98%
Fundraising, net of related expenses	201,336	18.05%	192,087	18.45%
Other Income	3,347	0.30%	1,447	0.14%
Investment Income (including unrealized gains and losses)	24,921	2.23%	32,354	3.11%
Total Revenue	\$1,115,661	100.00%	\$1,040,899	100.00%

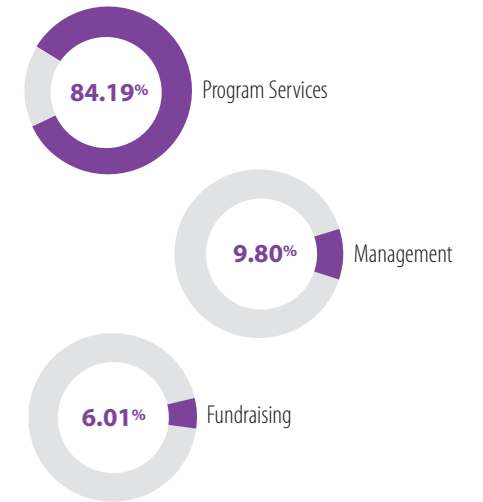
Revenue



Expenses

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
Program Services	\$691,979	84.19%	\$863,093	85.88%
Management and General	80,512	9.80%	80,486	8.01%
Fundraising	49,394	6.01%	61,469	6.12%
Total Expenses	\$821,885	100.00%	\$1,005,048	100.00%

Expenses



2016 Community-Based Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year

Sandra Cotrone was named Community-Based Big Sister of the Year. Sandra and her Little Sister Shanya have been matched since 2015. Sandra is a Teacher's Assistant and works with Shanya on her reading skills. At first Shanya was very quiet but with Sandra's dedication, support, and guidance the relationship has blossomed. The match is so strong that Shanya's mother said "If my children were not matched with Bigs, I would move to another state." In addition to her role as a Big Sister, Sandra has supported BBBSOS by volunteering for our fundraising events. Sandra and Shanya performed a song and dance for our 2016 Annual Gala (see page 16).



Tohib Giwa was named Community-Based Big Brother of the Year. Tohib and his Little Brother Makhari have been matched since 2012. Makhari was lacking a positive male role model before meeting Tohib. Tohib, an accountant, helped Makhari open a bank account, an important skill that his Little can use for the rest of his life. In 2015, Makhari began hanging out with the wrong crowd and started to skip school. When things got difficult, Tohib did not give up on his Little. Tohib states "From day one my goal has been to help Makhari realize the extent of his greatness and carry himself accordingly, so that he might be an example to those he encounters." They are working together to pick a high school for next year, and Makhari is determined to graduate!

2016 Site-Based Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year

Michelle Baptista, a student at Salve Regina, was named the Site-Based Big Sister of the Year. Michelle is a leading member of the Salve Regina Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Club. Michelle focuses on education with her Little, Erica. Each visit, they spend at least 45 minutes working to improve Erica's reading and math skills. Michelle has taught Erica to be more compassionate and understanding of others. Michelle also serves as a mentor to other Bigs by helping new members acclimate to the program. Michelle states "Being a mentor has given me the opportunity to make a positive impact and be a support system in someone else's life, and that in itself is so priceless."



Selecting a Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year is a difficult decision to make. The following criteria is considered: must be matched for at least one year, show dedication and consistency above and beyond the mentoring contract, respect the individuality of the Little, nurture the Little with new experiences, link the Little with community resources, and empower the Little to make good choices.

Jeffery Cohen, a student at Bryant University, was named the Site-Based Big Brother of the Year. Jeffery's Little Brother Davonte often got in trouble for acting out, being disrespectful to staff and peers, and skipping class. Jeffery is a Division 1 football player who had to overcome many obstacles to get where he is today. Sports is a passion for both, which allowed them to quickly bond. Jeffery encouraged Davonte to do well in school. With Jeffery's positive influence, Davonte is now a three-athlete student who is doing well in school and on the field. Jeffery states "Mentoring is the greatest thing a person can do." Jeffery is President of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Club at Bryant University, and uses his visibility as a football player to inspire others to better the life of a child and have fun by mentoring!

The Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz Scholarship Fund

Our first Annual Scholarship Breakfast was held July 28 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI. With over 100 guests in attendance, \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to four Littles pursuing higher education: Cailee D., Juleisy G., Hope S., and Gina V.

The Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 by one of our Founding Mothers, Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz. As the first female Dean of Students at Rhode Island College, Dr. Pieniadz places a high emphasis on the importance of education.

Scholarship Fund recipients also receive money from the Zabel Yaghjian Berg Fund. Ms. Berg set up this Fund to help scholarship recipients “purchase books, and use for other unmet needs.” Ms. Berg, also a Founding Mother of the organization, died in 2010, but her legacy continues through this perpetual annual gift administered by the Rhode Island Foundation.



Above: Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz (center) pictured with Clare Kirby (left) and Bonney Sevellon (right) at our first-ever Scholarship Breakfast. Clare is the first executive director of BSRI (1985 – 1990); Bonney is the second executive director (1990 – 1997).



Scholarship winners with their Bigs and staff members.

2016 Volunteer Mentors

Lea Adams	Dustin Bailey	Donna Bowman	Francesca Carpano	Alexandra Cohen	Patrick Danner	Sara Drogin	Beth Fitzpatrick	Catherine Gering	Shane Haddad	Debbi-Jo Horton	Sandy Jones	Josephine Labar	Patricia Luce	Michael Maurial	Savannah Moon	Eric O'Connor	Christine Peterson	Hailey Richards	Michael Senecal	Dillon Stambaugh	Vicki Virgilio
Samantha Afonso	Madeline Baldwin	Marcia Boyle-Eren	Arleen Carpenter	Jaclyn Cole	Kaila Davis	Kaethe Dufresne	Hayden Fleming, III	Lizz Getts	Kathleen Hagerty	Erin Hough	Conor Joyce	Jacki Lafrance	Stefanie Luft	Stephanie Mayville	Nathan Mooney	Kayla O'Donnell	Vladimir Pierre	Grace Rizzuto	Laurie-Ann Sepe	Brianna Sutherland	Vincent Vozzella
Deanna Agostini	Nadine Ballard	Lauren Branca	Julia Carr	Julie Collins	Allison Day	Elisabeth Duplan-Dacius	Kaitlin Flores	Jennifer Giacone	Emily Haidemenos	Greta Houlihan	Jessica Kaloustian	Jackie Lamirande	Lydia Lyons	Elizabeth McCarthy	Marcus Moore	Joshua Ogden	Sara Pierson	Stanford Robinson	Charles Semberger	Aaron Swiergosz	Chad Ward
Hilina Ajakaiye	Michelle Baptista	Jeffrey Brannan	Rebecca Carroll	Mary Colman	Sharond Delance	Sheryl Durkin	Jessica Flori	Matthew Giles	Christiana Hallal	James Howes	Alexa Kanbergs	Olivia Lamusta	Monique Lyttle-Centeio	Pilar McCloud	Lindsay Moran	Jessica Olney	Teri Pietro	Nicholas Rodrigues	Parizod	Anestis Taskos	Clare Emily Watkins
Vincent Alessi	Tracey Barbieri	Ebony Bridwell-Mitchell	Julie Casali	Katie Colton	Elise DelBarone	Sheryl Durkin	Jamie Foster	Mariah Gill	Emily Halpern	Caitlin Howle	Erin Karcher	Sam Lancaster	Monique Lyttle-Centeio	Brian McDonald	Frank Morosky	Audrey O'Neil	Mary Ann Pignataro	Anamaria Rodriguez	Sharafutoinova	Maddison Tassinari	Linda Welsh
