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January is National Mentoring Month!



*What better way to kick off the new year than by giving
 the gift of time to a young person?*

Gulf Coast Big Brothers Big Sisters (GCBBS) would like to offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the mentors who volunteer in our Site Based and Community Based Programs throughout Galveston County. You are the life-line of this program! Without volunteers, this program would not be possible. Thank you for Starting Something Big!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Needs You!!

Children who have a mentor at school are more likely to be in attendance and to complete assignments.

Do you have an hour to spare, or even 30 minutes?

We have three programs that will fit in your schedule and make a BIG impact on a child.

School-Based Mentoring: School Based Bigs take lunch to their Little Brother or Little Sister once a week. Spend an hour together and eat lunch, play games, read or just talk. This program is available in Galveston, Monday – Friday, at various lunch hours. It is also available in Texas City on Monday. It's the little things that matter the most!

YMCA After School Mentoring – Can't do lunch? That's OK! We partnered with the YMCA for an After School Mentoring Program. Pick a day when you have free time between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Hang out for about an hour and play games, help with homework, or just sit and talk with your Little at the Galveston YMCA.

Kiwanis BUG Program--A partnership with Galveston Kiwanis Club
 Many children struggle in one or more subjects. BUG volunteers can help students Bring Up Grades on Thursdays at Parker Elementary School in Galveston between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. BUG mentors choose a 30 minute window to spend with a child at school to tutor and help with class assignments. Whether it is a worksheet, flash cards or reading a book, 30 minutes makes a BIG impact on a child and can help Bring Up their Grades!

Your Little Brother or Little Sister is waiting!

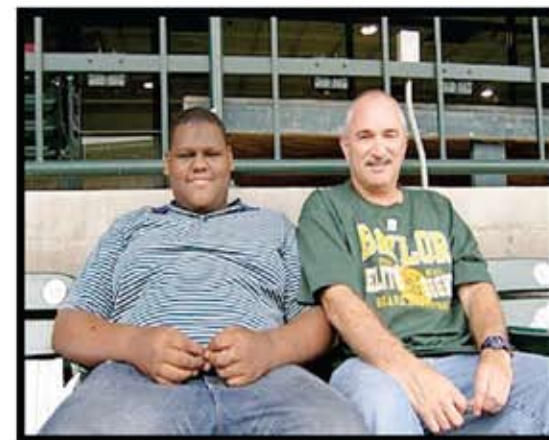
Please raise your hand and volunteer to be a mentor!

Get involved today! For more information please call 409-763-4638.

Can't be a Big? That's ok...refer a Big by telling your friends about us or support a Big with a contribution to Gulf Coast Big Brothers Big Sisters (see back page) or visit our secure website at www.mentorsgc.org



Big Sister Giselle Lombard had this to say about her experience: *"I thought I was going to make an influence on Amy's life, hopefully teach her some different life lessons, but being a Big Sister has taught me lessons and opened my eyes. This experience has helped me to grow as a person."*



Big Brother Greg Samford shared his experience: *"Being Nathan's Big Brother is a daily reminder to me that we enjoy life and have our most productive days when we are helping others see their dreams become reality."*

Start Something Big.... ..a race, a book , a new friendship !!

Congratulations To Our New Community Based & School Based Matches!



BB Alvin Mathew
LB Devonte—SB



BS Victoria Shepard LS
Junisha—CB



BS Samantha Brennan
LS Shyann—SB



BS Sabrina DeRaimo
LS Kimberly—SB



BS Kimberly Hedderman
LS Jazzmin—SB



BS Hillary Gramm LS
Emily—CB



BS Anna Nevitt
LS Elouisa—SB



BB Ronald Caraway
LB Chris—CB



BB Jerin Thomas
LB Derion—SB



BB Daniel Frank
LB Andre—SB



BB Cody Tatum LB
Coby—CB



BB Christopher Keta
LB Aaron—SB



BS Hannah Cline LS
Keyera—CB



BS Caitlin Sprowls
LS Allyssa—SB



BS Carolyn Sunseri
LS Allison—SB



BS Christen Watt
LS Dorothy—SB



BB Chase Burns
LB Jacob—SB

Congratulations to our matches celebrating anniversaries in October, November & December!

Seven Years

BB Travis Young
& LB Melvin
BS Christine Hopkins
& LS Jasmine
BS Joyce Fant
& LS Michaela

Six Years

BS Sue Hanks
& LS Marquita

Five Years

BS Corey Labuzan
& LS Brittany
BS Linda Stickline
& LS Jamie
BB Paul Parker
& LB Ray

Four Years

BS Rene Wiley
& LS Angelique
BB Kurt Henry
& LB Demonta

One Year

BB Aaron Maxwell
LB Keven
BS Lana Croft
LS Clowie

BB Ronald Caraway
LB Malachi

BB Brent Richardson
LB Ki'Sean

Three Years

BB Bernard Godley
& LB Jaiden
BB Paul Garcia
& LB Jacob

Two Years

BS Courtney McClanahan
& LS Jamya
BB Sean Ratterree
& LB Joshua
BB Aaron Wyble
& LB Jacc

BB Gregg Ludwig
LB Christopher
BB Vic Geerts
LB Valerian



BS Leanne Petters and LS Terria had a
blast at the Blue Angels Air Show



Zachry Christmas Donation \$2,000

Tim Bartlett, Zachry Business Manager,
 Sonja Harrison of Zachry,
 GCBBS Executive Director Cindy Schulz
 & Wendi Long of Zachry.
 Both Sonja and Wendy have been Big Sisters!



