



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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CAROLINA-CLEMSON PEP RALLY SET FOR NOVEMBER

Attention Gamecock and Tiger fans! Get ready to sport your best school colors and cheer for your favorite team while supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate. BBBS Upstate is hosting its first Carolina-Clemson Pep Rally for the big game on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. All proceeds will benefit BBBS Upstate.

This exciting fundraiser will be held at ZEN, located at 924 South Main Street in downtown Greenville. The Pep Rally will feature food from Larkins on the River, a silent auction, raffle, games, and of course football highlights throughout the night. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and wraps up at 10:00 p.m.

So mark your calendars, get a group of friends together and plan on attending this awesome event. Don't forget to show your school spirit, you never know, you just might win a prize for your creativity!

Sponsors for the event so far are: Jack In The Box Foundation, Columbia Farms a division of House of Raeford, Allegra Print and Imaging Spartanburg, Kohl's, Rendezvous, Larkins on the River, and Zen.

Tickets cost \$250 for a table of ten and \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door for an individual



BIG BROTHERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

BBBS Upstate especially needs male mentors! Right now, there are about **50 Little boys** just waiting for a Big. It doesn't cost any money, just your time. In fact, it only takes **six hours a month** to help a child reach his full potential. Who do you know who would be a great role model? Be sure to pass along our contact information, (864) 242-0676, www.bbbsupstate.com. Remember, Little Moments.... Big Magic.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF THE YEAR!

Every year, BBBS Upstate likes to recognize Big Brothers and Big Sisters who go the extra mile. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of our Bigs and all the work that they do to help their Littles reach their full potential. But sometimes there are those who deserve an extra pat on the back.



Greg and David

Greg Williams was named Big Brother of the year in Greenville. Greg has been a Big for about two years. He organizes the annual Poker Run which has raised \$8,000 in two years for BBBS Upstate. Greg mentors two Littles and visits with them several times a month. Thank you Greg for all that you do!



Shemaria and Tiffany

Tiffany Kassab-Williams was named Big Sister of the year in Greenville. Tiffany has been a Big Sister for three years. Tiffany has kept her Little motivated to improve her grades. Tiffany even helped her Little design a volcano for a science project and delivered it to the school herself! As a result, her Little's grades have improved. Great job Tiffany!



Jimmy and D.J.

Jimmy Greene was named Big Brother of the year in Spartanburg. Jimmy has been a Big Brother for one year, but he and his Little communicate as if they have known each other all their lives. Jimmy was a Little Brother himself and he says he wanted to help another Little benefit from a mentoring relationship. Thanks Jimmy!

Kiunta Foster has been a Big Sister for four years. She was named Big Sister of the year in Spartanburg. Her Little wrote a letter about Kiunta, saying that she is the only Big Sister she ever wanted! Kiunta has really taken her Little under her wing and given her unconditional friendship. Nice job Kiunta!



Kiunta and Brianna



BIGS AND LITTLES KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A BBQ BASH!

Let's make it a great school year everyone!

BBBS Upstate kicked off another school year with a great barbecue in Greenville and Spartanburg. The picnics were a wonderful way to show our thanks to the Bigs, Littles, parents and staff. There was lots of food, games and fun. Back packs full of school supplies were handed out thanks to The United Way of Greenville, McBee Station Apartments, and the Spartanburg Downtown Rotary Club. And the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the year were announced. Thanks to all who attended! If you couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year.



Terry Hypes and Derrick Sullivan show their appreciation to everyone.

School supplies help the Littles start school on the right foot.



Time to show your best moves!



Getting creative while making thank you cards.



HUDDLE UP!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A GREAT SUCCESS

Little brothers and Little sisters from BBBS Upstate took some time on Friday, August 14th to learn how to be a leader, get involved in their community and make good decisions. They attended the Youth Leadership Summit in Spartanburg at The Hangar. Marc Lamont Hill, professor at Columbia University in New York, was the guest speaker. His comments were met with a standing ovation! Spartanburg Mayor Bill Barnett also addressed the children.

