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MATCH PROFILE: LITTLE BROTHER SEBASTIEN & BIG BROTHER TOM



Left: Little Brother Sebastien & Big Brother Tom in January 2016

Right: Little Brother Sebastien & Big Brother Tom in July 2019

Sebastien talked about some of the things he has learned since having Tom as his Big Brother. “Tom has taught me how to keep myself calm so I can better evaluate situations. He’s also helped me realize how people may view things which has made me more respectful. I really like how he explains things and shares his experiences so I can understand his advice better.”

Tom echoed that by saying, “Something I’ve tried to instill in him is self-awareness and realizing that there is a time and place for things. I’ve explained why it’s important to be mindful of his setting and how that dictates what is appropriate in terms of how he carries himself.”

Sebastien explained how Tom has had a positive impact on his life. “Before Tom, I never had anybody to offer me wisdom and insight on things. This helps me so much and makes me feel like I’m better prepared for things I face in my life. I feel like Tom always sees my higher self.”

Tom feels the positive impact of their relationship has been mutual. “Having Sebastien in my life has given me insight into a young person’s world, that I otherwise would not have. I truly enjoy that aspect of our relationship and find it refreshing to learn about new things from him.”



Left: Little Brother Sebastien & Big Brother Tom at BBBSLI’s 2018 Fall Festival

Big Brother Tom and Little Brother Sebastien have been matched for three years. When first matched, Sebastien was a 10 year old boy who was trying to find his way. Today he is a confident 13 year old getting ready to enter high school in September.

Sebastien admits that he didn’t know what to expect when he first found out he was getting a Big Brother. “I was a little confused at first, but I decided to roll with it, and I’m really happy I did. Tom is down to earth and level headed, which makes it easy to share things with him. It’s cool that he can view situations from outside of the box, while still viewing things from my eyes.”

Tom shared, “Friendship is at the core of my relationship with Sebastien. I think it is so important to establish that level of trust and friendship first because it creates the comfort level that allows him to communicate with me and know that I am someone he can confide in.”

“I really value the wisdom that Tom offers me when we talk. Other adults in my life will tell me what to do all the time, without ever explaining why. A huge difference with Tom, is that he talks with me, not at me,” said Sebastien.



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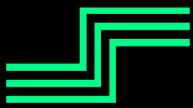


Paint Nights



SPORTS NIGHT





23rd Annual Golf Tournament



On Monday, June 3rd, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island (BBBSLI) hosted their 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at The Muttontown Club in East Norwich, NY. This year's tournament honored brothers Michael Mone, CEO, Harry Bachrach Inc. and Jamie Mone, COO, Harry Bachrach Inc. The annual event is held to raise funds in support of mentoring on Long Island.

CATWALK FOR KIDS FASHION SHOW



On May 2nd, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island (BBBSLI) hosted their 4th Annual Catwalk for Kids Fashion Show presented by Bridgehampton National Bank at Lord & Taylor in Garden City, NY. Guests gathered to watch 12 featured matches of mentors "Bigs" and mentees "Littles" light up the runway, modeling a range of looks from sporty to formal wear.





NEW BOARD MEMBERS



“Since I began my association with BBBSLI, I have been impressed by the mission of the organization and dedication of the staff and volunteers. I’m looking forward to being more fully involved in BBBSLI’s work as a way to promote diversity and make a meaningful difference in the lives of Long Island children.”

- Bert Lurch

Welcome to our newest Board Members, Bert Lurch and Michael Quattrucci. Prior to joining the Board, both men have been involved with BBBSLI serving on the mentoring agency’s President’s Council. Bert Lurch is Co-Founder and CEO of E Central Medical Management (ECM), a full-service medical billing and practice management firm. Mike Quattrucci is Vice President of Sales at Red Hat, Inc., the world’s leading provider of enterprise open source solutions, using a community-powered approach to deliver high-performing technologies.



“Becoming successful in life comes, in part, from the coaching and guidance we get from the support network around us. BBBSLI is all about making sure children in our community, who otherwise might not have that same benefit, can reach the fullness of their potential. I cannot think of anything more important than being a defender of that potential.”

- Mike Quattrucci

NEW MISSION & VISION

At the National Conference in June, BBBS announced a new mission and vision statement. The new mission and vision are part of the national rebranding initiative, designed to help BBBS thrive into the future.

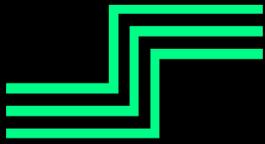


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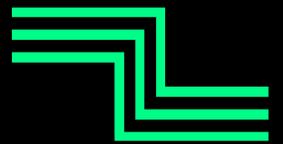
VISION: ALL YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL**
- PHIL ANDREWS
 - BARRY BARETELA
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CLASS OF 2019



Congratulations to all our Class of 2019 Littles who graduated this year! Findings from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Youth Outcome survey found that 94% of Littles achieved higher educational success (when compared to kids in similar situations who did not have a mentor). Here are photos of some of this year's graduates.



Little Sister Shelby with her Big Sister Audrey at High School Graduation



Little Sister Jade with her Big Sister Michelle at Middle School Graduation



Little Brother Avery holding his diploma at High School Graduation



Little Sister Nicole with her Big Sister Amanda at High School Graduation

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: FABIOLA TURNER, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Fabiola Turner brings 20 years of Long Island Human Services experience to her position as Director of Programs at BBBSLI. Prior to BBBSLI, she worked at the Family & Children Association, the Mental Health Association and Family Service League. She has specialized in children's mental health issues and early intervention. She lives in Deer Park with her husband and four children.

What attracted you to BBBSLI? *In college, I had my own positive experience serving as a mentor. I was able to see firsthand how a mentor can change the trajectory of a young person's life. I also feel passionately about the preventative benefits that mentoring can offer a child at risk.*

What is something you plan to bring to your position? *I want to enhance training, to help our staff better understand the population we serve, so we can identify the best way to support to our clients.*

What is the best part of your job? *Getting to see the connection that exists between the matches when they attend agency activities and events. Just the way a Little smiles when interacting with their Big can be a magical thing.*

What personality trait helps you succeed in your job? *My perseverance - I don't think about no, I think about how.*

If you could pick one superpower, what would it be? *Mind reading - it would help with problem solving and better understanding the children who have a hard time communicating.*

What's a fun fact about you that not many people know? *I love nature and doing outdoor activities, like camping. I truly enjoy the beauty of nature and the calming effect it has on me.*



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, September 21st

Ride starts at the BBBSLI Westbury
office and ends at Oakland's
in Hampton Bays, NY



Thursday, October 3rd

Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, NY

Honoring

Anil Kapoor

President & CEO, SVAM International, Inc.

Liz Meyers

*Executive Vice President of Purchasing &
Global Sourcing, Darby Dental Supply, LLC*

David Weissberg MD

President, Long Island Orthopedic Solutions



Tuesday, November 12th

Presented by Suffolk Federal
The Main Event
Farmingdale, NY

For Event Details & Registration Visit: bbbsli.org/upcoming-events