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Hawaii's Dennis Brown Inducted into National Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni Hall of Fame

Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii's former President/CEO and first child served by the organization makes national history.

Honolulu, HI - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii proudly announces the induction of its former CEO, Dennis Brown, into the esteemed national Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni Hall of Fame. This honor is given to individuals who have demonstrated the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and have made significant impacts in their communities and workplaces.

Dennis Brown's lifelong connection with the Hawaii branch dates back to 1963 when he became the first youth mentored through the former Big Brothers of Hawaii. His mentor, Henry Sumida, helped Dennis become more confident and wise, despite the hardships he went through during his childhood. Henry became the key role model in Dennis' young life. As he grew older, Henry encouraged Dennis to pursue a career in nonprofit organization, which eventually led him back to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii when he became President/CEO of the organization in 1998.

Artis Stevens, the national President/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, wrote to Dennis, "Given your compelling mentorship story as the first child served through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii, your dedication and impact as the CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu, and the incredible work you've done in your community, your presence would be such an inspiration to our audience and help bring the power of mentorship to life."

This year's ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in Dallas, Texas, as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's annual 'Bigger Together' National Conference. Themed "It Takes Little to be Big," this four-day conference will focus on the growth of the organization's mission and will be attended by over 2000 in-person and virtual participants from across the country. The event will be a celebration of excellence, dedication, and the transformative power of mentorship. Dennis Brown's induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame serves as an incredible example of how mentorship changes lives.



About Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii

Since 1963, Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i (BBBSH) has helped children facing adversity reach their fullest potential by matching them with caring volunteers in a one-to-one mentoring friendship. Every match is supported by highly skilled case managers each step of the way – assessing, coaching, advising, and guiding – to ensure a fun, safe, meaningful, and long-term friendship.

BBBSH is a statewide organization consisting of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawai'i on Oahu, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kaua'i, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mau. Each year, the organization serves hundreds of keiki and mentors through meaningful matches. Join us to make a positive difference by volunteering as a mentor, enrolling your keiki, becoming a community partner, or making a donation at bbshawaii.org.