



## Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director, BBBSOS

### Recognizing our Big Brother/Sister Volunteers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Month in April at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner by recognizing the hundreds of volunteers who make our work possible. Congratulations to our 2017 Bigs of the Year:

- Community-Based Big Brother of the Year: Adam Theroux
- Community-Based Big Sister of the Year: Robin Matusik
- Site-Based Big Brother of the Year: Timothy Rondeau
- Site-Based Big Sister of the Year: Kathleen Sprague

To read more about our honorees, [click here](#).

Thank you to Amgen for sponsoring this year's event.



## Mission Moment

### Meet Big Brother Mic and Little Brother Matthyaz

Big Brother Mic and Little Brother Matthyaz have been matched for almost four months. Both are active individuals who enjoy going to the YMCA to work out or play basketball, which is one of Matthyaz's favorite sports. After they first met, Mic said he was surprised that Matthyaz was so knowledgeable about sports--calling him the walking ESPN. Mic gave Matthyaz a calendar marked with the days they are going to meet. Matthyaz's mom states that calendar is his bible, and he counts down the days until he sees Mic again.

To learn more about volunteering, email us at [mentoring@bbbsos.org](mailto:mentoring@bbbsos.org) or call (401) 921-2434, Ext. 101.



## Gala Raises \$100,000+

### Big Night Out is "Big" Success!

It truly was an enchanted evening at Kirkbrae Country Club as the clouds cleared and a rainbow appeared just in time to greet guests as they arrived at our 10th annual gala on May 6th. Champion of Mentoring honorees included Rachelle R. Green of Cervenka Green Ducharme Antonelli LLC, and Chefs Branden J. Lewis and Jon Poyourow of Johnson & Wales. The 2017 Legacy Award went to Steve Trenteseaux (awarded posthumously). Brendan Kirby of The Rhode Show served as emcee. Event co-chair, Jean Reuter Finkelman, said "Once again, the event was a great success. It was enchanting, not just from its physical presence but more importantly due to the enthusiasm for Big Brothers Big Sisters mission."

[Check out photos from the event here!](#)



## Bonnet Shores Beach Party

### Welcome to Summer

Join us as we "welcome summer" at the annual Bonnet Shores Beach Party. Enjoy the sounds of Brass Attack surrounded by crisp ocean air at the beautiful Bonnet Shores Beach Club in Narragansett, RI, on **Saturday, June 17, 2017, 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

Only \$30 a ticket for live music and food on the waterfront. Cash bar.

Don't wait too long--Welcome to Summer tickets sold out last year!

[Purchase your tickets early and be a part of this event to benefit BBBSOS!](#)



## Donation Center Update

### Help Us Spread the Word



Please help us spread the word by letting your friends and family know that they can easily support BBBSOS's mentoring programs just by donating gently-used clothing and household items that they are ready to pass along. Visit [www.DonateRI.org](http://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 support!

## BBBSOS Annual Report

In case you missed it, here is a link to our [2015 Annual Report](#).

Be on the lookout for our 2016 Annual Report, which will be published soon!



### *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.

### *Stay Connected*



### *Vision*

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

### *Core Values*