



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast proudly announces their
2023 Big Brother & Big Sister of the Year**

Venice, FL (November 16, 2023) – It is with a great deal of enthusiasm to announce Amanda Hall, (Ft. Myers) and Jon Groetzinger, (Englewood) have been selected as the 2023 Big Brother & Big Sister of the Year. We are proud and honored to have Amanda and Jon represent the organization.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has always operated under the belief that inherent in every person is incredible potential just waiting to be unlocked. Amanda and Jon have played a vital role in their Littles, Jazlyn, and Austin’s life, unlocking their potential. They can’t wait to see what the future holds for them.

Big Sister, Amanda Hall exclaimed, “My only regret is that I didn’t become a big sister sooner.” Being a big sister was always something on Amanda’s heart. When she went through hurricane Irma as a reporter and seeing how much her community came together, she decided it was time. Southwest Florida is home and she wanted to be a part of her community. Part of that for Amanda was giving back. She signed up to be a big sister and a few months later, she was matched with her Little Sister Jazlyn.

Jon became a mentor because he wanted to help build a strong community and help a young man. Jon has been Austin’s Big Brother for 10 years. When Austin was applying to colleges, Jon was there guiding him throughout the process. “I would not be the man I am today without the involvement of this organization. The things that I was able to do because of Big Brothers Big Sisters include going to college, a relationship with my Big Brother Jon that filled the paternal role I missed, and getting to foster my love of music.” “It is my goal to give back to this organization for everything they have done for me,” said Little Brother Austin.

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children realize their potential and build their futures. We nurture children and strengthen communities. We want to see EVERY young adult reach their full potential. To learn more or to become a Big, call (855) 501-BIGS (2447) or visit www.bbbssun.org

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast

For over 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has been matching youth in meaningful, enduring, professionally supported mentoring relationships with adult volunteers who defend their potential and help them achieve their biggest possible futures. Big Brothers Big Sisters’ evidence-based approach is designed to create positive youth outcomes, including educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence, and improved relationships. This past year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has served over 1,500 youth across a 10 county footprint. Learn how to get involved at bbbssun.org.

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