



MAKING FRIENDS -- MARCH 2018

Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director

On March 15 we unveiled the Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz Training Room to a small group of friends and supporters. Dr. Pieniadz is one of the original founding mothers of our organization and she has been a loyal supporter for over 50 years! The event was attended by friends, board members, community supporters, and staff, and was covered by the Rhode Island College newspaper. [Continue Dr. Dorothy's legacy with a donation today.](#)

[Click here to read the article published in the RIC newspaper about this special day.](#)



Meet Our Two Newest Board Members



Mike Thomas, Director of Supply Chain at Amgen in West Greenwich, has over twenty years of experience in the biotech industry. Thomas holds a Bachelors of Science from the California Lutheran University and a Masters of the

Arts from the University of Phoenix. He currently leads a team of over 40 staff accountable for all supply chain function activities, which resulted in over \$6.7 billion in sales in 2016.

Liz Catucci, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Batchelor, Frechette, McCrory, Michael & Co., where she has been an asset for over five years. Catucci holds a Bachelors Degree from Providence



College. She has been involved with BBBSOS for the past three years, serving on various fundraising committees, and is very active in the business community, serving on the Executive Council of the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of the Providence College Alumni Association.

LITTLE MOMENTS. BIG IMPACT.

Thank you to Mercedes-Benz and Brown University for providing an afternoon of fun for our matches.

Mercedes-Benz of Warwick and Brown University teamed up to provide a new experience for our Big and Little matches. Fourteen program participants attended a Brown Women's Basketball Game and it was BIG FUN! The Bigs and Littles enjoyed a pizza party, met the players, got autographs, and each person received a Mercedes t-shirt and hat. Below is a photo of Little Brother Unie. Unie and his Big Sister Betty love sports. After the game, Unie stayed to play basketball with some of the Brown athletics staff. Betty could not get him to leave! Check out his face when he was asking one of the players if they could dunk: #priceless!



Little Brother Unie and his Big Sister Betty



DEVELOPMENT NEWS



You won't want to miss the **best Derby party** in Providence! Join us on Saturday, May 5, at the Omni Providence Hotel for amazing food stations and live music by **Brass Attack**.

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

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Your donation of clothes and household items translates into friendships for children in Rhode Island.

Our team at 1540 Pontiac Avenue in Cranston is ready to accept your donations of gently-used clothing, shoes, and housewares seven days a week! Through our partnership with the thrift store Savers, your donated items support BBBSOS's efforts to help Rhode Island children reach their fullest potential.

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