

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 18th, 2021



BBBS NEWS & UPDATES



RUMMAGE FOR A REASON

7 AM–1 PM | SATURDAY, 04.17.21

BASSET FURNITURE | 501 ACADIANA MALL CIRCLE

DONATE YOUR SECONDHAND GOODS TO US!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana is participating alongside 14 other local non-profits. We are now taking donations of items to sell at our booth! Proceeds from the items sold at our booth benefit our mentoring programs.

- **Holiday Decor**
 - **Books**
 - **Children's Toys**
 - **Infant & Baby Items**
 - **Small Furniture & Decor**
 - **Kitchen Gadgets & Accessories**
 - **Painting, Sculptures & other art**
 - **Jewelry**
- ***Not accepting clothing, shoes, bedding or towels**

Contact our office to coordinate drop-off or pick-up of your items.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana

123 E. Main St. Lafayette, LA 70501

337.269.0454

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BBBS NEWS & UPDATES cont.

OPIOID PREVENTION FOR LITTLES

Opioids are medications prescribed by doctors for pain. They are one of many drugs that a person can begin to abuse and get addicted to if they aren't very careful. This meeting for Littles, ages 9-17, will provide information about the purpose of opioid medication, how to use them safely if you are ever prescribed them, and how to avoid some of the reasons that young people might misuse them.



TRAINING

March 31st, 2021 @ 6 PM CST

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Enter Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana
for the name of agency you attend.



Big Brothers
Big Sisters.



INSPIRE
CHANGE



THE BIG DRAFT

The Big Draft is going on until April 30th. Follow our social media pages (facebook, instagram & twitter) [@acadianabigs](#) for updates. Tag anyone you believe would make a great Big in our posts!

acadianabigs.com/bigdraft



ACTIVITY IDEAS



SNACK ATTACK

Brought to you by the Lafayette Parish Library! Learn how to make a fun new snack- Kool Aid Pickles! Watch the video [here](#) & try to make them yourself.

[WATCH THE VIDEO HERE](#)



GET OUTDOORS

Are you interested in learning how to grow bountiful harvests of fruits, vegetables & flowers, plus how to attract butterflies & hummingbirds? Or maybe it's just fun to look around at the beautiful plants. Check-out the Grower's Market on Saturday, March 20th! [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



BROUSSARD COMMONS MARKET

Enjoy a day full of Arts & Crafts, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, & much more.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



LAFAYETTE JOCKEY LOT

South Louisiana's finest Open Air Market! A family oriented place where you can spend the day shopping and having a bite to eat.

Be sure to check out their upcoming events like the Easter Egg Hunt happening on April 3rd! [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SLEEVESUP

to help end the pandemic



The COVID-19 Vaccine Is Here.

Nearly 95% Effective | FDA Authorized | Available At No Cost

Click or call to find out when and where you can get vaccinated.



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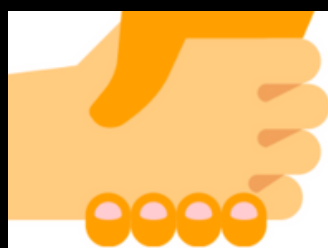
LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Various locations around Acadiana are scheduling appointments with individuals who meet the [current eligibility criteria](#).

Eligible individuals must contact a participating location and make an appointment. Do not arrive at a location without an appointment. [Find a location nearest you](#) and schedule an appointment today!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



DISCOVER VITA

A **FREE** TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM

UNITEDWAYOFACADIANA.ORG/VITA

If you had a household income below **\$57,000 in 2020**, you may be eligible for **free** tax preparation services.

You may also qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit which could mean thousands for your family.

Acadia Parish // ASSIST agency – 337-788-7551

Evangeline Parish // Ville Platte Site - 337-363-2939

Iberia Parish // SMILE/Iberia - 337-365-8151

Lafayette Parish // Acadiana High – 337-521-7950

SMILE/Lafayette – 337-234-3272

Lafayette Library - 337-233-8302

Northside Location - 337-233-8302

St. Landry Parish // Opelousas Site - 337-418-7371

St Mary Parish // St. Mary CAA – 337-828-5703

St Martin Parish // SMILE 337-394-6014

Vermilion Parish // ASSIST Agency – 337-898-9554

Vermilion Visitor's Center - 337-893-2563

Appointments are required.

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES?

Look to MyFreeTaxes.com for free filing information and services.

For general program information, call **2-1-1** or **337-232-4357**.

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■ The new tax deadline for Louisiana Residents is June 15

Did you make less than \$57,000 in 2020? You may be eligible for free tax preparation services through VITA

unitedwayofacadiana.org/VITA

Planning to do your taxes after April 15? VITA is not available after Tax Day, but My Free Taxes is! Check out MyFreeTaxes.com

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Way



United Way of Acadiana



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Lafayette Community Fridge is a mutual aid project which aims to reduce food insecurity, while also mitigating food waste.

Donation Guidelines

WE ACCEPT:

- PRODUCE → BOTTLED WATER
- PANTRY ITEMS → PREPARED MEALS

NO RAW MEAT

☀️ LABEL AND DATE ALL PERISHABLES ON THE CONTAINER

☀️ PLACE NEWER ITEMS TOWARD THE BACK AND ROTATE OLDER ITEMS TOWARD THE FRONT

☀️ NEATLY PLACE NON-PERISHABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INSIDE THE DRY PANTRY

☀️ IF THE PANTRY IS FULL PLEASE TAKE YOUR *NON-PERISHABLES* TO DSASWLA's FREE PANTRY @ 315 W. SIMCOE

TAG @lafayette_community_fridge



AMAZON NOW HIRING!

Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 982 new indirect jobs, for a total of more than 1,400 jobs in Acadiana and surrounding regions.

See the current job openings [HERE!](#)

THE EDD SERIES
BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS
OF ACADIANA

THE Dreamers CLOSET

Giving students the tools necessary to succeed.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Children's Masks	Toothpaste and Toothbrush
New Socks & Underwear	Hats, Mittens, and Scarves
Gently Used and New	School Supplies
Jackets, School Uniforms	Face Tissue
& Shoes	Hand Sanitizer

The items listed above will be donated to students in grades K-5 at local elementary schools in Lafayette Parish.

Monetary Donations: paypal.me/theeddseries

For more information: theeddseries@gmail.com

Donation Drop-off: 123 E. Main Street
Lafayette, La 70501

We are in need of **GENTLY USED & NEW** school uniforms!

So often youth arrive at school wearing uniforms that are too small, severely damaged or not suitable for the weather.

You may drop them off at our office mon-fri from 9am-4pm



FOR BIGS ONLY

REFER A MENTOR: Current Bigs can refer a friend to attend a Virtual Info Session and receive a VIP Invite to the Big Draft Celebration on April 30th! VIPs will receive perks like free beer, pizza & swag at our celebration.

More information on the Big Draft Celebration coming soon. If you know someone interested in becoming a Big, they can register for a [Virtual Info Session Here](#) to learn about our mission & what it takes to mentor youth in our community. Email choward@acadianabigs to let us know when you refer a friend!



Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or requests!



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