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**BOWL
FOR KIDS' SAKE**



For 110 years, Big Brothers & Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. In order to sustain that mission of mentoring Gulf Coast Big Brothers & Big Sisters (GCBBS) hosted our 4th Annual BFKS Kick-Off Party on July 23, which raised critical funding to provide mentors for children throughout Galveston County who want and need a positive role model in their life. Guests browsed the Silent Auction tables which featured a wide variety of fabulous items and packages, enjoyed dinner and drinks provided by Benno's, and anxiously awaited the drawing of the three winning names in our Super Raffle. The lucky winners were: Ross Grief – the all expense paid trip for a Two Night Stay at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas including a Limo, Restaurant Gift Certificates and Two Southwest Airlines Tickets; Art Mabasa – 7-Day Carnival Cruise with an Ocean View Cabin; and Melissa Wheatley – The Ultimate Party Wagon.

A highlight of the evening was presentations from two of our matches: Big Brother Ken Wederski and Little Brother Larry and Big Sister Hillary Gramm and Little Sister Emily. Ken told our guests that he and Larry, a special-needs child, were matched right before Hurricane Ike hit our area. Larry was 9 years old at the time and he just turned 15 this year. Ken proudly told everyone about Larry's recent presentation to the Dickinson ISD School Board as part of a SPEAK program he was enrolled in. Larry's presentation included a notebook he created about Big Brothers Big Sisters with pictures of him and Ken participating in some of the agency's activities. Ken said Larry wowed the school board and those in attendance. Larry presented his BBBS notebook at our BFKS Kickoff Party and did an amazing job. Ken said it is great to see how much Larry has progressed and grown over the past six years. Ken said he looks forward to each venture they go on every week. Ken and Larry share a very special bond and they will always be "brothers." In fact, the first thing Larry will tell you when you meet him is "Ken is my Big Brother!"

Big Sister Hillary and Little Sister Emily talked about the importance of giving back. Hillary and Emily have been matched since November 2012. Hillary said she and Emily love giving back to the community and helping those who are less fortunate. They recently cooked dinner for 20 homeless people in Hillary's kitchen! Hillary said they spend their time together not only doing fun "girly stuff" but they also discuss ways to avoid potential problems and solutions that will help Emily make better choices. Hillary said they are very open with one another and Emily feels safe to talk to her about any problems or situations she encounters. Hillary said she adores Emily. "She is a part of my family!" Emily echoed her Big Sister's sentiments and said she is learning so much from her Big Sister about life and giving back. Emily said they will be "sisters forever!"

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, Marie Robb, and Cynthia Smith for another very successful event benefiting our kids.

**2014 Bowl for Kids' Sake
Kick-Off Party a Huge Success!**

Photos courtesy of Jim and Lynda Guidry



BB Ken Wederski & LB Larry



BS Hillary Gramm & LS Emily



Silent Auction Table



CONGRATULATIONS!

To our new community based matches!



