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B O W L
FOR KIDS' SAKE



Mentoring is a crucial component to raising children. Research shows that successful adults had an average of 4-6 positive role models in their life growing up. Every child can benefit from the one-to-one attention and guidance provided in a mentoring relationship. Since our agency has to raise 100% of our program and operating budget, BFKS is more than a fundraiser, it is the single largest source of funding for our agency and the lifeline that enables our doors to remain open to the families whose child needs a positive role model in their life.

This summer we hosted our third annual BFKS Kick-Off Party to help raise funds needed to provide mentors for children throughout Galveston County. Our guests browsed the Silent Auction tables, which featured a wide variety of must-have items and packages, enjoyed dinner and drinks and anxiously awaited the drawing of the three winning names in our Super Raffle. The lucky winners were Roland Bassett — the all-expense-paid trip for a two-night stay at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas; Rabbi Jimmy Kessler — two-night stay at the YO Ranch in Kerrville, TX plus a \$50 gift Card; and Marty Bilek — two-night stay at the Moody Gardens Hotel plus Four VIP Attraction Tickets.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation from our former GCBBS Little Brother, Zhelun Chen. Zhelun told the guests how his life was changed when he was matched with his Big Brother George. Having immigrated from China with his parents when he was just 9 years old, Zhelun said his inability to speak or understand English labeled him as the "weird" kid by the other students and he felt socially ostracized among his peers. However, Zhelun said after he was matched with his Big Brother, his life turned around. Besides being his only friend, Zhelun said George helped him to learn English and gave him the self-confidence he needed to not only succeed in school, but to become very active in civic affairs, which helped him determine his own personal direction in life. Zhelun credits his Big Brother George for all of his accomplishments and for helping him find his self-confidence and overcome his insecurities. Zhelun concluded by saying, this is what the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program is all about — helping kids like him to reach their full potential so that they can become successful adults! Zhelun is a sophomore at the University of Texas in Austin studying international affairs and is now a Big Brother himself.

We would like to offer a special thank you to our underwriters Vic Pierson, of Moody National Bank, for hosting the fabulous buffet from Benno's and Betty Massey for providing the perfect location for our party once again this year, The Moody Mansion. In addition, special thanks to our Fund Development Committee led by Co-Chairs Karen Owen and Janice Pierson and their committee members Gloria Diaz, Mary Dickson, Harriet Dues, Pamela Gabriel and Hillary Gramm for breaking last year's record of dollars raised for our kids.

**2013 Bowl for Kids' Sake
Kick-Off Party a Huge Success!**

Photos courtesy of Jim and Lynda Guidry



Board President Pamela Gabriel, Executive Director Cindy Schulz and featured speaker Zhelun Chen



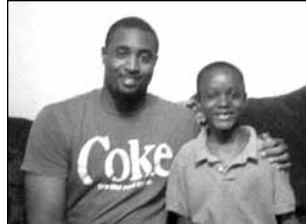
BFKS Kickoff Party Silent Auction Table



Benno's Buffet

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our new community based
& school based matches!



