

OUTSTANDING Unsung Hero - St. Lucie County

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Joe Wallace

Nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of St Lucie, Indian River
& Okeechobee Counties

Joe Wallace epitomizes that individual who shares his time, talent and resources behind the scenes to benefit more than one non-profit. After Bill Parrish, his employer, experienced a life threatening motorcycle accident in 2008, Joe generously stepped up to the plate and fulfilled Bill's term on Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors. He has now risen to the position of Vice-Chair. From the minute Joe joined BBBS, he has been totally engaged in supporting our cause. He has helped to bring in mentors and other volunteers through the Walmart VAP Program. Joe uses his leadership skills and Wal-Mart contacts to handle all logistics for Taste of St. Lucie. He has also garnered huge financial support for our other special events including a \$25,000 grant from the Florida Wal-Mart Foundation.



Joe is compassionate and sensitive to the needs of others. Twice a year, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, he does dinner with all the trimmings along with music, gifts and lots of fun for Council on Aging! But all year long, members of the Adult Day Care - Club Orange, eagerly look forward to each Wednesday because it is Joe's Bingo Day where everyone is a winner. Josie Bell Jones (a mutual client of COA and BBBS) says Joe has been a life saver for her finding resources to completely rebuild her home. You could not find another person who does so much while avoiding the recognition for all he does. Joe Wallace is certainly an Unsung Hero, a true "behind the scenes" man with a heart of gold!