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### **Pensacola Police Officer and Wife Named 2020 Bigs with Badges Big of the Year**

Pensacola, Fla. – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida (BBBSNWFL) names Pensacola Police Officer David Partrick and his wife Jennifer as the 2020 Bigs with Badges Big of the Year. The couple was surprised at the station by Pensacola Police Department leadership, BBBSNWFL staff and their Little Brother’s family.

David and Jennifer’s match with Kamari is what is called a ‘Big Duo’, where two people mentor together and split the responsibility of being matched with a Little. Little Brother Kamari got matched with David and Jennifer in the summer of 2015. Kamari was a perfect fit for not only David and Jennifer, but also for their son Cameron. Cameron even attended the initial match meeting with his parents when they all met each other. They have been like one big family from the start.

The Partrick family is extremely close with Kamari’s family. The families have attended church and police cookouts together. David being a member of law enforcement has been a large part of his relationship with Kamari. “This is exactly what we need as law enforcement. Community policing and being involved in the community is what Chief Lyter really pushes.” Partrick stated. “It is what we should do to bring our law enforcement and community together.” Partrick has been a constant advocate of our Bigs with Badges program and is always quick to assist in the recruitment of other police officers.

The Bigs with Badges program supported by Wind Creek Hospitality is a unique one-to-one mentoring program that connects youth and those with badges in communities throughout Northwest Florida, building strong, trusting, lasting relationships. These Bigs include those who are police officers, firefighters, correction officers, and EMT members. This program is aimed at bridging the gap between youth and law enforcement and the goal is to build trust and respect within these relationships.

Now, more than ever, these relationships are critical in our community. To learn more about the Bigs with Badges program and how to become a Defender of Potential visit [bbbsnwfl.org](http://bbbsnwfl.org).

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida has been the area’s leader in one-to-one mentoring for 30 years by serving children ages 5-18. Our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida served 646 children in Northwest Florida.





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