

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake Celebrates 'MentorZing: Big Night Out'

This the nonprofit agency's 13th annual celebration of mentoring and its champions

BALTIMORE, MD, USA, June 9, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake (BBBSGC) will hold MentorZing: Big Night Out, a celebration of mentoring champions, on June 9 at UMBC Columbus Center on Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

This is the nonprofit organization's 13th annual MentorZing event. Over 250 guests, including leaders of Baltimore's major corporations as well as BBBSGC volunteer mentors (Bigs) and their mentees (Littles), are expected to attend for a reception, dinner, and awards show. The event will feature live music by the Trinidad & Tobago Baltimore Steel Drum Orchestra; event and video production by VPC, Inc.; and signature artwork provided by art students of Baltimore County Public Schools.



The focus of BBBSGC's MentorZing is to spotlight mentoring and congratulate individuals and organizations making exceptional strides in the mentoring movement. This year's BBBSGC Excellence in Mentoring Award winners are:

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Tom Hall, Music Director of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society and host of WYPR's Maryland Morning, for his outstanding contributions to the mentoring movement, including service as a BBBSGC Board Member and a Big Brother since 1999
- Community Partner Award: Baltimore City Community College Refugee Youth Project, for their exceptional service of over 50 volunteers and more than 70 refugee and asylum youth, and for their accomplishments in helping to make Baltimore a more welcoming city
- Match of the Year Award: Big Sister Kela Belfield and Little Sister Nariaha Davis
- Raymond M. Cain Memorial Scholarship Award: Jeremiah Lee-Moore
- Jim Piper Corporate Partner Award: M&T Bank

"We are tremendously thankful for our corporate partners, donors and volunteers who are committed to creating a brighter future for youth in our region," said newly appointed BBBSGC President and CEO, Kera Ritter. "MentorZing: Big Night Out is our chance to bring our stakeholders together to understand the impact and of their collective efforts. As a result of their partnerships, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake was able to provide 1:1 mentors to more than 1,000 children in the past year."

MentorZing: Big Night Out is presented by M&T Bank. Platinum Sponsorship for the event has been provided by Transamerica; Silver Sponsorship is provided by Johns Hopkins Medicine and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company; and Brown Advisory, Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company, Comcast, Legg Mason, T. Rowe Price, and VPC, Inc., are this year's Bronze Sponsors.

MentorZing: Big Night Out is June 9 from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. The UMBC Columbus Center is located at 701 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202. For more information about this event, contact Meggie Connelly at mconnelly@bigliddle.org. For more information about BBBSGC and mentoring, contact the agency at info@bigliddle.org or call 410-243-4000.

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About Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake (BBBSGC), founded in 1952, is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the State of Maryland. The nonprofit agency serves more than 1,000 "Littles" a year in Baltimore City and throughout Maryland. BBBSGC helps children and youth reach their full potential by building safe and enduring mentoring relationships through best practices, quality standards and professional support. www.bigliddle.org

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