

# LET'S CONNECT



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## Beyond School Walls is in its 7th Year!

Beyond School Walls is a workplace mentoring program that allows children access to adult mentors. This program is part of a national partnership between Comcast and Big Brothers Big Sisters, and we are fortunate to be one of 17 programs nationwide.

Students from Woodside Elementary meet one-on-one with Comcast mentors and take part in structured group activities that center around team building, and interpersonal skill building.

Thank you to the employees at Comcast who have volunteered to be mentors this year. We look forward to a very fun year! For more information on our Beyond School Walls program, please contact Suzanne Leavitt, Program Supervisor at sleavitt@bbbs-snoco.org.

## A Win Win for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County

Enjoy a fabulous meal at Chipotle's Restaurant in Lynnwood on Saturday, December 9th from 2:00pm - 8:00pm, and they will donate 50% of the proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County. Go to our website at [www.bbbs-snoco.org](http://www.bbbs-snoco.org) and download the flyer, bring it in with you and show it to the cashier at checkout before you pay!



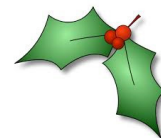
## Meet Big Sister Daina and Little Brother Kaleb



Little Brother Kaleb and Big Sister Daina did not meet for the first time at their match meeting. In fact the two met for the first time in September 2016 when Kaleb became a student in Daina's 1st grade classroom at Madison Elementary in Everett. Over the course of the year, the two formed a strong bond and when Daina knew she would be teaching at Silverlake Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year she, Kaleb, and his family discussed furthering her positive influence by continuing their relationship with the support of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Daina is happy to have the support and structure provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters and Kaleb, who is being raised by his grandparents, is excited to have new adventures and get to know Daina in a different way.

## Thank You & Happy Holidays

From the staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County, we would like to thank Absher Holiday Lights Program for "adopting" 10 of our families this holiday season, and to all of you, we would like to wish you a season of gladness and of cheer, and to top it off with a wonderful new year!



## Upcoming Events

**Chipotle Fundraiser** - Saturday, December 9th - 2:00pm - 8:00pm. at the Lynnwood Chipotle Location.

**Holiday Party** - Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Skate Deck in Everett. Open to our families currently enrolled and on our waitlist.

**Mentor Appreciation Event** - Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the Schack Art Center in Everett from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Please RSVP to Kay at [knorman@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:knorman@bbbs-snoco.org).



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## **31st Annual Dream Builders Auction is Set**



**Save the date!** Our 31st Annual Dream Builders Auction is set and this year, we will **DREAM BIG!** The auction will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

Is there time to get involved? Absolutely! We have several options for you: We are looking for companies who are interested in being a corporate sponsor. We offer a variety of options and can tailor many to suite your companies needs. Please contact Pamela Shields at [pshields@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:pshields@bbbs-snoco.org) to learn more.

Would you like to volunteer? Prior to the event, we could use volunteers to help package and code all the items that will be in the auction. We also look for volunteers to help the day of with set-up and night of the event. Contact Sanda Anderson, special events coordinator at [sanderson@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:sanderson@bbbs-snoco.org) to learn more.

If you have an item that you would like to donate to the auction - either as a silent auction item or live auction item, we would love to arrange that with you. Please contact Sanda at the above e-mail for the details.

Get your tickets before April 15th and save money! Tickets are now on sale for \$105 per person and \$200 per couple at [www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA](http://www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA). After April 15th, prices increase to \$130 per person and \$250 per couple.

Follow our Auction Facebook page at *BBBS-Dream Builders Auction* to keep up with all the latest and greatest information and to check out the list of amazing items that will be in the auction line-up.

### **November Agency Updates**

1 new Community Base match and 8 new School Based matches.