



A Message from Executive Director William Salcedo

Dear Friends,

We have an urgent need for volunteer Bigs. Being a mentor requires no special skills and will only take a few hours of your time each month. You and a child who needs guidance and friendship can enjoy time together while doing activities such as hiking, playing mini golf, fishing, and anything else the two of you dream up. Our staff is here to support you every step of the way!

Our Littles are good kids, but influences beyond their control can jeopardize their hopes and dreams. Together, we can ignite their potential. Our mentoring programs provide children with a caring person who can offer encouragement and support.

One of the match stories this month features former Little Brother Glen and his Big Brother Ed. They were matched for 10 years, and 40 years later they are still a part of each other's lives. *"He still picks on me, tells me to stand up straight, and make sure I iron my shirt,"* Glen said. It was great to hear from Glen, and their story inspired me, and everyone on the team at BBBSMMC.

Call today and join us as we work to defend the potential of children in our community!

Sincerely,

William Salcedo
Executive Director

Match Highlight

Little Sister Hailey was matched with her Big Sister Chris three years ago when Hailey was 14 years old.

Hailey and Chris enjoy activities of all kinds including gardening, hiking, attending BBBS Kids Club events, and participating in the annual Gay Pride Parade in New York City. More recently, Chris and Hailey visited Princeton University to tour the campus and prepare Hailey for college decisions as she enters her senior year of high school. Hailey's father stated that Chris is a wonderful influence and a great support to Hailey. When her case manager asked Hailey what she likes most



Hailey and Chris at This Year's
Back to School Party

about spending time with Chris, Hailey replied, *"Her support. Sometimes I'll rant and Chris will give advice and shows she cares. I can tell by the way Chris talks that she understands me."*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR SEPTEMBER MATCHES

- Big Sister Patricia & Little Sister Jaylen 7 Years
- Big Brother Mark & Little Brother Bryan 6 Years
- Big Sister Julie & Little Sister Sa'Asia 5 Years
- Big Sister Jennifer & Little Sister Nevaeh 5 Years
- Big Sister Lauren & Little Sister Nalah 3 Years
- Big Sister Chris & Little Sister Hailey 3 Years
- Big Sister Jeanne & Little Sister Jonajah 3 Years
- Big Brother Nick & Little Brother Aiden 3 Years
- Big Sister Jenica & Little Sister Megan 2 Years
- Big Sister Jane & Little Sister Khadeija 2 Years
- Big Brother Joe & Little Brother Logan 1 Year
- Big Sister Komilla & Little Sisters Precious 1 Year
- Big Sister Brielle & Little Sister Ingrid 1 Year
- Big Sister Amanda & Little Sister Anai 1 Year

A Little Life is Waiting for a BIG Change

Jared is a 9 year old boy who is bright and talkative. He is well-behaved and excels academically in school. He enjoys science, technology, and cars. He strives to have a Lamborghini or Ferrari one day. Jared likes playing video games, watching videos on Youtube, and going outside to ride his bike or his scooter. Jared would like a Big who is young, nice, funny, and likes games.

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

BBBSMMC Holds 18th Annual Back to School Parties!

BBBSMMC partnered with the Heldrich Hotel and the Monmouth Mall again this year to hold two Back to School Parties for Littles in our programs. Thank you to these two great establishments for hosting the parties and providing gift cards for all of our Littles! There were 140 attendees including Bigs, Littles, children waiting for a mentor, and parents/guardians.

“Ozone Alex” and “Neon Nora” from Mad Science of West New Jersey turned our parties into a science lab with dry ice experiments and a slime workshop. Our Littles had a great time and learned a lot!



Littles at the Monmouth County Party

Each child received a backpack filled with school supplies, a new book, and gift cards to prepare them for the upcoming school year. Every year the community steps up to donate school supplies and support these events that mean so much to the kids we serve.

Thanks to the many volunteers and contributors!

- AT&T Pioneers
- Barnes & Noble – Monmouth Mall
- The Church of the Nativity
- Dean’s Natural Food Market
- Edcamp Jersey Shore
- The Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- The Heldrich Hotel
- Illiano’s Italian Restaurant
- The Monmouth Mall
- Mad Science of West NJ
- Starbucks
- TDK-Lambda Americas, Inc.
- UBS Financial Services – Red Bank
- and many other individuals who contributed!

A Time Tested Match

Glen was matched with his Big Brother Ed about 40 years ago when he was only 10 years old. They were one of the first matches made at BBBS of Monmouth County and we were thrilled to hear that their friendship has stood the test of time. Glen now lives in Arizona but still comes back to New Jersey once or twice a year and makes it a point to visit his Big Brother. Glen recently reached out to us on Facebook before his most recent trip.



Glen and Ed Today!

After losing his father, Glen was in need of a male role model. Now looking back on being matched with Ed, Glen said, “It changed my life. Ed has been like a father to me and I can easily say he went far and above just being a Big Brother.” Ed was involved with the whole family and helped Glen through many major life moments like his mother passing and even going on college visits when it was time. After 40 years of friendship, the two still remain close and Glen expressed “I would not be who I am without Big Brothers Big Sisters.”



Glen in Washington D.C. on a trip with His Big Brother

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us at the Wall Municipal Complex in Wall, NJ
Sunday, Oct. 21st, 2018 - 9:30AM

20TH ANNUAL GALA ROARING TWENTIES
Join Us at The Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in Asbury Park, NJ
Friday, Oct. 26th, 2018 - 6:30PM

For more information on our events visit support.bbbsmmc.org

STAY TUNED FOR OUR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT COMING ON OCTOBER 1ST!

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