Big Brother Ronald Caraway & LB Chris



Big Sister Sabrina DeRaimo & LS Kimberly

GCBBS 2012 Christmas Party

Over 160 Bigs, Littles, & other guests gathered to enjoy the Christmas magic at our 2012 Christmas Party hosted by the San Luis Hotel. All of our Little Brothers & Sisters talked to Santa as he handed out gifts. The Ball High School Toronettes gave an outstanding performance under the direction of Ball High School Toronettes' Director, Lindsay Griffin. Children laughed as they had their faces painted by board members Suzanne Radcliffe & Marie Robb. We all enjoyed the food, punch and friends!

We would like to thank our Bigs & Board of Directors, the San Luis Hotel, other partners and the many individuals who made this Christmas a huge success.

Because of you, Christmas was very special again this year! ~ GCBBS Staff



First Choice Power Reduce Your Energy Grant

\$1,990



Big Sister Hillary Gramm & LS Emily



Big Brother Ken Wederski & LB Larry

GCBBS would like to thank the following individuals, businesses, and foundations who contributed \$500 or more in grants and donations in 2012. Your support is crucial to our program's growth and we want you to know how much we appreciate you!

United Way of Galveston
 United Way Galveston County Mainland
 Yaga's Children's Fund
 Shelmark Engineering, L.L.C.
 Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust
 Sasser Family Foundation
 Exxon Mobil Foundation ~ Doug & Marge Tabony
 Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate, Gary Green
 Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund
 John Moen & Chris Woolwine

BP Texas City
 Zachry Industrial
 First Choice Power
 Meadows Foundation / Amachi Texas
 Grant Family Fund
 The Moody Foundation
 The Moody Mansion
 Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church —
 Permanent Endowment Fund

Moody National Bank
 Valero
 Allstate Foundation
 Trull Foundation
 The Conti Gift Fund
 Kiwanis Club of Galveston
 Patricia McCloy
 Jamail Galveston Foundation
 Southwest Airlines Charitable Giving
 George & Cynthia Mitchell Foundation

MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Ball High School Dancing Dolls—LS Ebony, 3rd row far left



Big Brother Joe Morgan & Little Brother Adam
Big Sister Sandy Lado & Little Sister Kayla



Board Member Marie Robb & Little Sister Keyera



2012 Valero Benefit for Children Grant \$20,000
GCBBS Board Vice President Bob Senter, Board Member Janice Pierson,
Board President Pamela Gabriel, & Brian Cathey of Valero

The Following Memorial & Honorary Donations Were Made to Gulf Coast BBBS

In Honor of
Roy & Kathy Ship
By Nicki Huprich

In Honor of
Gerson Bloom
By Dr. Andrew & Eleanor Grant

In Honor of
Nichi Dunphy
By Gayle Culbertson

In Honor of
Sean Musick

Sara Freudenburg **Troy Freudenburg**
Ian Freudenburg **Scottie Freudenburg**
Scott & Lisa Freudenburg **Paul & Margaret Freudenburg**
By Henry Freudenburg

TEEN DRIVING SAFETY

A Message from Our Partner,
Allstate Foundation



Each state has different teen driving laws.

You and your teen should become familiar with Texas laws.

Start A Conversation!

Talking to your teen about the rules of the road is important. Especially when you consider that approximately 4 out of 5 teens said their parents are the best influence in getting them to be safer drivers. As a way to get started, Allstate Foundation has created a Parent-Teen Driving Agreement. It can help you discuss your teen's responsibilities when driving or riding as a passenger with another teen.

Texas laws include:

Nighttime driving restriction 12:00 am until 5:00 am: During this time, your teen can only drive if a parent/guardian is with them or if they are traveling during a school activity, work or medical emergency.

Passenger restrictions for the first year of licensure: During this time, your teen may drive with ONLY ONE unrelated passenger under 21 yrs old.

Cell phone use and texting are both prohibited except for emergencies.

The Allstate Parent-Teen Driving Agreement can be found online at: <http://mentorsgc.org/news-and-events>

Make a contribution *In Memory Of*
or *In Honor Of* a friend or loved one.

Yes! I would like to support the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters!

_____ In Memory of _____ In Honor of

Name to recognize: _____

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of: \$ _____

Please charge my credit card in the amount of: \$ _____

Please Circle: MC Visa Discover Amer Express

Card # _____ Exp: ____/____ VCN # _____

Name on card/check: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Mail to: GCBBS 1413 Tremont Galveston, TX 77550