Victoria Alfonso	Ryan Barrett	Robert Brochu	Connor Case	Melissa Colvin	Amy DeNuccio	Charles Ebbinhaus	Alexandra Fountoulakis	Tohib Giwa	Isabelle Halpin	Jacob Hugaboom	Andrew Karn	Carol Lankowsky	Jaimie Macari	Scott McDougall	Eric Moscarelli	Suzanne O'Neill	Michelle Pinto	Gavin Romani	Thomas Shaw	Mallory Tassone	Sara Wengefeld
Jordan Allen	Kimberly Barwise	Xavier Brooks	Alyssa Cellucci	Mikaela Condon	James Derick	Nicole Edmunds	Jonathan Franco	Kelly Glatt	Jessica Hamblin	Anna Hughes	Jen Karow	Roseann Laprade	Pamela MacColl	Kenneth McGill	Blaine Mota	Robert Oresman	Andrea Pleau	Nicholas Romyns	Meagan Shea-Hughes	Adam Theroux	Joshua West
Jennifer Allinson	Jordan Bass	Conor Brosnan	Devyn Ceppetelli	Lauren Conway	Carolyn Dery	Tiffany Edouard	Darlene Freeman	Sarah Glover	Robert Handy	Christeen Hum, Estrada	Johanna Kassel	Rachel Lariviere	Jack Madden	Kayla McMahan	Findlay Mulligan	Ellayna Ormonde	Alyssa Plouff	Timothy Rondeau	Colleen Sheedy	Anne-Marie Therrien	Lynda White
Allison Almeida	Bridget Baudinet	Little Brown	Jessica Chabot	Kathleen Cookson	Miti Desai	Laura Egerton	Darlene Freeman	Lauren Golden	Charlene Harrington	Christeen Hum, Estrada	Mary Kay	Ariyan Lashkari	Lauren Mainini	Anna McRobbie	Darren Murphy	Julio Ortiz	Kelly Point	Koosha Roshar	Kristin Sheehan	Cassandra Thompson	Mikaelah Wilhelm
Zachary Almond	Mildred Bautista	Aureja Budrys	Sarah Chaet	Robert Cordisco	Cathy Desjarlais	Judith Eisen	Tressie Fretschl	Daniel Goldman	Pamela Harris	Jennifer Hyde	Zeynep Kazmaz	Meagan Lasorsa	James Manchester	Rafael Medina	Steven Murray	Stephen Pacheco	Grant Porter	Lauren Roth	Ann Sheeley	Sheri Thorpe	Kenya Wilkins
Giselle Alvarez-Moncayo	Nicole Beaudette	Elisabeth Buell	Adam Charron	James Corey	Dilena Diaz	Lori Eldridge	William Fritz	Danielle Goldstein	Derek Hathaway	Alexis Iannacone	KiLeigh Keller	Jessica Laverriere	Chelsey Mancini	Ann Meers	Lina Musayev	Julianne Palumbo	Judith Potter	Walter Rowland	Michelle Tierney	Eric Williams	
William Anderson	Kendra Beaver	Elisabeth Buell	Jennifer Cheu	Michelle Corley	Carley Dibert	Tara Emsley	Russell Frye	Alec Golner	Matthew Hawkins	John Ibrahim	Shana Kennedy	William Leahy	Dillon Manfredi	Marissa Mello	Kate Nagle	Alexi Pappas	Raquel Pouliot	Karin Rozelsky	Lauren Shibley	Steven Willis	
Thomas Andrea	Amy Belisle	Tyler Burk	Cory Chin	Chris Cornwell	Julie Diewald	Adriana Enxuto	Alexandra Gadbois	Leneike Goncalves	Bryan Haworth	Wendy Ifenso-Okpala	Brittany Kenny	Michelle LeBrun	Zach Marcoulier	Sue Melo	Brianna Nardone	Eliza Parker	Cassandra Priante	Austin Rutkowski	Leah Sieftring	Jamie Wilson	
Judith Angell	David Bell	Michael Burrell	Drew Chretien	Karmina Correa	Rebecca Dillon	Rebecca Erdos	Arielle Gagliardi	Courtenay Good	Kimberly Hayes	Kathryn Isaacson	Christopher Kerstgens	Julie Lefebvre	Jessica Mardo	Alison Mendonca	Cameron Neath	Linda Parks	Lorenzo Provenzano	Miikaela Ryan	Christopher Sirr	Holly Witherell	
Nicole Arena	Matthew Bengochea	Ryan Butler	Emily Christescu	Donna Corvese	Dakota Dinaso	Courtney Eugin	Brittany Galko	Danielle Goodine	Katelyn Hebert	Alyanna Ilyadis	Christopher Kesney	Julia Lefray	Anthony Mariano	Nicole Menner	Roger Needle	Alyssa Pascarella	Susan Puschel	Samantha Sainvil	Aditi Sirvastava	Stephanie Wood	
