



BBBS Staff at the Annual Holiday Party

Message from the CEO,

Greetings to all our readers and supporters. May 2019 bring you only Good Health and Peacefulness.

This newsletter is your invitation to discover all about us, our work, our staff and our board. In this first edition for 2019, you will find many reasons to visit our website and learn about events, celebrations and commitment to your county's youth.

As Rockland's premier mentoring program, we are proud to offer the community many services for our county's youth. We believe that every child across the diverse communities that we serve, deserves a caring adult mentor and entitled to become part of the BBBS family.

New initiatives are always being launched since our commitment is to reduce negative behavior patterns. In keeping with the spirit of our vision and mission, we set out to learn

more about how we could play an integral part in helping youth impacted by the devastation of opioid usage and were awarded a three year grant to service those youth and their families. As the CEO of an organization that is a leader in the positive changes forming the development of each and every child participant, I am so pleased and gratified with the work, time, and commitment which our volunteers accomplish in their role as mentors. I can truly say that the level of support, collaboration, and genuine caring between the mentors and mentee's is exceptional. Each one of our valued and trusted volunteers offers a swift response to their mentee's needs - listening, encouraging, and advocating all the positives of a youth, yet not neglecting the negatives.

In closing, I should like to once again extend, on behalf of the Board of Directors, sincere congratulations to our mentors for "Making the Difference" and congratulations to all those people that have decided to "Make a Difference" by leading our community's children into a service which supports the needs of hundreds of troubled youngsters.

We extend a warm invitation to you all to remain with us, visit our website and join us in celebrating mentoring as an all-encompassing methodology for positive youth development. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland's vision is that all youth achieve success in life by engaging in one-to-one match relationships to assist the "ignition" of a bright and rewarding future; the youth of Rockland County are our future and the services that Big Brothers Big Sisters provides, together with our esteemed volunteers, will continue to help young people lead healthy, happy and positive lives.

Anyone can be a Big Brothers or Big Sister – no experience or expertise is required! A couple of hours a couple of times a month is all it takes, and you would be amazed at how much you will get back!!

Giving starts with you At Big Brothers Big Sisters. We appreciate all supporters, from donors to volunteers to advocates. Your donations help us make and sustain matches between Bigs and Littles – and instantly make you a part of our family. By volunteering or donating today, you will be investing in the future of a child and the future of the world. Behind every match is a person who screens, creates and facilitates volunteers and matches to ensure the safety of the child. Your help supports the process and the work.





Upcoming Events!



Volunteer Open House

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County will be holding a volunteer open house in the near future. We are asking current volunteers to attend and bring their friends, family, coworkers etc. who are interested in possibly becoming a mentor to join us at this event! It will be a lot of fun! Stay tuned for more details!

Date and Time: TBA

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