



## A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILLIAM SALCEDO

Dear Friends,

Happy National Mentoring Month! Every January, we encourage individuals like you to celebrate by volunteering to become a Big Brother or Big Sister.

As we enter a new decade, imagine a world where all youth achieve their full potential. Mentors can make that world a reality. Mentoring is a critical component in young people's lives, helping them make the decisions and connections that lead to opportunity. You can be a part of igniting their power and promise!

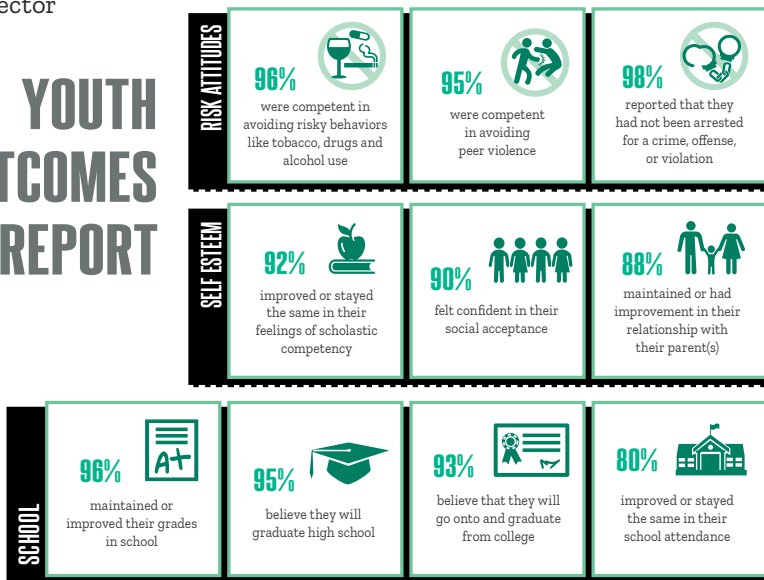
It only takes 4-6 hours a month to impact a child. There are no special skills required to be a trusted friend. All you need to be is yourself! Our Bigs and Littles enjoy activities such as going fishing, bowling, bike riding, or simply sharing a meal and conversation – all while creating memories that last a lifetime.

We have 107 kids who need a mentor and are waiting for a Big to spend time with them. We hope you will join us in making 2020 a BIG year for children in Coastal & Northern New Jersey!

Sincerely,

William Salcedo  
Executive Director

## YOUTH OUTCOMES REPORT



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR JANUARY MATCHES

- Big Sister Karen & Little Sister Tyquasia **11 Years**
- Big Sister Sharon & Little Sister Brittney **11 Years**
- Big Sister Stephanie & Little Sister Jasmine **10 Years**
- Big Sister Theresa & Little Sister Patricia **8 Years**
- Big Sister Diane & Little Sister Alexis **7 Years**
- Big Sister Sonia & Little Sister Kimberly **5 Years**
- Big Brother Roberto & Little Brother David **5 Years**
- Big Sister Inga & Little Sister Anastasia **5 Years**
- Big Brother Muhammad & Little Brother Julien **3 Years**
- Big Brother Sebastian & Little Brother Arturo **3 Years**
- Big Sister Lauren & Little Sister Jocelyn **3 Years**
- Big Sister Cassie & Little Sister Jordan **3 Years**
- Big Brother Matthew & Little Brother Carter **2 Years**
- Big Brother Bob & Little Brother José **2 Years**
- Big Brother Rudolph & Little Brother Adien **1 Year**
- Big Sister Margarita & Little Sister Shaniyah **1 Year**

### OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Mission Maker  
**THE MORRIS & CLARA WESHNAK**  
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Want to be a Mission Partner? To learn more contact us at 732.544.2224

## MORRIS COUNTY BIGS IN BLUE KICKOFF



We were thrilled to kick off our first meeting of Bigs in Blue with the Morris County Sheriff's Office and Alexander Hamilton Elementary Students from Morristown. This was the first of many exciting meetings for our Littles and Bigs to help bridge the gap of youth and law enforcement in the community!

## YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

This month, it is our pleasure to highlight Little Sister Keira and her achievements in gymnastics. After enrolling in gymnastics at Elite Trampoline Academy, the coaches saw Keira's incredible talent and recruited her to be on the Elite Gymnastics Team! This fall, Keira competed in her first competition and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Solo Trampoline and Synchronized.

She continues to place in each competition to date! Keira has been matched with her Big Sister Adelina for six years.



One of their favorite activities is going to Sky Zone together to practice Keira's gymnastic moves. We are so proud of Keira's dedication and commitment to reaching her gymnast goals!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Join Us at  
The Heldrich  
in New Brunswick, NJ  
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 5-8 p.m.



**BOWL** For Kids' Sake  
It's not about bowling,  
it's about helping kids!  
March 2020

## 2020 BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS APPRECIATION EVENT

Join us as we celebrate our volunteers and supporters!

Enjoy light food and happy hour specials while networking with other like-minded individuals. We will also be announcing our 2020 Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the year! Thank you to our wonderful partner The Heldrich Hotel.



## THE BIG WAIT

Jevon is an outgoing, funny, talkative, and empathetic 14-year-old who is in his first year of high school. Some of his interests include fishing, soccer, watching movies, and playing video games. Jevon could benefit from a positive male role model and is hoping for a Big Brother who shares his love of the outdoors and is friendly and outgoing.

Become A Big at  
[www.mentornj.org/be-a-big](http://www.mentornj.org/be-a-big)

## NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH POTENTIAL DEFENDED HERE

Potential lives everywhere.  
Become a Big to ignite it.

