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BBBSCNNJ Held 15th Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament with Record Number of Teams and Players

Funds raised benefitted the BBBSCNNJ one-to-one youth mentoring programs

Manasquan, NJ — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey (BBBSCNNJ) held their 15th Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament on Sunday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Main Street beach in Manasquan, NJ.

The tournament included 29 teams of 6-8 people who each raised at least \$100 to participate. There were two divisions: competitive and recreational. Each division had its own set of prizes and trophies, including a \$1,000 prize for the competitive division winner generously donated by Surf Taco. Tournament sponsor Keith P. Walsh & Sons Plumbing & Heating donated an additional \$1,000 for the recreational division this year. New team, Sandy Pipes, won the competitive division and returning team Seaview Orthopaedic took home the recreational division prize. Additionally, tournament sponsor and first-time team, Fortune Flyers of Fortune Title Agency, took home the Highest Fundraising Team trophy; and longtime tournament competitor, Michael Weshnak, earned the Highest Fundraising Individual award.

"Our volleyball tournament continues to grow each year, and we are grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the community that helps us raise funds for our one-to-one mentoring programs. This year we had more teams than ever before which results in more volunteers matched with children in our community for life-changing one-to-one mentoring," said William A. Salcedo, Executive Director of BBBSCNNJ. "Thank you to everyone who sponsored, participated, and volunteered for this incredible event."

The tournament was presented by Starbucks, Surf Taco, and Gee Gee's Pizzeria. Additional sponsors included Tournament Sponsors Keith P. Walsh & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Fortune Title Agency, and New Jersey Natural Gas along with Court Sponsors English Properties, Leggetts, Moonstruck Restaurant, The Salty Whale & Guesthouse, Vin Gopal Civic Association, and Social Sponsor Gammon Management Inc.

The event raised more than \$35,000 this year and all proceeds will benefit the expansion of programs offered by BBSCNNJ to fulfill its mission to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBSCNNJ is a donor-supported, volunteer agency that is currently serving 1,200 children in 10 counties throughout New Jersey. The agency is funded by the community through individual gifts, grants, and special events.

BBSCNNJ hosts several events a year to raise funds and create awareness for the organization. To find other upcoming events for BBSCNNJ, visit <http://www.mentornj.org/events>.

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.