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Meet Our 2018 Match of the Year

Big Brother Myke & Little Brother Tyrell were matched 5 years ago this summer when Tyrell was 8 years old. During their time together, Myke and Tyrell have had many opportunities to explore new places and share new experiences all while growing closer and learning about each other. Tyrell has enjoyed watching movies, going to sporting events and playing video games. One of his favorite activities was running the Jingle Bell Dash a few years ago. He and Myke talk about current events that are happening in our country, and Myke has helped Tyrell understand more of what it means to be a man of color in our current society.



Myke is pretty sure Tyrell doesn't fully understand the inspiration he has been to him. Tyrell has been a constant reminder of what really matters in life - the fostering

of true genuine supportive relationships. Tyrell has experienced several of life's curveballs during the match and often there have been no words that could help make him feel better in those times of grief. Myke was simply there for him, to take his mind off of things and to let him know he was loved and supported. All Myke hopes for is that Tyrell sees him as another conduit of true support, just as Tyrell's perseverance and resiliency directly inspires Myke.

When we spoke to Myke and Tyrell about being our Match of the Year, we asked them what stood out most. Tyrell "cannot imagine Myke not being part of my life. I see us being brothers forever. He is such a big support to me." Myke says, "I am sure Tyrell doesn't fully understand the inspiration he has been to me. Tyrell has been a constant reminder of what really matters in life." Finally, Tyrell's mom shares that "the emotional support Myke has provided has been significant. Myke has been a consistent person that keeps showing up and is always there for Tyrell." We can't wait for you to meet them!

2018 Annual Campaign Is Now Underway

We kicked off our 2018 Annual Campaign on Thursday, February 8th at the Bluewater Distillery located on the waterfront in Everett. Guests were introduced to Little Brother Chris who shared his emotional journey as a foster child to what he has become today, taking time to thank Big Brothers Big Sisters for introducing him to his Big Brother Clint and the change that relationship has made on his life. You can hear Chris' story by going to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bbbsnoco/>.

This year's goal is \$84,000. Money raised goes directly to our programming - ensuring that we can serve more Snohomish County kids.

To donate, visit our website at: www.bbbs-snoco.org.

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New Girl's SPARKS Launched

In February, we launched our second Girl's SPARKS group at North Middle School in Everett. This brings our total to 4 Clubs - two girls clubs and two boys clubs. Six 6th graders will be meeting once a week with 2 adult mentors to discover their strengths and passions by participating in a range of fun activities that include craft projects, book reading, and hearing from local speakers.

A shout out to our Sparks mentors! We have two that are in their 3rd year - Olivia and Maggie. Travis and Sandra are in their second year and Kendra and Krystal are new this year, however Kendra has agreed to participate in two clubs. We are very grateful for these amazing Mentors who give of their time and talents to help these students grow!

Upcoming Events

Pre-Match Training -
Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9:30am - 12:30pm in our offices. Please RSVP to Kay at knorman@bbbs-snoco.org.

Register Now For our Dream Builders Auction, Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Register at www.bbbs-snoco.org/2018DBA.



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Get your Tickets Now for our 31st Annual Dream Builders Auction and Save!



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 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 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. After April 15th, prices increase to \$130 per person and \$250 per couple.

Follow our Auction Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DreamBuildersBBBSsnoco/ 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.

February Agency Updates

1 Community-base match and 7 School-base matches for a total of 7 new matches this month.

February/March Anniversaries

Little Brother Maccoy & Big Brother Mitch - 6 years
Little Brother Jaiden & Big Brother Jason - 2 years
Little Brother Ethan & Big Brother Adam - 1 year
Little Brother Silas & Big Brother Dennis - 1 year
Little Brother Issac & Big Brother Saeed - 1 year
Little Brother Ethan & Big Brother Andrew - 1 year