

News from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties

Big News



November December 2012



CAR RAFFLE WINNER PATRICK HUGHES IN A 2012 CAMARO

ARIANNE HEGEMAN

Car Raffle Winner Announced

At 8:15 p.m. on Sunday night October 7th, at the Deerfield Harvest Festival, winning ticket number 630 was drawn in the 2012 Big Brother Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties Car Raffle. Lucky Patrick Hughes of High Bridge, NJ held the winning ticket.

The cold rainy night did not dampen the spirit of the Harvest Festival attendees. Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and volunteers huddled under a tent to stay warm and dry just before the drawing of the lucky winning ticket.

From the Raffle prize options, Patrick selected the Chevrolet Camaro Convertible. He ordered additional upgrades making his new car a 2012 2 SS Camaro Convertible with the 45th Anniversary Package in a Carbon Metallic. Other prize options included: Cadillac SRX, Cadillac CTS Sedan, Chevrolet Silverado, a pair of Jeep Patriots, a pair of Harley Davidson Road King Classic Motorcycles, or a pair of Chevrolet Cruzes. Also: a Jeep Patriot and a Chevrolet Cruze, a Jeep Patriot and a Harley Davidson Road King Classic,

or a Chevrolet Cruze and a Harley Davidson Road King Classic.

We wish Patrick happy motoring in his new car. Thanks to all who purchased a raffle ticket this year. All proceeds support the life-changing, long-term mentoring relationships within Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.

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Best wishes to Arianne Hegeman who recently left her position as Vice President of Programs at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.

Arianne is now the Program Supervisor for the Family Success Center in Penns Grove.

Even though Arianne no longer works for BBBS, she remains an active volunteer and committed Big Sister.

Best wishes to Arianne in her new job!



Rise and Shine Breakfast

The 2012 Annual Rise and Shine Breakfast is slated for November 28th at the Centerton Country Club on Almond Road in Pitts Grove.

Each year this fundraiser spotlights real stories of how Big Brothers Big Sisters impacts children, families, adults, and the community. This year we are celebrating Thirty Years of Mentoring and the anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem.

This year the presentations include testimonials to inspire Breakfast attendees to financially support Big Brothers Big Sisters. As the leader in youth mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters impacts the lives of children



by engaging and guiding community volunteers who meet one-to-one with a child. The strength and growth of the program is dependent upon community support.

Registration is from 7:30 – 8 am, the breakfast and program begin at 8 am and the program wraps up promptly at 9:00.

Help us “Start Something™” for youth in our community! The breakfast is free to all in attendance, however, seating is limited. To reserve a seat go to www.RiseAndShineBreakfast.com or contact BBBS at 856-692-0916 or Cherell. RSVP required.

Spotlight Match



Big Brother Kevin with Little Brother Marcus

In January 2011 we matched Big Brother, Kevin and Little Brother, Marcus in the School Based Mentoring Program at Wood School in Millville. Each Friday Kevin and Marcus eat lunch together and play board games. When the weather is nice, they go out and play in the school playground.

In April of 2011 the match became a School Based Plus match. This means they still enjoy their weekly school lunches, and can enjoy activities outside of school. Since becoming a School Based Plus match they attended a Phillies game, went to the movies, swam in Kevin’s backyard pool, and eaten at local eateries.

Kevin is a veterinarian at the Animal Clinic of Millville. Recently, Kevin took Marcus to the Clinic to see what Kevin does each day at work. Marcus talks with excitement about all that he saw and learned about being a veterinarian.

Kevin is a good friend to Big Brothers Big Sisters by supporting the agency during fundraisers and recently by sharing his story about being a Big Brother during an information session at the agency.



Staff photo by GARY COOPER

Local officials gathered Wednesday for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly reorganized Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Cumberland County, located at 1179 E. Landis Ave. in Vineland. From left are

Lucy Ojeda-Agevedo, director; Vineland Mayor Joseph Romano; Carol Kremenz, "big sister"; Martha Viel, assistant director, and Freeholders Clair Miller, Frank LoBiondo and Edward Salmon.

Happy 30th Anniversary

Thirty years ago on September 29, 1982 a group of outstanding and caring citizens got together and established Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland County. For the first two years this group acted as both the Board of Directors and the staff of the organization. In August of 1984, the agency appointed its first Executive Director, Lucy Acevedo. The photo above from 1984 describes the ribbon cutting for the agency's first office,

BBBS Highlights

1982-- *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland County established*

1984 – *First paid staff hired.*

1995 – *High School and School based programs initiated*

2004 – *Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program launched*

2005 – *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties*

2008 – *Awarded Gold Standard Award from BBBS of America for pace setting performance, quality growth and increase revenue.*

Since 2002 over 3001 Salem & Cumberland county boys and girls were mentored in a one to one relationship through BBBS.

