

# LET'S CONNECT



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## Holiday Trees are Going Up



Many thanks to our friends at the following Snohomish County YMCA branches, who host Giving Trees each year for Big

Brothers Big Sisters - Everett, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, and Mukilteo.

Between November 25th and December 20th, you can help put a smile on the face of local kids, simply by visiting one of these local YMCA branches, removing a gift tag from the tree, purchasing a gift card, and dropping it back off in the Giving Tree box or in our offices in Everett. Receiving these special gifts each year at our holiday skate party is truly special for our Little Brothers and Little Sisters. Thank you for your support!

## 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 Kelly and Little Sister Jamaya



Meet our newest Community Based Match and they are eager to get things started. After their initial "match meeting", they went out to get ice cream and spend some time getting to know each other better.

Both ladies like jogging, bicycling, swimming, and enjoying the outdoors as well as finding time to read and watch movies wrapped in warm blankets. Big Sister Kelly wanted a Little Sister because she loves kids and connecting with family, and Little Sister Jamaya wanted a Big Sister so she had someone to share fun activities with.

Join us in wishing them many fun adventures together in their months ahead.

## Thankful for a Fabulous Year

Each November, we reflect on what we are thankful for, and we are very thankful for the support we get from you. Your gifts have a profound impact in Snohomish County every day, and they are allowing us to serve more children by matching them with caring adult mentors. Through these matches, we continue to see strong outcomes in these kids. We know that:

- 95% maintained or improved their feeling that they are accepted socially and have friends;
- 93% report having high educational expectations;

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## Upcoming Events

**Chipotle Fundraiser - Lynnwood's Location.** Saturday, December 9th 2:00pm - 8:00pm. Download flyer from our website and bring it in.

**Holiday Party - Tuesday, December 19th** at the Everett Skate Deck. Please RSVP to Kay Norman at [knorman@bbbs-snoco.org](mailto:knorman@bbbs-snoco.org)

**Save the Date - 31st Annual Dream Builders Auction** is Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Tickets now on sale at: [www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA](http://www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA)



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- 93% maintained or improved their belief that smoking, drinking, and doing drugs is risky behavior;
- 100% feel that they have a special adult in their life who they can confide in; and
- Our average length of Big/Little match is 41.7 months. We ask for a one year commitment.

Thank you! By working together, we are building a strong community and a much stronger younger generation.

### October Agency Updates

1 new Community-based match. 12 new School-base matches.

### November Anniversaries

Little Brother Evan and Big Brother Steven - 4 years

Little Sister Kalei and Big Sister Sarah - 2 years



Big Sister Sarah and Little Sister Kalei



First Day of Hawthorne Elementary's Kids' Book Club