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LET'S HEAR IT FOR SUMMER!

BY ELENA KYPRIANOU MAROSEK

We couldn't be more excited that summer has arrived! There's so much for our Bigs and Littles to do and enjoy.

We're working hard to make new matches, but there are still hundreds on our waiting list.

Please share us with your family and friends, and let them know how important it is for you to help defend the potential of Capital Region children.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BY ELENA KYPRIANOU MAROSEK

We LOVE summer! But we're also excited to share our plans for Spirits 2019. Presented by our friends at SEFCU, this year's theme is "I love the 80's".

Join us for spirits tasting, gourmet food, a silent auction, and more! You might even win an all-inclusive cruise to Cancun in the live key raffle!

Join the Honorary Committee and you'll also get a special tasting pass featuring local vendors.

Come dressed in your favorite 80's gear and dance to all your favorites played by Aquanet!



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EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Friday, November 8, 2019

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: 60 State Place
Albany, NY 12207

PRICES:

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| Young Professional (30 & under) | \$50.00 |
| General Admission | \$75.00 |
| Date Night (2 General Admission) | \$112.50 |
| Honorary Committee | \$150.00 |

PURCHASE TICKETS: <https://bbbscr.org/spirits2019/>

CEO CORNER

BY SABRINA HOUSER

Hello Capital Region and join me in welcoming summer back to our area!

It feels like just yesterday that we were wishing our Littles well on their first day of school but here we are, having them grow a little bigger, change a little more, do a little better.

We are so proud of all we have accomplished in the first six months of 2019. As I have mentioned, across the Nation, we have gone through a major re-brand. As your local agency, we have spent the last six months changing most of our information to our new bolder image and are very excited to share our new designs with you.



Now that we are almost done with the image change, it is time for us to focus on what we do best, stand in the corner of our local youth and ignite their potential! We are spending the summer gearing up for our extremely busy fall, we have implemented a new recruitment committee to focus on matching more Little Brothers and we will launch a recruitment campaign to serve more kids.

The one lesson I have learned from being a mom and being a part of this agency is that in a blink of an eye, a child becomes an adult. I tell anyone who will listen that the greatest gift we can give any adult is a healthy and successful childhood. With sincere appreciation of your friendship and support in helping us to empower our Littles, we wish you a joyful summer!

Thank you for supporting our mission.
Together, we are DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL.



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CHEF'S CHALLENGE 2019

BY ELENA KYPRIANOU MAROSEK

What better way to kick off the spring and summer season than with a record-setting Chef's Challenge? We're humbled to report that \$60,000 was raised at this year's event. That means 50 matches were made by the 275 in attendance!

13 local restaurants, bars, and bakeries turned out their finest to battle for one of the awards. That means the real winners were the attendees who got to sample their creations. Please make sure to support each of the participants, especially the winners:

Chef's Challenge -

Adam Humphrey from Harvey's Restaurant & Pub
People's Choice Winner, Culinary -

The Adelphi Hotel

People's Choice Winner, Cocktails -

Harvey's Restaurant & Pub

People's Choice Winner, Dessert -

Nothing Bundt Cakes

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

JACKIE ROCHELEAU

Jackie began working as Match Support Specialist and Site Coordinator for BBBSCR in the fall of 2018, overseeing the club at RPI. On Saturdays during the school year, you can find her on campus, helping Bigs and Littles with fun activities, and coaching the matches as their relationships progress. She's there as a resource for matches, but she's also there in case the Bigs and Littles are having a game of knock out at the gym and need an extra person to step in.



As a Match Support Specialist, Jackie talks to our site- and community-based matches on a daily basis. Her match support helps Littles, their families, and their Bigs develop strong relationships. So far, one of her favorite parts of the job is getting to know her matches better and watching them develop productive mentoring relationships. Her other favorite part is teaming with staff members to solve problems or answer questions that come up for matches.

Jackie also helps BBBSCR enroll children in the nationwide Youth Relationships Study. This study, which 19 other affiliates are also participating in, will evaluate the benefits of Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring relationships. As a former psychology student, Jackie is excited to play a part in this research project.

Like her fellow staff members, Jackie helps out with other aspects of agency operations, too. She conducts a few volunteer orientations a year and represents Big Brothers Big Sisters at community events to recruit new Littles and Bigs.

Outside of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Jackie works as a science journalist and editor. Her favorite things to write about are the brain, health, and medicine. When she's not working, she likes to play sports, dance, and read. She also likes to play with her cat, Sox--named for both his white paws and the Boston Red Sox.

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