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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ST. LUCIE, INDIAN RIVER AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES TO HOST 17TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE, CHAMPAGNE AND CHEFS ON OCT. 27

VERO BEACH - Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties will host its 17th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 at 6 o'clock in the evening at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach, Florida.

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 dinner. 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 gifted by generous local businesses and boutiques.

This year's impressive chef lineup includes D's Gourmet Sweet Potato Pies Owner and Chef Delitra Harrigan, Flavored Fork Catering Owner and Chef Matthew Piscitelli, Pretty Little Cupcakes Owner and Chef Monique Robbins, Treasure Coast Sweets Owner and Chef Samantha Santana Tiru, and Quail Valley River Club Chef Jesus Yanez.

BBBS will welcome Indian River State College Associate Vice President of Government and Community Relations Andrew Treadwell to speak to guests about his mentorship journey as a Big Brother. Treadwell has been a dedicated supporter of BBBS for over 20 years, serving as an advocate for the nonprofit and as a Big Brother to two Little Brothers.

"Mr. Treadwell has given selflessly of his time and talent as a Big Brother, and the difference he has made in the lives of his two Little Brothers is beyond remarkable," said Debbie Hawley, BBBS chief executive officer. "Listening to him share his experiences as a Big Brother is heartwarming and inspiring, and we look forward to honoring him on Oct. 27."

Visit bbbsbigs.org/home/specialevents to purchase tickets. Contact BBBS Events Coordinator Connell Osteen-Peirce at connell.osteen@bbbsbigs.org or 772-466-8535 with questions about the event and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information about BBBS of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, visit bbbsbigs.org or email info@bbbsbigs.org. "Like" BBBS on Facebook at facebook.com/bbbsbigs and follow the nonprofit on Instagram @bbbsbigs.

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 members. Debbie Hawley is the chief executive officer. For more information about BBBS, please visit bbbsbigs.org or call 772-466-8535. "Like" BBBS on Facebook at facebook.com/bbbsbigs and follow the nonprofit on Instagram @bbbsbigs.

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Suggested photo captions:

Jillaine & Matthew Piscitelli_The Flavored Fork.jpg: The Flavored Fork Owner and Chef Matthew Piscitelli and wife Jillaine pictured at the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach, Florida.

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Brigitte Dowsett, Hanson & Connell Peirce, Jayne Johnson-Platts, Megan Todd, Terry & Allen Osteen.jpg: (From left to right): Brigitte Dowsett, Hanson and Connell Peirce, Jayne Johnson-Platts, Megan Todd, and Terry and Allen Osteen pictured at the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties

16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach, Florida. Peirce and Platts were both members of the event planning committee.

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Anna Valencia Tillery and Dayna Anding.jpg: Emcee and Event Planning Committee Member Anna Valencia Tillery pictured with Dayna Anding at the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach, Florida.

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Mandy Robinson, Reena Ryall, Kate Tracy, Kitt George and Rennie Gibb.jpg: (From left to right): Mandy Robinson, Reena Ryall, Kate Tracy, Kitt George and Rennie Gibb pictured at the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach, Florida.

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Sen. Gayle Harrell, Judi Miller and Debbie Hawley.jpg: (From left to right): Senator Gayle Harrell, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties Chief Executive Officer Debbie Hawley Former Chief Executive Officer Judi Miller and BBBS current CEO Debbie Hawley pictured at BBBS' 16th Annual

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