The kids took classes on political involvement, emotional literacy and community involvement from different local leaders. Then, they got ideas on which college or university they would like to attend at the Educational Market. They also learned about volunteer opportunities with the arts and various non-profit groups.

The students wrapped up the day with a theatrical performance by Imagine That, which teaches kids how to avoid negative peer pressure.



BBBS UPSTATE WELCOMES KRIS ALONGI, EXECUTIVE ASSIST./PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Kris Alongi was named the new executive assistant/program specialist for BBBS Upstate on July 1, 2009. Alongi joins the staff with thirteen years experience as a news anchor/reporter, most recently WSPA-TV, and more than two years experience selling residential real estate at Coldwell Banker Caine.

Kris received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of

Northern Iowa with a double major in broadcasting and Spanish. She lived in Spain for six months while in college, learning the language and the culture.

Kris has been a Big sister with the same Little for six years. She and her Little enjoy going to the park, visiting the library, playing checkers, biking, hiking and kayaking.



Kris Alongi

BBBS STAFF SPOTLIGHT – Lamont Sullivan

Lamont Sullivan is the Greenville Site Director for BBBS Upstate. He joined the staff in 2003.

Sullivan has been instrumental in helping expand the school-based mentoring program. He visits Mauldin, Riverside and Eastside High Schools to recruit and train students. The school-based program currently serves children at Bells Crossing, Bethel, Buena Vista, Greenbriar, Mauldin, Sara Collins and Woodland Elementary Schools.

Sullivan helped establish a new program called the Hyatt Helpers. Employees from The Hyatt Regency will mentor students at Stone Academy. This year, 22 employees have volunteered.

Sullivan also played a key role in forming partnerships with Furman, Clemson, and North Greenville Universities this year. This will help increase the number of children served.

Sullivan graduated from North Greenville University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and is currently pursuing his Master's of Divinity.

Sullivan has been married to Shonette Sullivan for nine years. They have two children, eight year old Destiny and six year old Micah. The Sullivan's are expecting their third child in March. **Congratulations Lamont!**



Lamont Sullivan

OUR STAFF

Mr. Terry Hypes, CEO

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Mr. Derrick Sullivan, Program Director

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Ms. Allison Caulk, Jump Start for Active Living Program Coordinator

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Ms. Farrah Norris, Program Coordinator, Anderson County/Intern



BBBS UPSTATE BOARD ADDS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Rick Cauthen is a commercial broker with Coldwell Banker Commercial in Greenville, South Carolina. Cauthen joins the board with more than 25 years experience in management site location consulting, economic development, international business development, marketing project management and construction. Cauthen received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Clemson University.

Marvin Johnson is store manager of Kohl's in Anderson, South Carolina. Johnson joins the board with twelve years management experience in the retail sales industry. Johnson received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from North Carolina Wesleyan College. Johnson saw this position on the Board of Directors as a good opportunity to reach out to the community and children. He hopes to help increase exposure for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate in Anderson, South Carolina.

Isaac McKissick is Director of School and District Partnerships for Spartanburg County School District Seven. McKissick is a native of Union, South Carolina and a graduate of the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. McKissick earned advanced degrees in Engineering Management and Applied Economics and Finance from the University of Detroit-Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. His accomplishments as a businessman in education earned him recognition as Champion for Public Education by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Frederick Turner is material program manager at Lockheed Martin in Greenville, South Carolina. Turner received his Bachelor of Science Degree in management from Long Island University in New York. Turner has a vast background in management training covering areas such as program management, project leadership and diversity training. Turner is a member of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Urban League of the Upstate, Lockheed Martin Mentoring Program, Hands on Greenville and is affiliated with Junior Achievement in San Antonio, Texas.

Upcoming Events

Carolina-Clemson Pep Rally
November 24, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
ZEN in Greenville

Table Of Ten: \$250

Individual: \$20 in advance or
\$25 at the door

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