

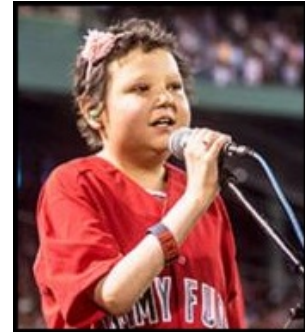


Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Ocean State

MAKING FRIENDS -- AUGUST 2018

Message from Katje Afonseca, Executive Director

This month I am sad to report that one of our Little Sisters, Hannah Wertens, passed away at the age of 15, after beating cancer three times in her young life. In 2016 Hannah was chosen to represent our organization in a social media promotional video for the unveiling of the Alex and Ani Big and Little Dipper bangle, benefiting Big Brother Big Sister agencies across the country. Several of our staff members worked closely with Hannah, and got to know her well.



To read more about Hannah and what she accomplished, [click here](#).

LITTLE MOMENTS. BIG IMPACT.

Students Complete Three Years in Beyond School Walls Program at Amgen



Congratulations to the eighth graders who completed three years in our Amgen Beyond School Walls Mentoring Program. Thank you to all the Amgen mentors who worked with their mentees to create such amazing projects, which were showcased for family and friends at the end of the school year. We can hardly wait for next year!

[Check out all the photos HERE!](#)

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#STEMandMENTORING
#mentoringmatters

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

George Evans Marley, Director of Development & Community Relations

Planning for 2019 is well underway, and I am pleased to announce that together with our Board of Directors, we have made a strategic decision to *not* host a Big Night Out gala next year. We have determined that a formal black-tie event is not the most cost-effective way to raise important funds for our mission. **Our goal is to raise the most money we can, while spending as little as possible, with a tremendous focus on creating awareness of our mission.**



Our first step in this process was to communicate to our major sponsors this decision. [Click here to view a copy of the letter we sent this week to our Big Night Out sponsors.](#)

SAVE THE DATE AND BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE! - October 13, 2018

On Saturday, October 13, we will be hosting our annual Bowl For Kids' Sake at Lang's Bowlarama! Bowl For Kids' Sake (BFKS) is a BBBS national fundraiser happening at bowling alleys across the country. It was a great success for us in 2017 and this year we need your help to STRIKE IT BIG for kids! [Click here to register your team and start fundraising, today!](#)

We hope we can count on your continued support. I would love to hear from you and invite you to [email](#) or call me (401) 921-2434, Ext. 104, with your feedback.



2017 Annual Report

We are pleased to share with you our 2017 Digital Annual Report.

[Please click here to view a copy--and see the story behind this fun photo!](#)

DONATION CENTER

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

Our Donation Centers are open 7 days a week to accept your donations of gently-used clothing, shoes and household items. Bag or box up items you are no longer using and drop by one of our six locations, conveniently located in Cranston, Bristol, Cumberland, Johnston, Middletown, and Wakefield.

Our friendly attendants are available to help unload your car and provide you with a tax receipt. Your donations help us generate funding to support the BBBSOS mentoring programs.

Click on the link below to find the drop off center closest to you, or to schedule a pick up.

[Schedule a Donation Pick Up By Clicking Here](#)



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