

NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM BOARD MEMBER, ROB NAGEL

Dear Friends,

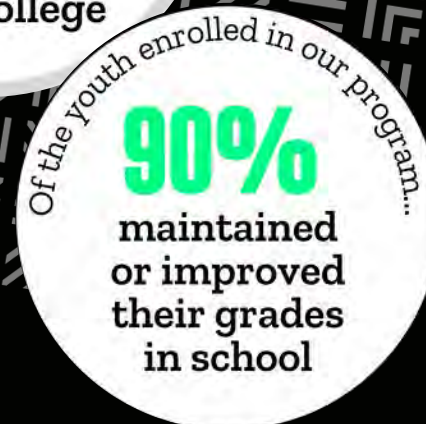
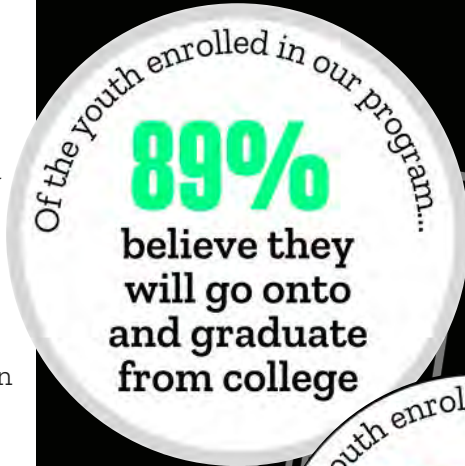
I've had the privilege of getting to know the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey organization over the last 10 years as a board member and supporter. **When I first got involved, we were providing mentorship for 593 youth and now, in 2023, the organization has grown to support more than 1,500 local children and teens through impactful mentoring.**

Our communities are strengthened and set up for greater success when more youth are empowered to achieve their greatest potential. BBBS-CNNJ is doing just that and I'm proud to continue supporting their mission.

It is with the potential of all youth in mind that I announce a matching gift for BBBS-CNNJ this Giving Tuesday, November 28th. All gifts up to \$5,000 will be matched by Surf Taco. Please join me in supporting this organization so that all youth might reach their biggest possible future.

With gratitude,

Rob Nagel
President, Surf Taco



Mentoring supports greater potential and better futures for our youth.



DONATE TODAY

The BIG Wait

Dom is a gregarious 7th grader whose main interests are fishing, building things, and being outdoors. He loves animals which is fitting since he wants to become a veterinarian. Dom is hoping his Big Brother is someone who likes fishing and being active outside. He's looking forward to spending time with a Big Brother who can teach him things like how to roller skate.

IT TAKES LITTLE TO BE BIG.
www.mentornj.org/beabig

Our Mission Partners support the fundraising efforts, mission, and vision of the agency throughout the year.





Youth Spotlight: Little Sister Yanna is a Second Generation Little!

Little Sister Yanna is 14-years old and has been matched with her Big Sister Jackie for three years. Long before that match, Yanna's mother Jasmine, was also a Little and has kept in touch with her own Big for many years. Jasmine knew that Yanna would benefit from the program and that having a Big would give her another positive outlet and support system.

Yanna and Jackie always make time to catch up with one another despite their busy schedules. They will talk about school, friendship and Jackie is always there to help guide Yanna in making healthy choices for her future.

Over the years they have had many memorable outings, including participating in a Big Brothers Big Sisters baking event! Yanna and Jackie's friendship continues to grow, and we can't wait to see where it takes them next.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MATCHES!

8 Years

Big Brother Vibhashu & Little Brother Zion

6 Years

Big Sister Deborah & Little Sister Ashley

5 Years

Big Brother Monty & Little Brother Matthew
Big Sister Andrea & Little Sister Shayla

4 Years

Big Sister Mary & Little Sister Alanna
Big Brother Anthony & Little Brother DJ

3 Years

Big Brother Kevin & Little Brother Sage
Big Brother Ricardo & Little Brother Joshua
Big Sister Shauna-Mae & Little Sister Carly
Big Sister Ilana & Little Sister Nora
Big Brother Nick & Little Brother Cai
Big Brother Andrew & Little Brother Luca
Big Sister Jackie & Little Sister Yanna
Big Brother Hunter & Little Brother Jehki
Big Brother Taylor & Little Brother Anthony

2 Years

Big Brother Joseph & Little Brother Cesar
Big Brother Patrick & Little Brother Ashton
Big Brother Keith & Little Brother Jordan
Big Brother Steve & Little Brother Landon
Big Brother Isaac & Little Brother Josiah

2 Years (cont.)

Big Sister Christina & Little Sister Dakota
Big Sister Carmen & Little Sister Madison
Big Sister Nijme & Little Sister Joellys

1 Year

Big Sister Kerin & Little Sister Mia
Big Sister Jackie & Little Brother Isaiah
Big Brother Thomas & Little Brother Wyatt
Big Brother Jeffrey & Little Brother Kyle
Big Brother Ronald & Little Brother Cameron
Big Brother Edmund & Little Brother Jason
Big Brother Roy & Little Brother Hansel
Big Sister Darlene & Little Sister Katie
Big Sister Jordan & Little Sister Ashvi
Big Brother Blair & Little Brother Meshach
Big Sister Kathryn & Little Sister Serenity
Big Brother Carlos & Little Brother Anthony
Big Sister Alba & Little Sister Lexi
Big Sister Angela & Little Sister Siyana
Big Sister Nina & Little Sister Sophia
Big Sister Xiomara & Little Sister Belen
Big Brother Shawn & Little Brother Nathaniel
Big Sister Deena & Little Sister Isabella
Big Sister Melissa & Little Sister Kaley
Big Brother Bill & Little Brother Raymond
Big Brother William & Little Brother Tristan

Match Highlight: Taco-bout A Good Match!

Big Brother Will and Little Brother Tristan were matched one year ago and have had so many great experiences during their first year together. They've enjoyed many fun and memorable activities like kicking around a soccer ball, visiting an alpaca farm, laughing, learning about one another, trying on silly Halloween costumes, going out to eat, and just spending quality time with one another. Tristan and Will have built a great bond through Big Brothers Big Sisters and they look forward to continuing the friendship.



DONATE ON GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
FOR A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM LITTLE BROTHER WYATT



“Fun and always down to do something. He’s always happy to see me and always happy, never sad or mad or anything.”

Little Brother Wyatt describing his Big Brother Tom

‘Tis the season to be gifting! Support BBBS while you shop this year with two great opportunities from our National partners at Macy’s & Nordstrom Rack



SHOP, GIVE, OR ROUND UP YOUR PURCHASE AT MACY’S

This holiday season **Macy’s** is selling a holiday bear, an ornament, and a mug designed by a BBBS Little and 50% of every purchased item will directly support Big Brothers Big Sisters. PLUS, now through December 24 you can donate online or round up in-store to support BBBS through the Macy’s Mission Every One initiative.



SPONSOR A MOMENT OR ADD A DONATION WHEN YOU SHOP

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