

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

BBBS to host Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs

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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 17th annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs (CCC) event on Monday, Oct. 27, 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

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Sen. 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 at BBBS' 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs event in 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach.

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Brigitte Dowsett, Hanson and Connell Peirce, Jayne Johnson-Platts, Megan Todd, and Terry and Allen Osteen at the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties 16th Annual Chocolate, Champagne and Chefs event in 2024 at the Quail Valley River Club in Vero Beach.

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The Flavored Fork Owner and Chef Matthew Piscitelli and wife Jillaine.



Mandy Robinson, Reena Ryall, Kate Tracy, Kitt George and Rennie Gibb.



Emcee and Event Committee Member Anna Valencia Tillery with Dayna Anding.



Erin Keenan and Patrick Tonno.



Mike and Jan Harrell and Jean and Jim Kelly.

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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



Connell Osteen-Peirce and event sponsor Stacey Young.

Matthew Piscitelli, Pretty Little Cupcakes Owner and Chef Monique Robins, 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."

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit www.bbbsbigs.org or contact BBBS Events Coordinator Connell Osteen-Peirce by emailing connell.osteen@bbbsbigs.org or calling 772-466-8535.