BB Cedrick Hensley
LB Corey — CB



BB Christopher Ketay
LB Aaron — CB



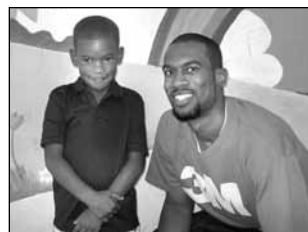
BB Mike Ross
LB Patrick — CB



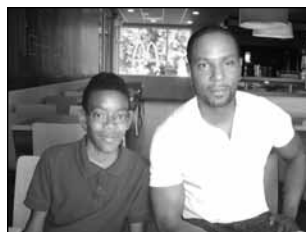
BB Rene Przkora
LB Israel — CB



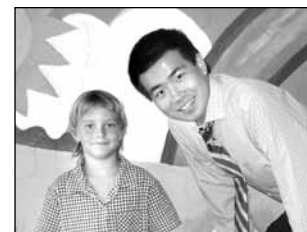
BB Robert Riggs
LB Willie — CB



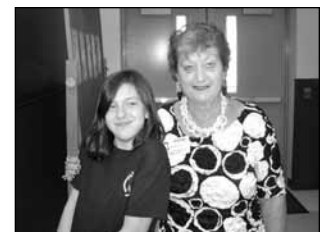
BB Taylor Jenkins
LB Royal — CB



BB Timothy Herd
LB William — CB



BB Zhelun Chen
LB Zander — CB



BS Benita Zapalac
LS Madison — SB



BS Gianni Hanlon
LS Stacie — CB



BS Jennifer Lapin
LS Re'Nae — CB



BS Karen Brown
LS LaQuisha — CB



BS Leticia Perez
LS Tierra — CB



BS Nikki Vogel
LS Abigail — CB



BS Sylvia Gongora
LS Hope — CB

CONGRATULATIONS

To our matches celebrating anniversaries in July, August & September

COMMUNITY-BASED

ONE YEAR

BS Patricia Barger
LS Destinee

BS Celeste Stephenson
LS Hailey

BS Hannah Bartrow
LS Emily

BS Stanley Dudek
LB Logan

BS Courtnie Durbin
LS Jayzia

BS Harrette Howard
LS Emerald

BS Vanessa Hernandez

LS Storm

TWO YEARS

BB Greg Cavin
LB Hayden

BS Resa Davidson
LS Journie

BS Laurette Ruiz
LS Rebecca

BB Sergio Luna
LB Charles

BS Apreia Booker
LS Donisha

BS Camille Jones
LS Radiance

BS Stacie Legge

LS Ariya

THREE YEARS

BB Matthew Smith
LB Joseph

BB Sean Ratterree
LB Joshua

FOUR YEARS

BS Nikisha Clementin
LS Latricia

BB Andre Kinsey
LB Lonnie

FIVE YEARS

BB Travis Young
LB Melvin

BB Jeremy Mohon
LB Lyndell

BB Joe Morgan
LB Addam

BB David Lantz
LB Keanu

BB Ken Wederski
LB Larry

SCHOOL-BASED

ONE YEAR

BB Richard DeVries
LB Joshua

BS Marianne Seidl
LS Makayla

TWO YEARS

BB Bob Senter
LB Gerald

BS Patricia Barger
LS Destinee



GCBBS staff Jeremy Mohon, Helga Patterson and Cindy Schulz



Board Member D'Lorah Collier
The Wild Socks Team



Board Member Steve Mataro & DSW Homes Team



Sand 'N Sea Team

2013 Bowling Totals

Congratulations and special thanks to the Board of Directors, GCBBS staff, our corporate & individual sponsors, and bowlers for making our 28th Annual BFKS Event an overwhelming success!

Special thanks to **AMF Star Lanes, Texas City** for their wonderful hospitality and for hosting our 2013 event again this year. **BFKS is the single largest source of funding for our agency**, and the continued community support of this event helps us to change the lives of the hundreds of children we serve for the better, forever and for that we are most thankful.

1st Place Team Honors for raising the most money for the fifth year in a row is **The Wild Socks** led by D'Lorah Collier, board member, with \$3,328.

OTHER TEAM TOTALS

2nd Place	DSW Homes.....	\$2,700	Steve Mataro, board member
3rd Place.....	Sand 'N Sea Properties	\$1,150	Pamela Gabriel, board member
4th Place	Tim Wilson.....	\$904.....	UTMB
5th Place	Nicki Huprich.....	\$760.....	RE/MAX Leading Edge and Big Sister
6th Place	Moody Gardens	\$750	

1st Place Individual who raised the most money is **Barbara Legate** with another record-breaking total of \$3,565!

OTHER HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

2nd Place	Michael Bussey.....	\$1,502
3rd Place.....	Tim Wilson	\$925
4th Place	Bobo Conde.....	\$600
5th Place	Glenda Murphy	\$300
5th Place	D'Lorah Collier	\$300



Tim Wilson's
Pin Crushers Team



BB Shane Monroe
& Team Horne



Board Member Mary
Dickson's TCISD Team



Board Member Betty Schocke
— Action Personnel Team



BS's Sylvia & Karen &
LS's Hope & Laquisha



Deacons of
Deadwood Team



GCBBS Board Team



Hotel Galvez Team



BB Ken & LB Larry



BS Nicki Huprich —
RE/MAX Leading Edge Team



Moody Gardens Team



Zachry Team



Big Brother Scott Grell — Ashland Team

More BFKS pictures!



Board Members Patrick Graham & Brad Boney with Jennifer Burnett



Board Advisory Members Judge Jim Schweitzer & Nichi Dunphy



Barbara & Don Legate

1st Place Individual Fundraiser – Barbara Legate

GCBBS would like to congratulate Barbara Legate for being the 1st Place Individual Fundraiser! For more than 10 years Barbara has raised money for this campaign and has won the Grand Prize of Two Southwest Airlines tickets again this year. Thank you Barbara for raising an amazing \$3,565, breaking your previous year's record yet again! How does she do it? She does it all via email and Facebook! For this we are eternally grateful to Barbara and her husband Don for their dedicated support and hard work helping us to enrich the lives of children we serve throughout Galveston County.

"I became interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters many years ago when a friend asked if I would bowl with her in the Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS) fundraising event. I started with my family and friends and then started asking everyone I knew if they would sponsor me for the event. I didn't realize how easy it was to raise money! Most everyone I asked agreed to sponsor me at some level. The trophy and prizes are nice but the "BIG" deal is the children we help with the funds raised through BFKS each year. I love raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters and know how much they appreciate all fundraising efforts. I look forward to BFKS each year and to raising money for this wonderful organization!"

— Barbara Legate



Board Member Janice Pierson & Gene Hornstein



Board Member Ross Grief placing a bid

The following memorial donations were made to Gulf Coast BBBS

In Memory of Gail Schulz Hester

By the following:

- Ms. Diane Bergstrom
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Broll
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cook
- Mr. & Mrs. Les Daughtry, Jr.
- Moody National Bank Staff
- Ms. Sharon Levy Pagan & Stewart Pagan
- Mr. Louis Pauls Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reid
- Mr. V. J. Tramonte

In Memory of former Little Sister Mykeisha Drummond

By GCBBS Staff

Thank you Elks Lodge #126 & Casa Del Mar for hosting our annual pool parties!



BB Vic Geerts & LB Valerian
Elks' Lodge Pool Party



Casa Del Mar Pool Party