

Greetings from Gillian,

Mentoring is a Movement with a Role for Everyone



Participants at the Bowl for Kids' Sake Event

Generally, when I meet people and tell them I head the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency, I get one of two reactions: “I’ve always thought about being a Big Brother [or Big Sister], but I’m way too busy.”

The good news is - ours is a movement with a role for all citizens. There are many ways to support what our mission achieves -- results that make a real difference in children’s lives, increasing the chances that they will succeed in school, solve problems without violent behavior, and avoid drugs and other illegal activities.

In addition to those who get involved as a Big Brother or Big Sister, the movement also includes corporate partners, event volunteers, professional advisers, private donors, board members and others willing to do what they can to provide support. It is a community movement of many diverse people who make it possible for match specialists to provide support to the caring, generous volunteers whose friendships with at-risk children yield those remarkable results.

Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors, the “Bigs,” as we call them, are making a remarkable difference in our community. The Bigs in our network are busy employees of assorted employment, young college graduates, retirees, athletes, and artists – a diverse group of

individuals who care about how our children are growing up in our community and throughout Rockland.

With growing economic pressures on families and communities across Rockland, the need for all citizens to join the movement is urgent. Children are facing risks that lead to soaring dropout rates, substance abuse, violence and crime. What we achieve as a mentoring organization and how we improve the odds that children will succeed - is extremely relevant to both the children we serve and to the funders looking for positive outcomes.

Having a Mentor in the life of a child enables him/her to thrive as well as providing guidance – so why not be a hero? You can be part of helping our organization with only offering a minimum of four hours a month.

Too busy? Then I invite you to visit our website and see the many programs that we have to offer and look to support one of those program. You know it and I know it - Every contribution that you make, helps BBBS change lives.

For example, there are a lot of “firsts” that our kids haven’t had to opportunity to enjoy, like fishing, places of like culture, etc. So again if you are unable to find the time to share your talents and offer the basics of a life that will encourage and support, consider a monetary gift. Each dollar helps each child in our program.

That said, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland, is introducing a way to recognize citizens who support the movement to help our children grow up in Rockland, despite whether their role is mentoring or helping children beat the odds and break negative cycles in some other way; so go to www.bbbsofrc.com and give what you can and by doing your part to make a difference, please encourage others to do what they can as well.

In closing, please allow me to reiterate what we all know - and that is our youth are our future. Let us all work hard towards helping each and every one of them that need our services and again – a VERY BIG thank you to our valuable and dedicated mentors, in recognition of your selfless dedication to your mentees!!



LittleSister Angelyna and Big Sister Ouida on an outing in NYC

BBBS Board Chairman, Lee Roberts; BBBS CEO & President, Gillian Ballard and Elaine Apfelbaum at the 2018 Apples Poker Run

Mel Davis at BBBS JUMP Program

2018 BBBS Graduation



Everyone is welcome to support our 1-to-1 Community Program Graduates on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at 6 pm located at the Legislative Chamber on 11 New Hempstead Rd. New City, NY 10956.

2018 Annual Golf Outing



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County is hosting its Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 25th from 11:30 am-8 pm at New York Country Club on 103 Brick Church Rd. New Hempstead, NY 10977. Please join us for a wonderful event!

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