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Meet New Staff Member, Valerie Farrow

Meet the most recent addition to our staff, Valerie Farrow. As an Enrollment & Match Support Specialist Valerie supports case management and coordinates client activities and special outreach projects designed to assist our families. This means Valerie is helping Danielle and Carol with the school based mentoring programs and she is organizing this year's BBBS Holiday giving program. Valerie knows Big Brothers Big Sisters well; she worked for the agency part time in the 1980s.

Valerie has deep roots in this area, she was raised in Vineland, attended Cumberland Community College, and graduated from Stockton with a

degree in Social Work. She is a Certified Social Worker in the State of New Jersey. She received a Masters degree in Education from Central Michigan University. Valerie has held a variety of positions related to her education including work in the local prison and State School.

In her spare time, Valerie works with children at her church. She plays flag football, bakes, reads, and watches basketball. She also keeps busy with her son, going to the shore and walking the boardwalk.

We are happy that Valerie rejoined the BBBS staff!

Santa's Helpers Needed

As we prepare for the 2012 Holiday Season, we are looking for help with our annual holiday outreach campaign. Listed below are donation options.

1. SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BBBS will provide you with names, ages, gender and interest of all children within a family. You can request the size and location of the family that you would like to help.

2. DONATE A GIFT FOR A CHILD – BOY OR GIRL

You can donate an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl, between the ages of 3 to 18 years of age.

3. MAKE A DONATION FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES OR PROGRAM EVENT

You can make a Financial Contribution to assist with food, games and give-a-ways.

If you are interested please contact Valerie Farrow at 856-692-0916 or vfarrow@bbbbscnj.org. We need to have all holiday gifts and donations at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office by December 10, 2012.



November December Events

Date	Event
Nov 9 - 18	Annie at the Levoy
Nov 23	Millville Holiday Parade
Nov 24	Vineland Holiday Parade
Nov 25	Bridgeton Holiday Parade
Nov 25	Albany Devils VS Wilkes Barre Penguins at Atlantic City (special pricing for Children)
Nov 28	BBBS Rise and Shine Breakfast
Nov 30 - Dec 1	Festival of Lights at the Cohanzick Zoo
Dec 1	BBBS Cumberland County Holiday Party
Dec 1	Velveteen Rabbit at the Levoy
Dec 1	Salem Holiday Festival and House Tour
Dec 2	Cumberland County College Christmas Concert - Free
Dec 9	Christmas in Greenwich
Dec 15	BBBS Salem County Holiday Party
Dec 18	Santa's Open House at BBBS

November December Match Anniversaries

Gil	&	Curtis	9 years in November	Johnisha	&	Latoya	1 year in November
Jim	&	Zachary	7 years in November	Ty'Asia	&	Taylin	1 year in November
Marlene	&	Fahren	5 years in November	Melvin	&	Cesar	1 year in November
Valerie	&	Jami	5 years in November	Gabrielle	&	Alexis	1 year in November
Barbara	&	Destiny	4 years in November	Michael	&	Tiquez	1 year in November
Kris	&	Gisel	2 years in November	Samantha	&	Angel	1 year in November
Scott	&	Jeremiah	2 years in November	Alanna	&	Marquis	1 year in November
Brenda	&	Shaniya	2 years in November	Kate	&	Paige	1 year in November
John	&	Dione	2 years in November	Shelly	&	Iyannah	7 years in December
Jaqueline	&	Markeis	2 years in November	Marianne	&	Amber	7 years in December
Brianna	&	Ndinelao	2 years in November	Patricia	&	Shamere	5 years in December
Jessica	&	Kaylee	1 year in November	Vicki	&	Imani	3 years in December
Michael	&	Anthony	1 year in November	Dana	&	Amani	3 years in December
Chase	&	Tyreek	1 year in November	Robin	&	Midajah	3 years in December
Jonathon	&	Richie	1 year in November	Jane	&	Trinity	3 years in December
Diana	&	Nyla	1 year in November	Jordan	&	Destiny	2 years in December
Melvin	&	Brandon	1 year in November	Chieko	&	Destiny	2 years in December
Eva	&	Tyler	1 year in November	Kelly	&	Gabrielle	2 years in December
Kara	&	Tyaira	1 year in November	Will	&	Trevon	1 year in December
Ashley	&	Latonya	1 year in November	Audrey	&	Jordyn	1 year in December

Congratulations to our New Matches

9/10 BS Amy & LS Zhoei
 9/13 BS Kaitlin & LS Adrianna
 9/27 BS Michele & LS Danielle
 10/19 BB Carlos & LB Ricardo
 10/19 BS Anakayshia & LS Destiny