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Big Brothers Big Sisters Seeking Volunteer Mentors in Middlesex County

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey (BBBSCNNJ) is inviting Middlesex County residents to become a volunteer Big Brother or Big Sister to a local child. BBBSCNNJ currently has 20 children on their Middlesex County waiting list, and it is mostly boys.

BBBSCNNJ provides one-to-one mentoring for youth ages 6-18. By placing children in a quality mentoring relationship, BBBSCNNJ provides them with the tools they need to become competent, confident, and caring members of their community. Volunteer Big Brothers and Sisters spend quality time with their Littles each month, enjoying free or low-cost activities during which the child may learn new skills, explore new interests, or expand their experience beyond their family and neighborhood. There are no special skills required to be a trusted friend, and BBBSCNNJ's experienced staff provides continual support.

"In as little as 4-6 hours a month, you can make a positive difference in a young person's life by becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister," stated William Salcedo, BBBSCNNJ Executive Director. "Doing simple activities with your Little can open up a world of possibilities for their future."

Andrew and Destiny are two children on BBBSCNNJ's Middlesex County waiting list. Andrew is an intelligent and social 12-year-old boy who has been patiently waiting to be matched with a Big. He enjoys watching and playing sports like basketball and football. Andrew likes spending his free time outdoors with his friends and riding bikes around town together. He recently started a new hobby of watching BMX motocross bikers, while practicing and mastering his BMX skills and tricks himself. When he is not bike riding or playing sports, you can find him fishing. Andrew has been improving his grades in school after the tough year of virtual learning, and his favorite subject is Reading. He hopes to be matched with a Big who shares the same enjoyment of sports, being active, and spending time outdoors.

Destiny is a thoughtful and kind 10-year-old girl who is waiting to be matched with a caring Big Sister. She enjoys going outside, playing tag, and tennis. In her free time, Destiny is active and enjoys gymnastics and cheerleading. She is crafty and artistic, has a great imagination, and likes drawing. Destiny also has a love for animals and hopes to become a veterinarian when she gets older. She shared that if she had a million dollars, she would like to save all the animals that are in danger. Destiny is in the 5th grade, and her favorite subject is Social Studies. She is hoping to be matched with a Big who is funny, kind, and has a common love for animals. Destiny looks forward to playing games, drawing, and going to the park with a Big Sister.

To be matched with a Middlesex County child like Andrew or Destiny, apply to become a Big now at www.mentornj.org.

BBBSCNNJ serves 1,200 children throughout 10 counties in New Jersey. 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. To learn more about BBBSCNNJ, follow the agency on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About BBBSCNNJ:

For the past 45 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey has been making a positive difference in the lives of at-risk children through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships with adult volunteers. BBBSCNNJ empowers children to achieve their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, and caring individuals. For more information on becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister or to make a donation, visit: www.mentornj.org.