Changing Lives

With every new year comes New Year’s Resolutions, and what better way to get involved than to resolve to help change a child’s life and ignite his or her potential.

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January is National Mentoring Month, a time to celebrate volunteerism and invite both individuals and organizations to join the mentoring movement by helping to make a difference through organizations like the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. “Mentoring is not a feel-good activity per se, the kids don’t need to be fixed,” says Gale Nelson, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. “We need to support them and let them fly by igniting their existing potential.” The organization has been the premier nonprofit youth mentoring organization for more than 60 years, creating a significant impact in the lives of children across Miami through digital literacy, health and wellness, music and the arts, academic enrichment, and career path training. Right now, there are more than 450 children waiting to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. This month, they will host the Big Appreciation Night, which highlights and celebrates mentors, volunteers and alumni. The organization’s most anticipated event of the year, the “Ignite Miami Gala” is Mar. 2; BBBSMiami.org.