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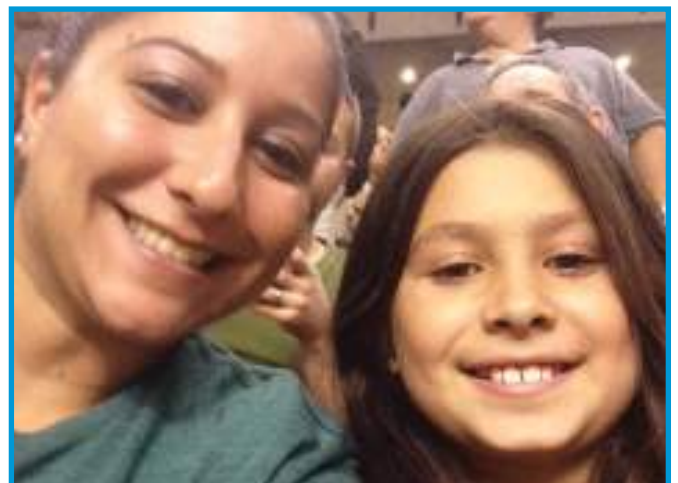
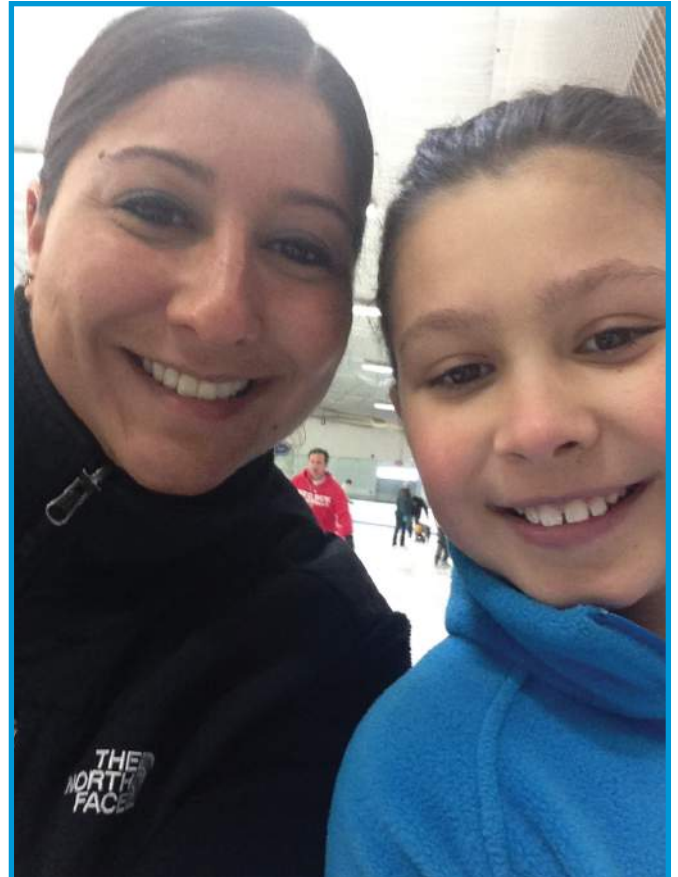
Meet Mya & Carolyn

Being a Big Sister has been one of the best things I have ever done. When I am with my Little Sister, Mya, it is never volunteer work. It's always just been her and I making memories together and having fun. It's an opportunity for me to share my experiences with her, and over our time together, I can tell that I have become someone she confides in and looks to for advice.

I had always wanted to be a Big Sister, but had never really looked into it. After becoming a child welfare attorney in the area, I realized how many children need a positive role model and someone to just have fun with. I am constantly making referrals for therapists and psychiatrists for the child clients I work with and realized quickly that having a mentor or someone to just hang out with once a week can change more in the child's life than anything else.

This experience has made me realize what a difference you can make in a child's life, just by being in it and planning activities with them.

Every moment with Mya has been special, although, I have to say our trip to a Celtics game probably had the greatest effect on both of us. The game was a blast, and the ride to Boston also gave us the opportunity to talk. It was wonderful to learn about each other. We have so much in common; it's amazing how the staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters matched us. ■





Rebecca (right) and her Little at the 2014 Bowl For Kids' Sake.