Benjamin Aubee	Molly Benson	Elizabeth Cagnon	Joseph Christiano	Carolyn Costa	Jodi DiRaimo	Matthew Fanikos	Erica Gallerani	Paul Gorman	Colin Henderson	Kathryn Isaacson	Christopher Kesney	Stacey Lehrer	Margaret Markowski	Jennifer Merrill	Ashley Nesmith	Lindsey Patruno	Patricia Quicksell	Quentin Salinas	Wendy Sisson	Kian Xie	
Emily Aucoin	Karin Bergeron	Gary Cali	Josh Christy	Paul Cote	Nicholas Disabito	Gianna Farrell	Kimberly Gauthier	Kafui Gozey	John Henle	Alexandria Isom	Amber King	Paige Lemieux	Christina Markrush	Julia Messina	Richard Nester	Lauren Paul	Jennifer Quinn	Theodore Sanford	Brenda Slauenwhite	Christine Yanish	
Anthony August	Evelina Betances	Alicia Campellone	Derrick Ciesla	Sandra Cotrone	Holly Dobbs	Allyson Favuzza	Meghan Gavrilles	Christina Gramling	Katherine Herrera	Laura Jackson	Victoria Kinsman	Megan Leonard	Cammie Marler	Mary Meyer	Helen Nguyen	Gregory Paulhus	Amy Rajpolt	Donna Marie Santoro	Amanda Smith	Samantha Yoder	
Gilbert Augustave	Aman Bhardwaj	Cynthia Capobianco	Kasey Claborn	Kelly Coutcher	Casey Donahue	Abriana Febles	Mikolaj Gawlik	Spencer Grassie	Nicholas Hinshaw	Deborah Jandron	Katherine Kline	Peter Lessard	Jissell Marmol	Ryan Meyers	Cynthia Nickerson	Juan Paulino, Jr.	Alicia Ramian	Casey Sardo	Ronny Soares	Anthony Zabbo	
Tarannum Awal	Amber Bianco	Gina Carbone	Brittanie Clarke	Caitlin Crosby	Brianna Dorsi	Krystal Feliciano	Brenden Gayowski	Jonathan Greb	Dawne Hodde	Victoria Japhet	David Klum	Raymond Leung	Jason Martineau	Kayla Michaud	Haley Nicol	Jane Peach	Elizabeth Ramsey	Kira Sawyer	Joseph Sojka	Matthew Zapasnik	
Abraham Awwad	Brianna Bienkiewicz	Lauren Cardinale	Wesley Clegg	Francis Curley	Chelsea Doucette	Brenden Femiano	Halle Gecawich	Michael Gregson	Benjamin Hoffman	Derek Jensen	Emily Koo	Kathleen Lewis	Marisa Martinez	Christine Mikula	Andrew Niedfeldt	Tonya Peixote	Corrine Reed	Joel Schaefer	Kathleen Spencer	Shiying Zhang	
Cynthia Ayala	Christina Bisceglia	Matthew Carello	Cassandra Clifford	Roshani Dahal	Karly Douglas	Dane Ferrara	Derrick Gelsomino	Kathleen Grennan	Deborah Holcomb	Stephanie Jimenez	Philip Korn	Lucille Longo	Lianne Masucci	Kendra Miller	Angela Norberg	Yael Perez	Jennifer Reinckens	Kerry Schiff	Kathleen Sprague	Isabella Velasquez	
Jacob Babu	Sam Blando	Jennifer Carignan	Lisa Coble	Kenneth Dai	Kristen Dowling	Mary Ferreira	Rebekah Genua	Shea Griffin	Natalie Holcombe	Catherine Johansen	Dominik Kozlowski	David Loomis	Sara Mathewson	Diane Miranda	Robert Norris	Alyssa Perkalis	Jane Rhein	Edwin Schober, Jr.	Jennifer Squeglia	Karina Veras	
Chelsea Bachelder	Sheri-Lynn Bolduc	Lindsey Carman	Robert Cocchiola	Linh Dang	Daniel Downes	William Ferullo	Paul Genuario	William Gritzuk	Amanda Holland	Sara Johnson	Ksenia Krichevsky	Jackson Loper	Amanda Mattson	Courtney Mitchell	Thobani Nxumalo	Derek Perkins	Amanda Rhodes	Tracy Schorner	Vardhan Srinivasa	Scott Vernon	
	Linda Bowers	Michelle Caron	Meghan Coffey	Christopher Daniel	Adam Driesman	Kaitlin Finnance	Joshua Georges	Erica Guatieri	Patricia Holtzman	Trevon Jollymore	John Krikorian	Brittany Lowry	Robin Matusik	Rachel Mold	Bryan O'Connell	Amy-Eliabeth Perrino	Elizabeth Rice	MaryAnn Scott	Kristen Stack	Samantha Violette	



