



## Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director, BBBSOS

### Beyond School Walls

Our team has gone *Beyond School Walls*! The *Beyond School Walls* program takes students out of the classroom into a local company to be mentored by a professional at their place of business. Spearheaded in 2015 at Amgen in West Greenwich, *Beyond School Walls* now has two programs at Amgen, and a new program at National Grid in Providence. *Beyond School Walls* introduces children to jobs at an early age, giving them an opportunity to learn about the business world first-hand. Through relationships with "Corporate Bigs," Littles experience what it means to work for a corporation and the educational requirements needed to achieve this professional success. At Amgen, Littles and Bigs work on biology-based science experiments. At National Grid, the focus is on physics, specifically energy. The value is the same: children are exposed to professional environments, new career paths are introduced, and lives are truly changed. We are currently seeking a new *Beyond School Walls* location for the 2017-2018 school year. If your company wants to join *Beyond School Walls*, [email me](#) today.



## Mission Moment

### Meet Big Brother Tobi and Little Brother Keagan, A Match in our Site-Based Program

Last month, Tobi had the pleasure of meeting Keagan's mother for the first time. Keagan's mom thanked him for all he has done for her son in the months they have been matched. She said since they have been matched, he has been happier and his anxiety is more manageable. Tobi is all Keagan talks about at home. Keagan lives with his mom and older sister, and has an inconsistent relationship with his father (which is similar to how Tobi grew up). Keagan's mom is happy that he now has an adult male he can count on to be there on a regular basis. This is a great match and Keagan always has the biggest smile on his face when Tobi is around.



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



## The Big Night Out

Enchanted Garden Gala  
Kirkbrae Country Club  
Saturday, May 6, 2017  
6:30 pm

Sip an "Enchanted Elixir" before sitting down for a delicious dinner, wine, and dessert. Peruse distinctive silent and live auction items and dance to live music by Nancy Paolino and the Black Tie Band, surrounded by an enchanted garden.

[Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.](#)

## Bonnet Shores Beach Party

### Welcome to Summer



Breathe in the crisp ocean air, with your toes in the sand or on the dance floor, at the Bonnet Shores Beach Club in Narragansett, RI.

**Saturday, June 17, 2017, 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., \$30 a ticket**

Enjoy live music and food on the waterfront. Cash bar.

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

### Fun Fact

Working together, the BBBSOS Donation



Center and our thrift partner Savers helped to keep fifteen million pounds of used clothing and household items out of the landfill in 2016! 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!

## *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*