

TREASURE COAST

Big Brothers Big Sisters CEO Debbie Hawley and former Big Brothers Big Sisters CEO Judi Miller at a previous event. PROVIDED BY MARYANN KETCHAM

Big Brothers Big Sisters to host 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs event

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

VERO BEACH – Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties will host its 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach.

The nonprofit's mission is to create

and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of our youth. BBBS programs are free for all participants, so fundraisers like CCC are crucial to maintaining a community that offers every opportunity for our youth to achieve their full potential.

The elegant evening will begin with cocktails, champagne and hors d'oeuvres followed by a seated din-

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Jean Kelly, Event Sponsor Linda Teetz and Jan Harrell at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 15th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event in 2023.



From left: Lee, Lucie and John Moore pictured with Dian DeFrancisci at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 15th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event in 2023.

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ner. Attendees will then enjoy a delicious tour of decadent chocolate desserts created by prominent local chefs. There will be a live auction, as well as raffles supported by generous local businesses and boutiques.

This year's impressive chef lineup includes Grand Harbor Beach & Golf Club's Executive Pastry Chef Tim Blouin, Sweet Desires Espresso Bar & Dessert Lounge Owner Brandy Buckner, A Kitchen of Her Own Founder Shari Pierce, The Flavored Fork Catering Owner Chef Matthew Piscitelli, and Quail Valley River Club's Chef Paty Prato.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 15th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) 2023 Honoree of the Year Bradley Lorimer with Joan Ohl.

BBBS will cheerfully celebrate its 40-year anniversary and CCC Honoree of



The Flavored Fork's Chef Matthew Piscitelli and wife Jillaine at previous Big Brothers Big Sisters event. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MARYANN KETCHAM

the Year Judi Miller at the event. Miller has been a dedicated supporter of BBBS for decades, serving as the nonprofit's

former CEO and a Big Sister to many Littles.

"We are so excited to have this opportunity to shower Judi with love and thanks for her many years of dedication to Big Brothers Big Sisters," said Debbie Hawley, BBBS chief executive officer. "She is truly a defender of potential for all."

Visit www.bbbsbig.org/events to purchase tickets. Contact BBBS Events Coordinator Connell Osteen at connell.osteen@bbbsbig.org or 772-466-8535 with questions regarding the event and/or sponsorship opportunities.

For more information about BBBS of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, visit www.bbbsbig.org or email info@bbbsbig.org.