Little Sister Shanya and Big Sister Sandra Cotrone perform at the annual gala to a delighted audience.

Fundraising Events ... Raising Money for our Mentoring Programs

The Big Night Out – Classic Hollywood

The organization celebrated 50 years of service at our ninth annual gala in Newport, RI. Hollywood glamour, era 1940's, was the theme as our 250+ guests celebrated in high style. MetLife Auto & Home was a \$10,000 sponsor, helping the organization net more than \$125,000.

Bronzed Cameraman "Living Statue" poses with Hilina Ajakaiye, BBBSOS Board Member.



Welcome To Summer

Bonnet Shores Beach Club in Narragansett, Rhode Island was the setting for our Welcome to Summer event, organized by board member Tom Furey and his incredible team of volunteers. Live music by Brass Attack, summer fare, and drinks just steps away from a beautiful beach awaited the more than 600 people in attendance. The event netted over \$25,000.

The Big Toast

In 2016, The Big Toast was named the Best Nonprofit Fundraiser by Rhode Island Monthly. On October 6 we held our 6th Annual The Big Toast, a food and drink tasting fundraiser, held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. David Dadekian, President of Eat Drink RI, returned as Honorary Chairperson, with Johnson & Wales chefs Branden J. Lewis and Jonathan Poyourow serving as Co-Chairs. Alex and Ani Charity by Design was the Presenting Sponsor of the event. With over 500 guests in attendance, the event netted over \$20,000.



The Big Walk

The RI Building and Construction Trades Council hosted a Walk at Roger Williams Park to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. Bigs, Littles, staff, union members, media, and more attended the event. We are very grateful to Michael F. Sabitoni, President of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council and Business Manager of the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council, for selecting our organization to benefit from this event, which netted \$8,500.

Raising funds translates into positive role models for children

Lia Moreggi, Business Development Coordinator for Alex and Ani Charmed by Charity, and Pam Iorio, President & CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.



Alex & Ani Charm Unveiled to Benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

ALEX AND ANI | CHARITY BY DESIGN and Big Brothers Big Sisters teamed up in 2016 to create a charm that featured a Big Dipper and Little Dipper. This charm is sold across the United States and Canada and twenty percent of the purchase price of this charm is donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters. In 2016, this partnership generated \$38,722 in funds locally for our mentoring program.



The charm was unveiled at the Alex and Ani store in Newport, RI, on April 7. Pam Iorio, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, spoke at the event. In 2016, BBBSA received \$179,609 from the sale of the charms, which was distributed to Big Brother Big Sister agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

Little Sister Hannah (Rhode Island) was chosen to represent the organization in a social media promotional video for the bracelet. The video helped Hannah realize her dreams of becoming an actress. Hannah says, "when I grow up I want to be a singer, actress, dancer and model. What will make my fame unique is that I will donate half my proceeds to charities."

