



*Message from Katje Afonseca,
Executive Director*

Bowl For Kids' Sake A Win-Win!

I am delighted to announce that Bowl For Kids' Sake (BFKS) on October 14th was a tremendous success, netting over \$30,000 for the organization and providing a fun event which was attended by board members, new supporters, long-time supporters, program participants, staff, family, and friends. The highlight of my day occurred when one of the Littles came up to me and said "Why do we have to wait a whole year to do this again?" Special thanks to our BFKS Sponsors: Peregrine Property Management, MM&C, BankRI, Cox, Batista Companies, B & Z Management Group, and UnitedHealthcare. [Click here for full list of sponsors.](#)



[Click here for photos from Bowl For Kids' Sake.](#)

[Check out this video of Little Brother Chann showing his dance moves to our own Community Outreach Coordinator Taylor Millspaugh.](#)

The Big Walk (October 28) was also a huge success, netting over \$10,000 for the organization. We are very grateful to Michael Sabitoni and the **Rhode Island Building & Construction Trades Council** for organizing this event to benefit our mentoring programs.

[Click here for photos from The Big Walk.](#)

Mission Moment

Sometimes it's the Littlest Moments that have the Biggest Impact



The Bigs and Littles had a great experience this fall apple and pumpkin picking at Escobar Farms. Little Sister Sophia said it was the first time she had ever been to a farm, adding "it was the best day ever!"

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



#GivingTuesday is Tuesday, November 28, 2017, and it's a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. This day of giving takes place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to help us kick-off the season of gratefulness and giving back. At Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State, we have much to be grateful for, from the Littles we serve to the Bigs that mentor, to our bountiful volunteers and donors.

During this #GivingTuesday, the Newman Foundation has offered a \$500,000 Holiday Challenge to one organization that raises the most money. During the start of Thanksgiving, please ask your family and friends to consider donating to BBBSOS on November 28. Every donation made on #GivingTuesday will immediately impact, and potentially double, our mentoring programs by providing safety trainings, Big recruitment efforts, activities and outings for our matches, and much more.

Through your participation in #GivingTuesday, you can help guide our efforts to ensure every youth of RI pairs with a mentor. Please join us on #GivingTuesday and make a donation at <https://www.crowdrise.com/bbbsos-givingtuesday/fundraiser/bbbsos>. If you would like to make a donation sooner or set-up a recurring monthly donation, please contact Shannon Gamache Scurry at sgscurry@bbbsos.org or 401-921-2434, Ext. 104.

Thank you, and don't forget to promote #GivingTuesday for BBBSOS on your own social media pages by copying the logo with imbedded donation link below.

#GIVINGTUESDAY



Donate your gently-used clothing and household items and support mentoring for children throughout Rhode Island at the same time.

We accept clothes and cloth of all kinds, books, toys, kitchen wares, and home décor items too!

The Donation Center hours for our attended drop-off locations, including our Cranston headquarters, are **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday**, and **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays**.

Visit www.DonateRI.org to find the nearest drop-off location or to schedule a free donation pickup.

Thank you for so generously supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters Donation Center!

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.

Values

Our core values define how we conduct ourselves and our organization when interacting with the families we serve, our volunteers, our donors, our partners, each other, and the public at large. Our core values are driven by a desire to improve the lives of children in Rhode Island, and they will remain at the forefront as decisions and actions are made. Our core values define the culture within Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State.

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Vision

A community where all **children** have access to mentors to support individual **growth** and **development**.

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