

CORPORATE BIG HIGHLIGHT: HILLER SYSTEMS - LINDA BARNES



Why did I become a big? Not having had children of my own, I wanted to experience mentoring a child and guiding them through the phases of their growing life. Little did I realize what a rewarding experience it would be for me to watch my Little grow up right before my eyes!

We met when Aazia was in the last three months of 2nd grade, she was just so little! We love to read together, learn math concepts using Lego and my old school math, but together, it all works. She is now in 8th grade; when she made A-B Honor roll for the first time, I was so proud of her that I attended the ceremony and cried tears of joy.



Little Asia, Big Linda, and Aazia's twin sister

We are getting ready for her to start 9th grade at Leflore Magnet School in the fall. Although we have been through several different schools, many teachers, and this past year, suddenly she has exploded into this beautiful, kind, loving young lady. She has such a tender heart for animals and absolutely loves them; we are working towards a career in vet tech/veterinary medicine, as long as it involves animals!

She knows that no matter what happens, she can share it with me and together we can face anything, and we will. Seven years seem to have just flown by, and I am so proud of her accomplishments and the growth that I have seen over the years. As aptly stated by Dr. Seuss, "Oh the Places (She Will) Go!" and I am hanging on for the ride!

To learn more about our elite Corporate Big Program that Hiller Systems is a proud member of, please visit www.bbbssa.org.

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