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25th Hour of Goodness or Your Time Today is Their Future Tomorrow: A Celebration Dedicated to International Volunteer Day

December 3, 2010

PricewaterhouseCoopers hosted a festive evening for Big Brothers Big Sisters at its *White Square* Office Center. The festive evening took place as part of the program's annual National Conference and was arranged to coincide with International Volunteer Day.

The heads of Foster Homes No. 8, 53, and 24, the head of Orphanage No. 71, representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, ROLF Group of Companies, the Skolkovo Moscow School of Management, Baring Vostok Capital Partners, DHL, Evolution & Philanthropy, the MediaCom media agency and many others took part in the celebration event.

Time was the main concept of the event. Volunteers, program friends and partners got a chance to speculate on what time is, to get acquainted and talk to each other, learn interesting stories from the lives of kids and their volunteers, enjoy some jazz music and a kids' concert, and see an awards ceremony for the best of the best.

The organizers prepared a wonderful surprise at the end of the concert, which the guest remembered with a smile and warm feeling in their hearts.

National Conference 2010

December 4, 2010

The annual National Conference of Big Brothers Big Sisters was held in the *White Square* business center of PricewaterhouseCoopers. The program managers and volunteers from Yoshkar-Ola, Perm, Perm region, Kirov region and Moscow, as well as Administration representatives, took part in the conference.

The regional branches shared their expertise and the results of the program's performance for 2010. They jointly prepared a program development strategy for the year 2011.

Children's Day in the Museum of Modern Art (MMAO)

December 18, 2010

The Moscow Museum of Modern Art hosted an event arranged by Big Brothers Big Sisters, the *Kremlin* Chamber Symphony Orchestra, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Children from orphanages along with the Bigs attended a *Kremlin* orchestra concert and took a special children's tour of the "If I only knew!" interactive modern art exhibition.

At the event, the children could try out being musicians by playing different instruments and artists since this exhibition provides an opportunity to draw, compose pieces of art, take pictures, and make cartoons.

For more information, please go to: http://www.mmoma.ru/exhibitions/petrovka/esli_by_ya_tolko_znal/

Heartwarming Bazaar

December 19, 2010

Big Brothers Big Sisters took part in the New Year's charity bazaar at the Aerostar Hotel. It was a Sunday full of the New Year spirit and creativity.



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The program participants sold different New Year presents at the bazaar including gingerbread, holiday-tree toys, pie-shaped towels, hand-made soap as well as other interesting hand-made crafts.

Visitors enjoyed workshops by famous designers, a live concert (jazz and ethnic folk), and a warm New Year's café.

All money raised selling New Year presents was donated to charity.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Held an Information Session for Moscow University Students

December 23, 2010

Big Brothers Big Sisters held an information session for Moscow university students at the Higher School of Economics. Students from Lomonosov Moscow State University, the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the Higher School of Economics, the Russian Government Finance Academy, Plekhanov Russian Economics Academy, and the Bauman Moscow State Technical University took part in the session.

The information session was held in the form of a brainstorming activity for students who were given some time to solve three case studies. The students helped our program come up with various ways of attracting volunteers and raising funds and PR strategy development.

Many solutions offered by the students are being actively put into action as part of our program's activities.

The session provided the students with the opportunity to learn about Big Brothers Big Sisters in Russia, to contribute to its further development, and to acquire some knowledge on the non-profit sector, volunteer movements and charity work in Russia in general.

We sincerely thank all the students for their participation and contribution of ideas, as well as Andrei Alyasov, a managing partner at Changellenge, who kindly helped us organize this event.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Held a Tea Party

January 29, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters held its very first tea party for its participants on January 29. The tea party was devoted to a serious topic: money. The organizers, with the help of the volunteers, discussed the issue of money with the kids: what it is, where it comes from and where it goes, and how to plan out your finances. Using case studies, we tried to give kids a general idea of what money is and teach them basic money managing skills. This timeless topic turned out interesting not only to children, but to adults as well. Aside from taking part in the discussion, the kids played interesting games and had delicious tea with all sorts of treats. Our special thanks go to CBSD/Thunderbird Russia for hosting the tea party. We hope that our next Saturday tea parties will be just as enjoyable and useful for both kids and adults.

Saturday Tea Party

January 29, 2011

Breaking news! Now every last Saturday of the month you can come to our tea parties for games, movies, and competitions. Start filling in your schedule with the dates of our tea parties from January to April so that you can plan ahead.

Our first party will take place on Saturday, January 29 at 4 p.m. and will be devoted to the topic of money: what it is, where it comes from and where it goes, and how to manage your finances. With our help, kids will get a general idea of what money is and learn some basic money managing skills. We are sure that this timeless topic will be of interest not only to children, but to adults as well. The discussion will be accompanied by games and delicious tea with a variety of treats.

If you want to register for the event, please send a short reply along with your first and last name to the following



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address: info@nastavniki.org.

Date: Saturday, January 29

Time: 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Place: CBSD office

Address: 77 Butyrskaya ul., 10th floor (volunteers, please have your passport with you)

How to get there: Dmitrovskaya Metro Station, the last car from the center (exit towards the center), *Diagonal Business Center* (not far from McDonalds). For more details, please visit: <http://www.cbsd.ru/contacts/avto.php>.

