

# J. McLaughlin Vero Beach shopping event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Big Brothers Big Sisters St. Lucie,  
Indian River and Okeechobee Counties

VERO BEACH – J. McLaughlin hosted a fundraiser benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties at its Village Shops location in Vero Beach on Feb. 9.

Shoppers were invited to an afternoon sip and shop, with 15% of sales benefiting BBBS programs. The event included light eats and chilled rosé. Assistant Store Manager Wanda Welch and her stylish, outgoing team entertained shoppers alongside BBBS Chief Executive Officer Debbie Hawley.

The successful afternoon of shopping raised more than \$500 for the children BBBS serves.

"We had such a delightful afternoon with the fabulous team at J. McLaughlin," said Hawley. "We are so grateful for their financial support of our Big Brothers Big Sisters agency, but also for the opportunity to share our mission with their many customers. Our deepest thanks to Wanda and her team for making us part of the J. McLaughlin family."

J. McLaughlin co-owners and brothers Jay and Kevin McLaughlin set out to create a company culture of being good neighbors by partnering with trusted nonprofits like BBBS.

The nonprofit's youth mentoring programs are free for all participants, so events such as the sip and shop are crucial in funding these programs so youth can continue to achieve their full potential.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties Chief Executive Officer Debbie Hawley and J. McLaughlin Assistant Store Manager Wanda Welch.** PROVIDED BY BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ST. LUCIE, INDIAN RIVER AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES

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