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Big Brothers Big Sisters Seeking Volunteer Mentors in Ocean County

OCEAN 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 16 children on their Ocean 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."

Zaymir and Jacob are two children on BBBSCNNJ's Ocean County waiting list. Zaymir is a sweet and outgoing 8-year-old boy who has been patiently waiting to be matched with a Big. Some of Zaymir's favorite hobbies are playing board games, going bowling, playing with Play-Doh, and coloring. He loves sports, especially baseball and football. He also loves school, calling it "the best" and citing Math as his favorite subject. Zaymir is hopeful to be matched with a Big who shares his enjoyment of bowling, going to the park, and playing board games.

Jacob is a friendly and kind 11-year-old boy who can't wait to be matched with a Big. He enjoys playing video games and loves Pokémon. Jacob recently found a new interest in completing word games such as Sudoku, word searches, and puzzles. His favorite subject in school is Reading.

Jacob likes playing sports, and his favorites are kickball, basketball, and dodgeball. He hopes to be matched with a Big who also enjoys going to the arcade, playing video games, and visiting the park like he does.

To be matched with an Ocean County child like Zaymir or Jacob, apply to become a Big now at www.mentornj.org.

BBSCNNJ 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 BBSCNNJ, follow the agency on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About BBSCNNJ:

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. BBSCNNJ 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.