

# LET'S CONNECT



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## January is National Mentoring Month!

Mentoring, at its core, guarantees young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges, and makes them feel like they matter. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity. Yet, one in three young people will grow up without this critical asset.



Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to provide children facing adversity, with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. However, we can't do it without the partnership and the commitment we have with our "Bigs" - our mentors. They are our heroes and this month we celebrate their dedication, passion, and compassion to be the great mentors that they are.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County invites you to  
Come out of the rain and celebrate...

**MENTOR APPRECIATION**

**THE SCHACK ART CENTER**  
2921 Hoyt Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

(Free parking available at Everpark Garage, less than a block away, after 6:00pm)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

**GIFTS & AWARDS**

**KINDLY RSVP BY:**  
January 25th to your Case Managers  
or via e-mail to Kay Norman at [knorman@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:knorman@bbbs-snoco.org).  
(This is an adult only event.)

*Assorted beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.  
The Gallery and store will be open throughout the evening.*

Join us in thanking those who have been your inspiration and mentors in your life during the month of January. Thank you!

If you are interested in learning what it takes to be a Big Brother or Big Sister, visit our website at [www.bbbs-snoco.org](http://www.bbbs-snoco.org) or contact Kay Norman, Program Support at [knorman@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:knorman@bbbs-snoco.org).



Big Sister Erin & Little Sister Jada

## Our Littles Thank You!

On December 19th, our families joined us at our annual Holiday Party at The Skate Deck in Everett. During the event, we handed out gift bags which included the gift cards that were donated to us from our friends at our local YMCAs. From all of our Littles currently matched and on the wait list, "thank you" to everyone who donated these gift cards. Our Littles and their families appreciate these cards as they add a bit of holiday spirit to the season. We too are grateful for the support of our Y families and wish you the happiest of New Years!



## Upcoming Events

**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) or to your Case Managers.

**Save the Date - Dream Builders**  
Auction is set for May 12, 2018 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Register early at [www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA](http://www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA).



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## Save the Date for our 31st Annual Dream Builders Auction



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 [www.facebook/DreamBuildersBBBSnoco/](http://www.facebook.com/DreamBuildersBBBSnoco/) 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.

### December Agency Updates

24 new School Base matches.

### January Anniversaries

Little Brother Levi & Big Brother Josh – 3 years  
Little Brother Gerardo & Big Brother Jesus – 3 years  
Little Sister Dajauna & Big Sister Niki – 1 year