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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

VERO BEACH – Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties hosted its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, April 29 at the private Hawk's Nest Golf Course in Vero Beach. Stakeholders, donors, and event sponsors enjoyed a beautiful, fun day on the nationally recognized course.

The men's first place team, sponsored by East Coast Lumber & Supply Company, scored a 50 and included teammates Keith Baker, Fred DiRocco, Ty Fannin, and Keith Geyer. The top women's team, including Mary Ellen McCarthy, Chris Smith, and Cathy Tilney, scored a 54. The winning mixed flight scored a 52 and included teammates Caroline Taylor and Tom Taylor and Eagle Sponsors Bonnie Wilson and David Wilson.

The event included lunch upon arrival, raffles donated by local businesses, a 50/50 drawing that raised nearly \$600 for BBBS, and an awards ceremony with heavy hors d'oeuvres and complimentary bar, sponsored by East Coast Lumber & Supply Company.

Event sponsors included Tournament Sponsor The Curley Foundation; Bar Sponsor East Coast Lumber & Supply Company; Eagle Sponsors Bonnie and David Wilson and Walmart; Birdie Sponsors Michael Merrill with Douglas Elliman Real Estate, Drew Bottalico with Douglas Elliman Real Estate, and Block & Scarpa Attorneys at Law; Course Contest Sponsors Jack and Pat Bingleman, Cindy O'Dare, Bradford L. Jefferson, P.A. and Ron McCall with the McCall Agency, Inc.; Hole Sponsors Linda and Melvin Teetz and MusicWorks Concerts; and In-Kind Sponsor Natalie's Juice Company.

"It is an incredible honor to celebrate the thirteenth year of Big Brothers Big Sisters' annual golf tournament - a tradition that continues to thrive thanks to the unwavering support of our community," said Debbie Hawley, BBBS chief executive officer. "Every swing, sponsorship, and show of support helps us provide free one-to-one mentoring

programs for our local youth, empowering them with the guidance and encouragement they deserve.”

BBBS programs are free for all participants, making events such as the golf tournament crucial in funding these programs so youth can continue to achieve their full potential.

“This event is more than just a fun day on the green,” Hawley said. “It is a powerful investment in the future of our community’s youth.”

Visit [bbbsbig.org](http://bbbsbig.org) or call 772-466-8535 for more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. “Like” BBBS on Facebook and follow on Instagram @bbbsbig.

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties (BBBS) strives to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBBS programs are free for all participants. Debbie Hawley is the chief executive officer. For more information about BBBS, please visit [bbbsbig.org](http://bbbsbig.org) or call 772- 466-8535. “Like” BBBS on Facebook at [facebook.com/bbbsbig](https://facebook.com/bbbsbig) and follow the nonprofit on Instagram @bbbsbig.

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