

Big Brothers Big Sisters Expansion Offers New Service in Palm Beach County

Palm Beach County, FL (January 7, 2010) – Big Brothers Big Sisters is pleased to announce the establishment of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The new agency expands the reach of service delivery to include both Palm Beach and Martin Counties. This new agency will be led by William P. Bee Jr., currently president/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County.

The expanded agency provides an opportunity for public and private partners and supporters to consolidate donations and enable their funding to support more families. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties will continue to provide on-going support for volunteers, children and parents, throughout the duration of all its mentoring relationships known as matches.

Volunteers who served as mentors and parents whose children were enrolled with the Palm Beach agency, which was closed in December, 2009, wishing to enroll as new Big Brothers Big Sisters matches through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties should [call \(772\) 283-8373](tel:7722838373) or [long on to www.mentorbig.org](http://www.mentorbig.org) to complete an application and undergo the screening process.

Under Bee's direction, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County was selected as one of the top 100 small businesses in South Florida (*Business Leader Magazine* -2009), and has an enviable 14% administration cost (2009 audit) in delivering its services.

“In the last five years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County rose to become one of the premier non profit operations in the area” said Bee, president/CEO of the former Martin County agency and the designated president/CEO of the new Palm Beach and Martin County Big Brothers Big Sisters. “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County is an agency that has demonstrated an ability to negotiate challenges and make them

opportunities. The new agency will continue to aspire in meeting community expectations and funder outcomes, while providing solid stewardship to all supporters.”

About Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps vulnerable children beat the odds. The organization depends on donations to help recruit volunteers and reach more children. Funding is used to conduct background checks on volunteers to ensure child safety; and provide ongoing support for children, families and volunteers to build and sustain long-lasting relationships. Big Brothers Big Sisters is proven to improve children’s odds for succeeding in school, behaving nonviolently, avoiding drugs and alcohol, and breaking negative cycles. Headquartered in Philadelphia and with nearly 400 agencies across the country, Big Brothers Big Sisters serves more than a quarter million children. Learn how you can change how children grow up in America by going to Mentorbig.org.

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