



PREMIER IN THE COMMUNITY

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TOYS FOR TOTS

Thanks to everyone who donated to Toys for Tots this year. Many children will be grateful for the gifts you made possible this holiday season.



COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: LACY HENNESSY

This month, our team member in the spotlight is Lacy Hennessy, Network Management Specialist. In her words, "I have been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach County for almost 5 years. I have been a "Big Sister" to my "Little Sister", Diana, since she was 11 years old. She is 15 now and it has been amazing to watch her grow from a child to a teenager. We usually spend a couple of days together each month, doing various activities such as bowling, trying new restaurants, getting our nails done, working on homework and much more. I really enjoy spending time mentoring and teaching Diana, we have a lot of fun together and I learn just as much from her in return. I love being a Big Sister and although the program ends when the Little turns 18, Diana and I will certainly always be sisters."

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin County. They have volunteer information on their site at <http://mentorbig.org/volunteer/>. Unfortunately, Broward county's closed due to lack of funding. For Miami-Dade county, go to <http://www.bbbsmiami.org/get-involved/be-a-big/>.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

In 1904, a young New York City court clerk named Ernest Kent Coulter was seeing many boys come through his courtroom. He recognized that caring adults could help many of these boys stay out of trouble, and he set out to find volunteers. That marked the beginning of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City and the Big Brothers movement. By 1916, Big Brothers had spread to 96 cities across the country. At around the same time, the members of a group called Ladies of Charity were befriending girls who had come through the New York Children's Court. That group would later become Catholic Big Sisters, an independent organization.

In 1958, the Big Brothers Association was granted a Congressional charter. Big Sisters International was founded in 1970. Both groups continued to work independently until 1977, when Big Brothers of America and Big Sisters International joined forces and became Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Big Brothers Big Sisters currently operates in all 50 states and in 13 countries around the world, including Australia, Austria, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman Islands, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago.

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