



*Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Cumberland and Salem Counties*

## Big News



May June 2013

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THE BIG NIGHT

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## **BIG NIGHT BIG FUN**

The beautiful Greenview Inn at the Eastlyn Golf Course is once again the venue for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual [BIG NIGHT](#) for the benefit of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties on May 10th.

The festivities start at 6 p.m. with Steve Curry educating our guests on a variety of wine and food pairings. Shoprite liquors is providing the wines.

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. guests will enjoy a buffet dinner complete with a Salad station, Soup, Carving station, Hot and Cold hors d'oeuvres tables, and a dessert table. Wine vendors, sponsored by The Greenview Inn at Eastlyn, will pour a variety of wines throughout the evening for our guests to enjoy.

Both the Live and the Silent auctions will feature interesting, tempting, and unique selections for bidding. Featured items for bidding include a Millville hometown hero Mike Trout signed baseball, Tickets to Wicked, Tickets to a Taylor Swift concert, Eagles tickets, Sports memorabilia, dining out options, wines and liquors, works of art, jewels, sailing lessons

and pet care packages. Again this year we will use electronic bidding for the Silent Auction! Guests can watch the leader boards and bid using their smart phone or from Kiosks located throughout the room.

Throughout the night we will offer a selection of Fixed Price, "Buy it Now" items for purchase as well as 50/50 raffle tickets.

[Reservations for the BIG Night](#) are \$100 per person at the door, or \$85 per person if purchased before May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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*BIG NEWS! Be sure to check out our new website at:*

[www.southjerseybig.org](http://www.southjerseybig.org)

*Featured in the new website are articles of interest, a calendar of special events, ideas on how to support Big Brothers Big Sisters and information about the staff and the board.*

*There is a section in the new website dedicated to our matches. This section includes ideas for match activities, places to go, free stuff, and a place for matches to post photos of their own match activities!*

*Along with the website, the Big Brothers Big Sisters' staff now have new email addresses. The new addresses are posted on the website.*

*Make certain to "Like" our new Facebook page: **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties.***

*Don't forget to Follow Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties on Twitter.*

## Financial Seminar a BIG Success!

Kathleen Norton-Gallaher from TD Bank presenting President/CEO, Donna Bennett, and Big Brothers Big Sisters Board members with a check from the TD Bank Affinity Program at the Financial Seminar



Great turnout, Delicious Food, Captivating Speakers, Wonderful venue highlighted this year's financial seminar.

This year's speakers, Charles Steindel, Chief Economist for the New Jersey Department of Treasury and John Mousseau, Executive V.P. & Director of Fixed Income, Cumberland Advisors, focused on the impact Sandy made to Cumberland County as well as the rest of New Jersey, which was interesting to the entire audience.

Thanks Board Member Dan Falasca, Jr. and David Kotok of Cumberland Advisors for their help in planning the seminar and making the seminar a success.

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## Little Moments, BIG Impact

Attend an one hour informational session and learn how Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties impacts the children we serve. This presentation is our chance to showcase our accomplishments and goals for the future. The presentation provides an overview of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the different programs we offer. A current or past Big Brother or Big Sister will give a testimonial about his/her experiences as a volunteer and the positive impacts of volunteering. Attendees may tour our office, a Sears Craftsman-style home built in 1916. Lunch is sponsored by Larry's II Restaurant.

By attending a Little Moments Information Session attendees are not be asked to commit to anything. We simply want to share our message with as many people in the community as possible.

Each Little Moments session starts at 12:15 and ends promptly at 1:15. RSVP required, please visit our website [www.southjerseybigs.org](http://www.southjerseybigs.org) or call 856.692.0916 to place your reservation.

*The Little Moments schedule for 2013 is: June 5, August 7, September 4, October 2, and December 4.*



## Easter Party a BIG Success!

Rainy weather forced a change in location, but did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Easter Egg Hunt on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Vineland High School. And as always, the Easter Bunny joined in the festivities.



**Thanks to all who helped make this year's event fun for all.**



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## Meet Our New Director of Fund Development: Solomon Wactor

This month the spotlight is on our new Director of Fund Development, Solomon Wactor. In his new position, Solomon is concentrating on developing partnerships and event planning for the BIG Night on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Car Raffle. Solomon will also be involved in increasing agency

revenue and has ideas for future fund raising events.

