



JANUARY 2021

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT BARRY WESHNAK

Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us, and with it comes the hope for a brighter tomorrow. Youth especially need positive influences to help them carry an optimistic outlook into 2021. January is National Mentoring Month, and we are inviting you to celebrate by doing something BIG.

When I was matched with my Little Brother Lorenzo in 2006, I could only imagine the vast impact we'd have on each other. As a Big Brother, I was able to help guide him, offer advice, listen, and have fun while forming a lasting friendship. Seeing Lorenzo grow through the years and staying in touch after he aged out of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program has been a privilege.

As Board President of BBBSNJ for the past 14 years, I have seen children's lives transformed throughout Coastal & Northern New Jersey thanks to volunteer mentors. It only takes 4-6 hours a month to impact a child, and there are no special skills required. From emotional support to the joy of having a trusted friend in their corner, Bigs provide the stability that Littles need to achieve their full potential.

When we work together, we bring about positive change. We have close to 100 kids who need a mentor and are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister to connect with them. This National Mentoring Month, please consider becoming a Big to ignite the power and promise of a young person in your community.

Sincerely,

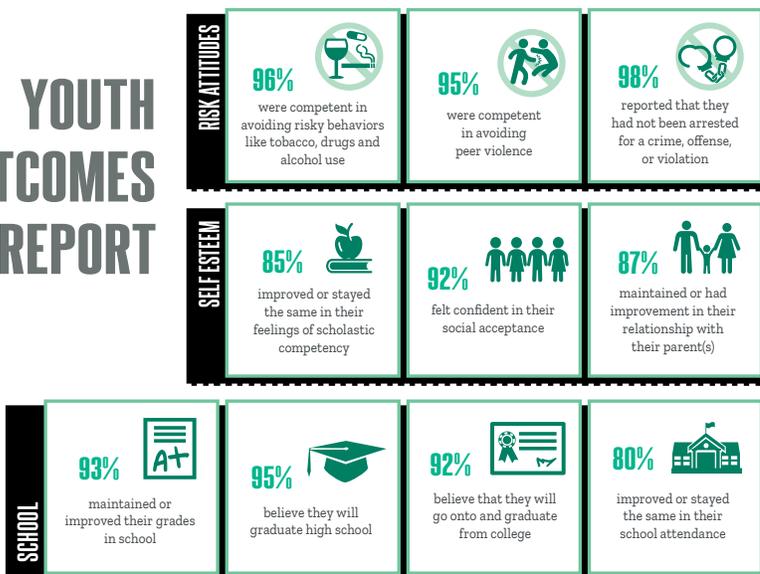
Barry Weshnak
Board President



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR JANUARY MATCHES

- Big Sister Stephanie & Little Sister Jasmine **11 Years**
- Big Sister Diane & Little Sister Lexi **8 Years**
- Big Sister Sonia & Little Sister Kimberly **6 Years**
- Big Brother Roberto & Little Brother David **6 Years**
- Big Sister Inga & Little Sister Anastasia **6 Years**
- Big Brother Thomas & Little Brother Jake **5 Years**
- Big Sister Cassie & Little Sister Jordan **4 Years**
- Big Brother Taimoor & Little Brother Julien **4 Years**
- Big Sister Lauren & Little Sister Jocelyn **4 Years**
- Big Brother Bob & Little Brother José **3 Years**
- Big Couple Rudy & Natalie & Little Brother Adien **2 Years**
- Big Brother Tiffany & Little Sister Adrianna **1 Year**
- Big Sister Liz & Little Sister Madison **1 Year**
- Big Sister Jasmine & Little Sister Zoe **1 Year**
- Big Sister Kelly & Little Sister Nylah **1 Year**
- Big Sister Shreeia & Little Sister Ja'Nyah **1 Year**
- Big Brother Doug & Little Brother Izeah **1 Year**

YOUTH OUTCOMES REPORT



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7:30-9 PM

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