



JANUARY 2019

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAM SALCEDO

Dear Friends,

January is National Mentoring Month, and I have the perfect way for you to celebrate. It's an opportunity to make a resolution that will last a lifetime, instead of just weeks or months. Volunteer to be a Big Brother or Big Sister!

Did you know that it only takes 4-6 hours a month? If your New Year's resolution was to get more active, you and your Little can go to the gym, take a hike, go roller-skating, or do any activity to keep you moving while enjoying each other's company and talking about life.

We have 72 kids who need a mentor and are waiting for a Big to volunteer to spend time with them. So, I ask that you make a resolution worth keeping. The BIG Resolution. Becoming a mentor can change your life and the life of a kid in your community.

We are so grateful for those who have made the commitment to spend a little time to open a world of possibilities. Our Bigs are the best and are igniting the potential in their Littles!

It is with great appreciation that we celebrate our volunteers and supporters at our annual awareness and recognition event on Monday, January 28.

We hope you will join us in making the BIG Resolution!

William Salcedo
Executive Director

2019 BIG RECOGNITION EVENT

Join us as we celebrate our volunteers and supporters!

Enjoy light food and happy hour specials at Tommy's Tavern & Tap while networking with other like-minded individuals. We will also be announcing our 2019 Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the year!

For more info, please contact 732.444.3541 or info@bbbsmmc.org



2018 MEMORIES

The holidays were brighter for 50 families who were provided with gifts and food donated by individuals and companies that partner with our agency. Our Annual Holiday Party at Buona Sera Palazzo in Ocean was the largest ever and we are grateful to Buona Sera for providing their beautiful venue and wonderful food to our Bigs, Littles, and families! Santa stopped by and every Little left with a gift that was generously donated. Volunteers from Synergy and Monmouth University Women's Soccer Team helped make everything run smoothly, and DJ Mike from Elite Entertainment got everyone dancing!

In 2018, our agency provided mentoring to 720 Littles. Fifty new Community Based



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Big-Little matches and 250 more new matches were created between School Based, Workplace Mentoring, College Mentoring, and Back On Track Programs.

A LITTLE LIFE IS WAITING FOR A BIG CHANGE

Jose is a 7th grader who tends to be on the quiet side. He's a good student and enjoys playing soccer and riding his bike. Jose would benefit from a positive role model who will encourage him and spend time with him out in the community.

Find out how to BECOME A BIG at www.bbbsmmc.org



OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Mission Maker
THE Morris & Clara Weshnak Family Foundation



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Mentor Makers



YOUTH OUTCOMES



MATCH HIGHLIGHT

When Diane and Alexis were matched in January of 2013, Alexis was an energetic 6 year old! They started their friendship with a walk in the park and enjoyed some ice cream. Over the years, they have enjoyed baking, arts and crafts, going to the beach club, gardening, attending theatre productions and many of the BBBS Kids Club Events. Diane taught Alexis how to ride a bike and use the sewing machine. Alexis is in 7th grade and is always excited to see Diane because she is "fun to hang out with". Diane sees how Alexis is maturing, socializing and developing peer relationships. Alexis's mother expressed that Diane has been a great influence on her daughter. Everyone is looking forward to another year of enriching, bonding experiences.



BIG SISTER DIANE & LITTLE SISTER ALEXIS THEN AND NOW



UPCOMING EVENTS



Join Us at
The Heldrich
in New Brunswick, NJ
Saturday, February 9, 2019, 5-8 p.m.

BOWL

For Kids' Sake

It's not about bowling,
it's about helping kids!

March 2019

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR DECEMBER MATCHES

- Big Brother Isaac & Little Brother Karon 5 Years
- Big Sister Joy & Little Sister Kalise 4 Years
- Big Brother Michael & Little Brother Christopher 3 Years
- Big Sister Megan & Little Sister Mo'Riyah 2 Years
- Big Brother Puya & Little Brother Isaiah 2 Years
- Big Sister Joelle & Little Sister Laraah 1 Year

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR JANUARY MATCHES

- Big Sister Karen & Little Sister Ty 10 Years
- Big Sister Sharon & Little Sister Brittney 10 Years
- Big Sister Stephanie & Little Sister Jasmine 9 Years
- Big Sister Diane & Little Sister Alexis 6 Years
- Big Brothers Roberto & Little Brother David 4 Years
- Big Brother Roche & Little Brother Moseray 4 Years
- Big Sister Natalie & Little Sister Jaime 3 Years
- Big Brother Sebastian & Little Brother Arturo 2 Years
- Big Sister Cassie & Little Sister Jordan 2 Years
- Big Brother Mansoor & Little Brother Anthony 2 Years
- Big Brother Bob & Little Brother Jose 1 Year