Solomon is from Perth Amboy, NJ and earned a BA in Business from Centenary College. During College, he interned at the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce and planned events during his tenure at the Chamber. He received a Citizenship Award for Community Service. After college, Solomon met his wife Tish, of Millville, NJ where they both currently reside.

In his spare time, Solomon enjoys playing Basketball, Baseball and watching Boxing. He also serves as an usher at his church and enjoys reading historical novels. Both

Solomon and Tish are working on the BIG Night Committee.

Solomon became involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters because of the agency's mission. He loves hearing about all of the successful matches. Solomon enjoys being a member of our Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and feels welcomed as the only man on the agency staff.



## Join Us on EBAY!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties is on Ebay! The agency will use Ebay as a tool to sell and auction off items that are donated to their agency, while promoting their services. Ebay members will have the option of choosing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties as one of their favorite charities. After doing so, they will then have the option of donating anywhere from 10% to 100% of their Ebay sales to the agency. In addition, all PayPal account holders can make an immediate contribution of any amount through Ebay without buying or selling anything, by clicking the Donate Now tab on the agency's "About My Nonprofit" page.

## BIG Ideas for Summer Fun

- Pack a picnic and spend the day at the beach. Make sand castles, fly a kite, play beach Frisbee. Many of our littles have never enjoyed the nearby beach or seen the Atlantic Ocean.
- Go Berry or Veggie Picking @ The Berry Patch, 5331 Lake Rd, Newfield NJ 08344-856-305-6622. Strawberry Picking Hours (May-Early June) Daily 7am-7pm. Veggie Season (June-September) Sat & Sun 7am-7pm
- Visit the Cape May Zoo. It's fun and free!
- Cruise the Maurice River from the Millville Marina. See the Osprey and Eagles. Adults -- \$20 -- Seniors (over 62) \$15 -- Children 10 to 16 \$10 -- Children under 10 Free

## **MAY JUNE EVENTS**

***Don't forget  
Mother's Day on  
May 12<sup>th</sup>!***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 10	Big Night Wine Tasting and Auction
May 12	Phillies Home Run Derby at Rob Shannon Sports Complex in Millville
May 18	Colonial Workshop, Colonial Crafts and Games at Hancock House - \$5
May 27 - Jun 2	LPGA Golf Classic at Seaview resort - under 17 are FREE!
Jun 1	Bay Day in Bivalve - FREE
June 8-9	Indian Pow Wow at the Salem County Fairgrounds
June 22- 23	Fantasy Faire at Wheaton Arts

### **Happy Anniversary**

<b>Big</b>	<b>Little</b>	<b>Years Matched</b>
Jennifer	Mahogany	1
Laura	Carmelia	1
Kaneisha	Laria	1
Matthew	Kody	1
Terrelle	Wesley	1
Dale	David	2
Mary Ann	Dymone	2
Ashley	Miah	2
Michele	Alyssa	3
Karen	Amber	4
Brenda	D'anna	5
Sandra	Aaliyah	5
Constance	Angelica	7

### **Congratulations to our New Matches**

<u><b>BIG</b></u>		<u><b>LITTLE</b></u>		<u><b>MATCH DATE</b></u>		<u><b>BIG</b></u>		<u><b>LITTLE</b></u>		<u><b>MATCH DATE</b></u>
Amy	and	Ashanti	on	9-Apr		Deja	and	Dominique	on	22-Mar
John	and	Curtis	on	9-Apr		Ronza'	and	Elizabeth	on	22-Mar
Ernest	and	Zyon	on	12-Mar		Jennifer	and	Dahlia	on	4-Apr
Brittney	and	Isabella	on	21-Mar		David	and	Trevor	on	24-Apr
Gabrielle	and	Chastity	on	12-Mar		Cherie	and	Christian	on	12-Mar
Leah	and	Karyse	on	19-Mar		Kathleen	and	Lisa	on	22-Mar
Devon	and	Kyle	on	7-Mar						