



## Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director

### BBBSOS Expands Presence in Community

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State now has a stronger presence on Aquidneck Island, with the opening of a satellite office in a space donated by Spire Space in Middletown. We have served children in Newport for over 30 years and determined that an office was needed to meet the growing need. Alicia Barra, who began her career here as an intern from RIC, has been hired as our Aquidneck Island Program Coordinator. You can reach Alicia by email at [ABarra@bbbsos.org](mailto:ABarra@bbbsos.org).

In addition, this fall we will be opening a satellite office at the East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA in Providence, to further strengthen our presence and provide easier access to Providence residents. Approximately 40 percent of the children we serve live in Providence.



## Brendan C. Kane elected as BBBSOS Board President

Brendan C. Kane was elected as President of the Board of Directors at the BBBSOS annual meeting in July.

Brendan is a partner at the Peregrine Group, a property management company where he oversees day-to-day business operations. He brings exceptional knowledge to the BBBSOS board in the areas of business development, finance, and public relations. "Our vision is to ensure that every youth who wants and needs a mentor has that opportunity. As board members and staff, we will do everything in our power to get closer to achieving that outcome each year," Kane said. "We will work with business leaders, volunteer mentors, and community partners to create a sustainable business model that allows us to satisfy and exceed our goals."

## Shannon G. Scurry joins team

### Meet Shannon, our new Director of Development & Community Relations

Please join us in welcoming Shannon G. Scurry, our new Director of Development & Community Relations. Prior to joining our team, Shannon was a major gifts officer at Providence College and senior class campaigns officer at Brown University.

Shannon will lead and expand our fundraising and community outreach efforts. You can reach Shannon by email at [SGScurry@bbbsos.org](mailto:SGScurry@bbbsos.org) or by phone at (401) 921-2434, Ext. 104.

[Click here to read more about Shannon.](#)



## Mission Moment

### McAuley Village Garden Blooms

Our site-based program at McAuley Village continues to thrive. Located in Providence, McAuley Village is a two-year transitional housing program for homeless single mothers and their children.

We provide the children with Big Brothers/Sisters who meet with them in a group setting under the professional guidance of our staff.

In this photo the children are tending to the garden they planted in the spring with their mentors, under the direction of Jennifer from Blooming Artisan. The night this photo was taken the children were able to pick and eat their first tomato!



## Neighborhood Health Plan of RI helping the community

### NHPRI Donates 100 Backpacks and School Supplies

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island donated 100 backpacks and school supplies to the children in our program who are waiting to be matched with a Big Brother/Sister. On Friday, August 25, NHPRI employees came to our office to help with the distribution.

The children and their families were all very grateful for the gift, just in time for back-to-school!



## Bowl for Kids' Sake

### Bowling is back!

After a 10+ year hiatus, we are excited to announce that Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS) is back! BFKS is a fundraising event that is held across the country to help raise money for Big Brother Big Sister agencies. To learn more about our bowling event, or to make a donation to benefit BBBSOS, click on the link below.

[Register or Donate online at www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI](http://www.crowdrise.com/BFKSRI)



## Donation Center Update

### Help Us Spread the Word

You know our Donation Center accepts gently-used clothing, but did you know that we also accept a wide variety of household items? It's true! We can accept books, toys, kitchen wares, and home décor items too! 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