BB Michael Rape and
LB John – CB



BB Richard DeVries and
LB Joshua – CB



BB Solomon Gee and
LB Travon – CB



BB Steven Mooney and
LB Juan – CB



BS Denise DeVries and
LS Diamond – CB



BS Jo Mooney and
LS Darryeh – CB



BS Kelsey Kirschmann and
LS hope – CB



BS Kristen Burns and
LS Angelina – CB



Board Member Mary Dickson's Team



Moody Gardens Team



Sand 'N Sea Team

CONGRATULATIONS

To our matches celebrating anniversaries in July, August & September

COMMUNITY-BASED

One Year

BB Rene Przkora
LB Israel

BS Jennifer Lapin
LS RaNae

BB Timothy Herd
LB William

BB Taylor Jenkins
LB Royal

BB Robert Riggs
LB Willie

BB Cedrick Hensley
LB Corey

BS Gianni Hanlon
LS Stacie

Two Years

BS Patricia Barger
LS Destinee

BB Stanley Dudek
LB Logan

BS Harrette Howard
LS Emerald

BS Vanessa Hernandez
LS Storm

Three Years
BB Greg Cavin
LB Hayden

BS Resa Davidson
LS Journie

BS Apreia Booker
LS Donisha

BS Camille Jones
LS Radiance

BS Stacie Legge
LS Ariya Mack

Four Years
BB Sean Ratterree
LB Joshua

Five Years
BS Nikisha Clementin
LS Latricia

BS Ellen Goldhirsh
LS Dominique

Six 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

Nine Years
BS Christine Hopkins
LS Jasmine

The following memorial and honorary donations were made to Gulf Coast BBBS

In Memory of
Ruth Rabe Byard
By Mitzi Nevelow Levy

Helen Corman
By Don & Barbara Legate

Barbara Jo Buck Deese
By Robert Ross & Family



BB Scott Grell – Ashland Team



Board Member D'Lorah Collier's Wild Socks Team



Board Member Pamela Gabriel Team



BS Hillary Gramm & LS Emily, BB Timothy Herd & Littles

2014 Bowling Totals

Congratulations and special thanks to the Board of Directors, GCBBS staff, our corporate & individual sponsors, and bowlers for making our 29th Annual BFKS Event an overwhelming success!

Special thanks to **AMF Star Lanes, Texas City** for their wonderful hospitality and for hosting our 2014 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 \$1,740.

OTHER TEAM TOTALS

2nd Place	Moody Gardens.....	\$750	
2nd Place	Sand 'N Sea Properties	\$750	Pamela Gabriel Board Member
3rd Place.....	Ashland	\$717	Big Brother Scott Grell
4th Place	RE/MAX Leading Edge	\$650	Big Sister Nicki Huprich

The First Place individual who raised the most money is **Barbara Legate** with another record breaking total of \$3,850!

OTHER HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

2nd Place	Olivia Rodriguez	\$849
3rd Place.....	Bobo Conde.....	\$600
4th Place	D'Lorah Collier	\$565

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Moody Bank Team



Board Member Billy Joe Strawn – Sherwin Williams Team



MaryBeth Smith, Elizabeth & Eileen Donlon



Deacons of Deadwood Team #2



BB Solomon Gee & LB Travon, BB Gary Hoffman & LB Dionisio



BB's Jeremy Mohon & Ken Wederski with LB's



BS Rosie Zile, LS Alezae & Luke



BS Nichi Huprich – REMAX Leading Edge Team



Deacons of Deadwood Team #1 & Board Members



MaryBeth Smith, Camryn Bacon, Sophie Ramono, & Brooke Hopkins – Tom Schwenk Team



BS Sandra Kim & LS Anjel, BB Greg Watson & LB Stephen



Bob & Jenny Senter & Son Clark



Cindy Schulz, Past President Susan Broll with Board Members



Board Member Marie Robb and Chris Robb



Board Members Gloria Diaz & Karen Owen



Jan & John Brick with Lynda Guidry



Leonard & Maryrine Woolsey

1st Place Individual Fundraiser ~ Barbara Legate



Barbara & Don 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 \$3,850, 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 commitment 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



Chris Delesandri & Bob Senter

The Charlie Weaver Story

Chris Delesandri, United Way Galveston County Mainland Executive Director, presented Board President Bob Senter and Executive Director Cindy Schulz the first of a series of comic books, designed and created by Glenn Laborde of Valero.

"The Charlie Weaver Story" is based on a fictional character whose dad was fatally injured in the war. Charlie is having difficulty focusing on being "just a kid" until his teacher recommends Big Brothers Big Sisters to Charlie's mom. Charlie is matched with a Big Brother and his life begins to change. He finally has someone to teach him how to play baseball, help him with math, or just be there for him when he needs someone to talk to. Charlie now believes anything is possible, thanks to his Big Brother.

This comic book truly captures the mission and impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Thank you Glenn and Valero Publicity!