We'd like to point out that the tea party topic is going to be too complicated for small children; therefore, we recommend only bringing children 12-13 year old.

Please keep in mind that you will have to pick up your children and take them back yourselves.

If you have any ideas for topics for future tea parties and their possible venues, please let us know; we would be grateful to hear from you.

We wish you all the best!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Building a BRIDGE

February 12, 2011

February 12 was a special day for our program! The children, together with their volunteers, built a real BRIDGE themselves! It was a bridge of friendship and love, but, first and foremost, it was a rescue bridge. As the event legend goes, little turtles were dying on a tropical island and had to be rescued. The participants split into teams. Each was responsible for building a certain part of the bridge. Using a creative approach, the kids finally built a full-scale bridge and the turtles were rescued. We would like to thank *CBSD/Thunderbird Russia* professional coaches and the *Flakon Design Factory* for helping us arrange the event. Many thanks to our kids and volunteers, all of whom worked together as a professional creative team. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next event in May.

Second Big Brothers Big Sisters Tea Party

February 26, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters held the second tea party for children and volunteers on February 26. This time the event was dedicated to personal hygiene and body care. They organized a day full of games, entertaining tasks and, of course, simply socializing with pleasant company. Our special thanks to PricewaterhouseCoopers for hosting the tea party. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Saturday tea party that will take place in a month.

A Charity Concert Arranged by ICEF Outreach, a Charity Student Organization

March 18, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters took part in the charity concert arranged by ICEF Outreach (International College of Economics and Finance), a charity student organization, on March 18.

The concert was held at the Cultural Center of the National Research University Higher School of Economics.

ICEF Outreach tries to debunk the stereotype that charity is sad work. The organizers managed to create a positive atmosphere to prove their point: before the concert, guests could listen to pleasant music in the lobby performed by a specially invited jazz band, treat themselves to tasty pastries and talk to people who also care.

Evgeniy Yasin, Irina Yasina, Viktor Shenderovich, Svetlana Sorokina and Tatyana Tulchinskaya were among the special guests, all of whom shared their understanding of charity work.



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Svetlana Sorokina said, "Charity is a way to live a full and rich life among people, together with people and as a human being."

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank the representatives of ICEF Outreach for providing the opportunity to participate in the charity concert. We are always ready to cooperate and wishing them every success in the beneficial and important work they are doing.

Shkola Dobrovolchestva (Volunteer School)

March 23, 2011

The Mari branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters (Yoshkar-Ola, Mari El Republic) held a region-wide event called *Shkola Dobrovolchestva (Volunteer School)* for students of vocational school on March 23, 2011.

About 100 representatives from volunteer youth associations from the Republic's vocational schools took part in the event. The Mari branch gave a presentation on our mentoring program to students and held a *Volunteer Motivation* workshop. Apart from that, a presentation on famous volunteers (Mother Teresa, Angelina Jolie, Raisa Gorbachyova, Svetlana Khorkina, Olga Budina, Chulpan Khamatova etc.) was given and volunteer-themed interactive games were played.

Tea Party for Children and Their Volunteers

March 26, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a volunteer mentoring program for children in difficult life situations, held another tea party for its participants in the Moscow Museum of Modern Art on March 26.

Children and their volunteers took part in interesting workshops, such as aircraft modeling and doll sewing, learned about picture-taking techniques and clay animation movie making.

After the workshops, kids went on an interesting tour of the new museum exhibition titled "If Only I Knew!" followed by a tea party with treats.

We'd like to thank our partners Transaero Airlines and the Moscow Museum of Modern Art for helping us arrange the event.

Time for Another Big Brothers Big Sisters Tea Party

March 26, 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters is holding another tea party for kids and their volunteers on March 26. It is not going to be a theme party, but it will feature a lot of workshops for kids, such as aircraft modeling and picture-taking techniques. There will also be other exciting creative workshops for kids. Please check back later for further details on the tea party's time and venue.

IV Annual Conference "Marketing Today: A View from the Inside"

March 31, 2011

AIESEC, an international youth organization, held the fourth annual "Marketing Today: A View from the Inside" conference for students and future marketing experts in the Moscow Higher School of Economics on March 31.

The conference became one of the most outstanding events in the field of marketing for Moscow college students.

As part of the conference, Big Brothers Big Sisters, a volunteer mentoring program for children in difficult life situations, presented to young students and renowned marketing experts. A lot of students became interested in the



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program and several participation applications were filed out right on the spot.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Was Awarded “The Best Monitoring and Appraisal of Results in an Annual Report”

November 19, 2010

The Public Chamber of the Russian Federation held the IV National Contest of Non-Profit Organizations Annual Reports in 2009. After tallying the results, the judges awarded 14 winners in 9 categories.

Non-profits from all over Russia took part in the competition. There were a total of 129 entries, which is much more than last year (96 entries). In the first stage of the competition, 79 organizations, whose reports met the minimal requirements of the contest regulations' informational standard, were chosen. The winners were chosen from among these organizations.

Big Brothers Big Sisters was awarded in the category “The Best Monitoring and Appraisal of Results in an Annual Report”.