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Attention football fans! The third annual Carolina - Clemson Pep Rally is set for **November 22, 2011**. Enjoy meeting Tiger and Gamecock players, cheering for your team during game highlights, or bidding on an auction item. You can also listen and dance to music from the band, and indulge in a cold drink and fantastic food. You are sure to find something spectacular at this event, so get a group of friends together and support your favorite team.

No matter which team you root for, at risk children will be the real winners. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit BBBS and help serve more at risk kids across the Upstate.

Individual tickets are \$40 and sponsorships are available at the \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 levels. The festivities kick-off at 6:00 p.m. at The Embassy Suites Hotel located at 670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville, South Carolina.

Tickets: www.bbbsupstate.com or (864) 242-0676

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FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF CHALLENGE RAISES MONEY FOR BBBS UPSTATE

The fourth annual BBBS golf tournament was held on Monday July 18, 2011. Sixteen teams participated to support BBBS Upstate. Because of their donations, more at risk children will be matched with a Big Brother or a Big Sister. Thank you!



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SECOND ANNUAL BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE ANDERSON A SUCCESS

The second annual Bowl For Kids' SAKE Anderson was a striking success thanks to support from sponsors and participants. Everyone laced up their shoes and hit the bowling lanes for a great cause. Proceeds from this successful event will support BBBS Upstate and help more at risk children reach their full potential.



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BBBS UPSTATE TAKES MATCHES TO COLUMBIA AND CHARLOTTE

Forty Little Brothers and Little Sisters took an overnight road trip with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate in May. The kids enjoyed a tour of the South Carolina Statehouse, the South Carolina State Museum, and a fun day at Carowinds in Charlotte, North Carolina. The trip was made possible by a grant from an anonymous donor.



MATCHES TOUR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

It's never too early to get kids interested in attending college. That's why Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate offered this opportunity to get motivated about Clemson University. Matches toured the Clemson campus and met football players Andre Ellington, Courtnie Brown, and Phillip Price. The kids also received a tour of the sports facilities and autographed posters. Matches also enjoyed lunch at the Mellow Mushroom.





BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ HELPS LITTLE BROTHERS AND LITTLE SISTERS START OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

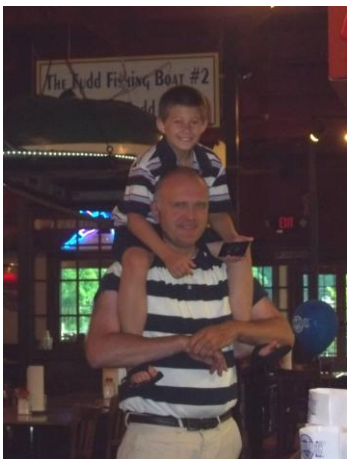
The Back To School BBQ in Greenville helped dozens of Little Brothers and Little Sisters start the school year right. Matches and family members gathered at McPherson Park in downtown Greenville on August 19th for food and fun. The annual event is a popular way to help get the kids geared up for a successful school year.



BBBS UPSTATE MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



Hosea & Andy
Matched in Spartanburg in July



Harmut & Joshua
Celebrate their one year match anniversary in Anderson



Tammy & Shatessa
Matched in Greenville in August



BBBS UPSTATE BOARD NEWS ~ Six New Members Join The Board Of Directors

BBBS Upstate would like to welcome six new members to our Board of Directors. Cathy Achtenhagen, Zach Bartness, Jan Cancilla, Reggie Ellison, Beth Harrison, and Seldon Peden joined the board over the summer.

Cathy Achtenhagen is a mortgage loan officer for Regions Mortgage. Cathy is originally from Wisconsin, but is proud to call Greenville home. She recently moved to Greenville from Florida when she decided she wanted to be close to her daughter.

Zach Bartness is owner of Allstate Insurance Agency in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Zach grew up near Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Clemson University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Management and an emphasis in Real Estate. Zach is a Big Brother and has been matched with his Little Brother for more than 2 ½ years.

Jan Cancilla is an interior designer with DreamMaker, Bath and Kitchen. She is originally from Niagra Falls, New York and has lived in Greenville for six years. Jan has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from SUNY at Brockport, New York and SUNY at Buffalo, New York. She also received her degree in interior design from Villa Maria College in Buffalo, New York. Jan is also a certified drug educator. Her granddaughter had a Big Sister, and Jan says she has seen how Big Brothers Big Sisters can really make a difference in a child's life.

Reggie Ellison is Director of Operations at the Center For Developmental Services. Reggie graduated Magna Cum Laude from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She completed her post-graduate studies in Entrepreneurialism and Community & Economic Development from Furman University and Penn State. Reggie believes in order to help a child reach his or her full potential, we must meet them where they are, when they are ready, without judgment or unrealistic expectations.

Beth Harrison is a Greenville native and graduate of Parker High School. She is currently a Sales Representative at Custom Images, Inc. Beth has a passion for helping children and wants to help them reach their full potential. Beth married her high school sweetheart and they have two children and four grandchildren with one more on the way.

Seldon Peden is from Greenville and currently works for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. He graduated from Southside High School and earned his degree in Political Science from Morehouse College. Seldon also graduated from the University of the District of Columbia School of Law, where he served as the law school's student body president and was twice selected among "Outstanding Law Student's of America".

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Beth Harrison



BBBS UPSTATE STAFF NEWS

STAFF SPOTLIGHT ~ Spartanburg County Director Charlene Cheeks

Charlene Cheeks is the BBBS Upstate Spartanburg Site Director. Charlene started working for BBBS Upstate fifteen years ago. Charlene is originally from Spartanburg and graduated from Dorman High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Converse College in Psychology and Sociology. Charlene is married and has two daughters, Hannah and Bethany. Charlene's husband, Tensley, is a pastor at Royal Priesthood and the Outreach Ministries. They enjoy staying involved with their church and their community. In addition to helping children, Charlene loves to read and spend time with her family. **Thank you Charlene!**



Charlene Cheeks



Annie Cavallaro

NEW STAFF MEMBER ~ Annie Cavallaro

Annie Cavallaro joined the BBBS Upstate team in August as our AmeriCorps Vista volunteer. She works in the Spartanburg office, interviewing potential Bigs and Littles and making matches. Annie is originally from Maine. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Life Science from The University of Southern Maine. Annie has experience working with children of all ages, in leadership, motivational and teaching capacities. **Welcome aboard Annie!**

WELCOME BACK ~ Kris Alongi

Kris Alongi is executive assistant and program specialist at BBBS Upstate in Greenville. She recently took some time off to welcome the newest addition to the Alongi family. Joseph Frank Alongi was born on May 31, 2011 and weighed six pounds four ounces. Kris is thankful she was able to spend time with Joey after he was born, but she is also thrilled to be back with her other family, the **BBBS Upstate team!**



Kris, Paul and Joey Alongi

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