Little Sister Hannah (center) with Big Sister Brianna Dorsey (left) and Taylor Millspaugh, BBBSOS Development & Communications Coordinator (right).



Big Brothers Big Sisters Donation Center

Big Sisters Fund, a social enterprise subsidiary of BBBSOS, operates the Donation Center program in partnership with the thrift store Savers. Clothing and household items donated to BBBSOS are resold to Savers to generate funding for the BBBSOS mentoring programs.

In 2016, the Donation Center collected over 6.8 million pounds of clothing and small household items from area residents, businesses and organizations to support BBBSOS mentoring programs. The revenue generated from the Donation Center activities represented 56% of the agency's overall operating revenue.

In March, the Donation Center launched a new user-friendly website, www.DonateRI.org, making it easier to find the donation drop-off location nearest to you or to schedule a free, convenient home pickup of your donations. The website ties directly into the Donation Center's scheduling system allowing donors to see when the collection truck is coming to their area.



How Rhode Islanders donate clothing and household items:

29% - Home pickup scheduled by telephone

25% - Visiting a BBBSOS Donation Center

21% - Responding to a BBBSOS Mailer

20% - Dropping off at a purple BBBSOS Donation Bin

5% - Clothing drives

Visit www.DonateRI.org!



Key Facts about our 2016 Donation Center Operations:

4.5M pounds of cloth donated

2.3M pounds of small household items donated

100% of net proceeds benefit kids in Rhode Island

611 Mentoring Matches were supported

49,767 free home pick-up of donations completed

18,630 pounds diverted from the landfill daily

4 Easy Ways to Donate:

Take your items to a Savers Store

Visit a BBBSOS Donation Drop-Off Center

Drop clothing in a purple BBBSOS Donation Bin

Schedule a free home pickup of your items

Donors 2016

January – December

Grants and Foundations

\$25,000+

Alex and Ani Charmed by Charity
Amgen Foundation
Anonymous

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Anonymous (2)
MetLife Auto & Home National Grid USA
Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation*
van Beuren Charitable Foundation

\$5,000 to \$9,999

The Bancroft Family Foundation

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Billy Andrade Brad Faxon Charities for Children
Miss Swinburne Fund
Ocean State Charities Trust
Shriners of RI Charities Trust
The Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving

\$1,000 to \$2,499

The Mary Martin Pettingell Foundation
The North Family Trust
Ryan Family Foundation
Taco/The White Family Foundation

Gifts

\$10,000+

Clare Kirby & James Maxwell
Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Amgen Foundation/ Staff Giving Programs
Donna Corvese
Furey Roofing & Construction
IGT
Brendan C. Kane
MCR Development
TVI, Inc.

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Amgen PAC-Matching Gift Program
Amica Insurance
Anonymous Donor
The Cellular Connection
Citizens Bank Matching Gifts
Cox Communications, Inc.
Duffy & Sweeney, Ltd.
Hire Image LLC
Andrew & Allyson Naperotic

\$1,000 to \$2,499

John & Mary Quadrini
Ryder
Shawmut Design and Construction
Southern New England Computer Services
Stop & Shop Supermarket Company

\$1,000 to \$2,499

401 Film Festival
A.M. Realty Management Corp.
Acadient/Boston Institute of Finance
Jay Allbaugh
BankRI
The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company
Amy Belisle
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI
Bryant University
Lynne & Dominic Camillo
Thomas & Megan Capozza
Dr. Nancy Carriuolo
Christ The King Church
Clark Development
Henry W. Cugno
CVS Health Foundation

Frank DeAngelis
Dimeo Construction Company
DiPrete Engineering
The Foundry Corporate Office Center
H. Carr & Sons
Harmony Lodge No. 9, F & AM
Diane Harrington
Hayes & Sherry
Mr. & Mrs. William Hertel
Joe Hope
Laborers' New England Region Organizing Fund
Julie Maguire
Joseph C. Manera, Jr.
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