



This newsletter constitutes the last one for 2016 ! Where did the year go?

Everyone I meet asks the same question but because each of us juggles not only our domestic and parental lives but that of our business lives and truly - it can be said that “it’s not about having the time, but making the time.” Without doubt, we here at BBBS, we do not permit any “ grass to grow beneath our feet” !! We know only too well, how very important is mentoring and the other critical programs provided by BBBS - not forgetting, of course, our 6 main-stay services including the indispensable Court Ordered Supervised Visitation Program. Even as I pen this letter, almost 500 children and youth have been served through each of the many diverse programs provided by BBBS during 2016!!

As we all know, the BBBS services are effective and necessary to those in need and we strive to enroll every child referred to our program. We have found as well that, through our tracking device, parents see a huge difference in their child’s progress both at home and in school. The office staff and Board members all keep a diligent eye on program measurements and outcomes in order to facilitate and promote the essence of who Big Brothers Big Sisters is, how we operate and the value of our services throughout all Rockland communities.

We continue to be on track with our goals and we are blessed by the dedication of everyone on the BBBS team - from the Chairman and his Board to the volunteers who come to work here for example, Judie and Jackie who, without any compensation, arrive to the office each week and carry out the work that helps to maintain our productivity. God bless these true angels in our family and Judie, Jackie, please know how much you are valued

...and so, as we finish the year - on behalf of this wonderful organization, I, the Board of Directors and staff should like to thank you for supporting our organization. Because of your support both as esteemed volunteers and cherished financial sponsors, we have not only sustained our 6 major programs but have the ability to serve more and more of our county’s children. What a way to say goodbye to the old and welcome to the new!

To all program participants, we look forward to seeing you at our annual Bigs and Littles Holiday Party at Dave & Buster’s courtesy of the Independent Insurance Agents of Rockland. This party will herald the end of 2016 as we plan for our Annual Board Meeting in January depicting all the work that has been accomplished during 2016.

Happy Holidays dear readers celebrate safely and remember – we are always here to support our community, its families and their children!!