"Hi, my name is Rebecca Tavares and I'm a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board. I have been involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Child & Family Services for five years as a Big Sister and four years as a member of the advisory board.

Serving as a Big has allowed me to witness the difference mentors can make in a young person's life. As a Big, it is my responsibility to be a friend, mentor, and role model to my Little. These children are looking for someone they can trust and have fun with!

After seeing the benefits of this program through my Little, I was eager to become more involved. Being a member of the advisory board allows me to help spread awareness by promoting the program and increasing financial support as well as the number of mentors.

I work for Rockland Trust as a branch manager, and also volunteer with the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Clambake Committee and the United Way of Greater Fall River's Visibility Committee."

Join the Advisory Board

The advisory board meets once a month, for one hour at the outreach office located at 3057 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford. **Contact Deanna at (508) 990-0894 or dbodeau@cfservices.org to learn how you can get involved.**

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Our 10th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake on March 2nd **raised over \$15,000!**

Thank you to the following businesses for going above and beyond:

Outstanding Efforts

St. Anne's Credit Union (6 Teams)
A.D. Makepeace (5 Teams)
Rockland Trust (4 Teams)
J.J. Technologies (3 Teams)

In-Kind Donations

Domino's Pizza (pizza for each player)
Larry's Specialty Shop (winners' trophies)
M&R Screen Printing (screen printing for event shirts)
Rose & Vicki's (cookies for each player)

Event Sponsors

Cynthia Capobianco, CPA
Horizon Marine
Patrick Carney Foundation

Trophy Winners

Most Pledges Raised

A.D. Makepeace

Highest Team Score

Chucky's Remax Team (197)

Highest Individual Score

Ryan Sanchez (269)

Most Team Spirit

'Team Villains'



See the event photos and video at www.child-familyservices.org



Match Fun Day

February 27, 2014

See more photos on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/bbbsofcfs



Congratulations

to Millenya for Making the New Bedford High Lacrosse Team!

Millenya has been working towards this goal for a while, and her determination has paid off. She wanted to try out for the lacrosse team, but was unsure because of her severe asthma, and nervousness in general. She overcame her fears, decided to try out for the team and made the cut! Still a little nervous, she is extremely excited nonetheless about this huge accomplishment.



Way to go Millenya, and good luck #46!

Happy Birthday!

APRIL

Sheridyn P. 13th
 Delilah P. 13th
 Jason W. 15th
 Jamin M. 16th

JUNE

Aimee H. 10th
 Chelsea G. 16th
 Daishon A. 18th

MAY

Niah N. 9th
 Michael G. 11th
 Daejanni B. 13th
 Kaitlin P. 15th
 Kiya R. 15th
 Selina R. 16th
 Shanae P. 16th
 Alexis M. 18th
 Paul V. 19th



Match Anniversaries

1 YEAR

Isaiah + Josh
 Kaitlin + Krista
 Gwen + Justina
 Tayla + Raquel
 Edison + Mayka
 Tayrhen + Breanne
 Annamarie + Tiffany
 Luis + Adrian

2 YEARS

Andrew + Shannon

4 YEARS

Keegan + Wayne
 Gene + Joseph

6 YEARS

Shanae + Marie

New Matches

Kobey + Katy
 Andrea + Alexia
 India + Manisha
 Alejandro + Adam



Celebrate Spring with Your Little!



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Plant something together
Enjoy a picnic in the yard
Go bike riding
Visit a driving range
Play mini golf
Fly kites at the beach
Feed ducks at a pond

Pick strawberries at a local farm
Paint Easter Eggs
Make Mother/Father's Day cards
Draw with sidewalk chalk
Bring a Frisbee to the park
Explore a local hiking trail
Attend a baseball game

Free Nature Walks

Over 5000 acres of wetlands, wildlife habitat, farmland, forests, and scenic landscapes in Dartmouth to explore.

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust
www.dnrt.org



Lloyd Center for the Environment
www.lloydcenter.org

Free Night Activities

Family Movie Nights
at the McCoy Center

May 17
Pee-Wee's
Big Adventure

June 21
Wreck-It-Ralph

July 19
The Iron Giant

August 16
E.T.

AHA! Nights
Downtown NB



May 8
City View

June 12
Portraits of a Port

July 10
Kids Rule

August 14
A Midsummers
Night Eve



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