



## Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director

### Join us at Bowl-For-Kids' Sake

Each year half a million people across America come together to have fun and raise money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters as we change how children grow up! Bowl-For-Kids' Sake is the perfect way for individuals to make an impact on our community--it only takes a little bit of effort to raise the money that is vital to our program's success. As a "thank you" for your support and enthusiasm, we host a celebratory party at Lang's Bowlarama on Saturday, October 14th. No bowling expertise is required, only the willingness to share in our heartfelt and sincere thanks for helping us transform our community. [Click here to sign up.](#)



We recently published our 2016 Annual Report, which celebrates 50 years of serving children in Rhode Island. We are grateful to those who came before us, creating a strong foundation for us to build upon. Check out page 12, which features our Founding Mother Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz, and former Executive Directors Clare Kirby and Bonney Sevellon. We've posted it on our website for all to enjoy--[click here to read it.](#)



## Mission Moment

### Update on Little Sister Hannah, #HeySuperstar

We first introduced you to Little Sister Hannah in April 2016, when she was featured in a video for Alex and Ani's Charity By Design. The video promoted the sale of the Big Dipper/Little Dipper bangles, which benefited Big Brother Big Sister agencies across the country and in Canada. Diagnosed with a form of leukemia when she was just 2 years old, Hannah has spent much of her childhood in the hospital. That has not stopped Hannah from pursuing her dream to be a professional performer. In August, Hannah sang God Bless America in front of 36,000 fans at Boston's Fenway Park. Someday Hannah hopes to be able to fund a foundation to help children like her--children who have cancer. Hannah states that "part of her personal mission is to inspire other kids and to show them you really can do anything ... just follow your dreams."

[Click here to watch Hannah sing God Bless America.](#)

## Message from Shannon G. Scurry, Director of Development & Community Relations

### A Little for 52 Years!

I was introduced to a Little of 52 years recently, Steven Levitt. Yes, you read that right, 52 years! I had to repeat that myself when Steve introduced himself to me and shared his story of meeting his Big Brother Don Robbins when he was twelve years old. Don passed away in March 2017, but his legacy lives on in Steve and the Levitt and Robbins Families.

[Click here to read the story of the incredible bond formed by this Big Brother mentoring relationship.](#)



Take a one-minute survey and give us your opinion about the band for our 2018 Big Night Out Gala event.

Thank you!

[Click here for survey.](#)



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
**BOWL**  
 FOR KIDS' SAKE

**Saturday, October 14**  
 11am or 2pm  
 Lang's Bowlarama  
 Cranston, RI

**Strike it Big for Kids!**  
 Register or Donate online at:  
[www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI](http://www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI)

SPARE TIME, CHANGE LIVES.

[Thank you to our Bowl-For-Kids' Sake Sponsors. Click here for a complete list!](#)

There is still time to support Bowl-For-Kids' Sake! Whether you want to register to bowl or donate, you can learn more by clicking on the link below:

[Register or Donate online at www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI](http://www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI)

## 2017 Big Walk/Halloween Hike 5K Fun-Run

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Roger Williams Park Carousel--Rain or Shine

[Click here for more information.](#)



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 of the Ocean State

**We change lives one donation at a time.**

Donating your gently-used clothing and household items translates into creating friendships for children throughout Rhode Island.

It's true! Each time you donate to our Donation Center, you are helping to support mentoring in Rhode Island. We accept clothes and cloth of all kinds, books, toys, kitchen wares, and home décor items too! 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.

### *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*