

# Notables

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## Community-minded children honored with Barnum Awards

Ringling Brothers & Barnum And Bailey recently gave out Barnum Awards to honor the spirit of P.T. Barnum by celebrating children who give back to their communities in creative ways. Kiara Santos, 9, from Port St. Lucie, was presented the Gold and \$1,000. Kiara's Girl Scout Troop 41133 partnered with the Treasure Coast Food Bank to provide more than 500 pounds of food for schoolchildren. Alex Siegel, 8, and Evan Siegel, 6, of Lake Worth, received the Silver and \$750. They celebrate their birthdays together by requesting guests make a contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, raising \$1,000 last year. Aanya Patel, 8, from Boynton Beach, received the Bronze and \$500. She partnered with WeGiveBooks.org and created a reading program, COOLreadings.com, that donates books to children. From left are Santos, Evan Siegel, Alex Siegel and Patel.

Evan and Alex Siegel had a real thrill to be presented the silver Barnum Award for community service for their annual fundraising birthday party for which they ask for "no presents" but request donations for The Boys and Girls Club, of which they raised \$1,250+. Being on stage at the circus was overwhelming, but back stage rocked! They got to see the elephants and meet the performers. They received \$750 to use toward future community service and a medal of honor.



The BEST part is the Siegel Children "Making a Difference" and showing a grand example to others to support our BGC Kids. We are lucky to have Mr. Siegel on our Board as well as the support of his wonderful family. Absolutely...Paying it forward. I was so excited to nominate Alex and Evan for the award and we are all so proud THEY WON! Well deserved! This stuff makes our jobs so important and gives us enthusiasm! Thanks to Siegel family for being BGC PBC Community hero's - we appreciate your kind support.

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