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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County Announces National Mentoring Month

EATONTOWN: Make a resolution to have a positive impact on the life of a child this New Year! January has been designated as National Mentoring Month during which nationwide attention is placed on the need for mentors. As we look back on our lives, we may remember a special person that has made a difference in who we have become. Your mentor could have been a coach, teacher, neighbor, or another caring adult.

National Mentoring Month serves as an opportunity to increase the number of mentors that can help pave the way for a brighter future for today's youth. It's also the perfect occasion to thank someone who has had an impact on your life, as well as a time to consider becoming a mentor yourself.

For over 32 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County (BBBSMC) has sought to provide successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and stronger communities for all.

Paul Sperber of Shrewsbury, is a Big Brother to thirteen-year-old Matthew as part of the BBBSMC program. According to Paul, he gets far more out of the experience than he gives. His reward is seeing Matthew "learn and grow". He began as a Big because he had the time and felt it was a great contribution. Paul adds that, "Big Brothers Big Sisters made it very easy to explore the opportunities and answer any questions I had about how to handle a Little and any issues that arise." Also according to Paul, a great perk of being a Big Brother is that it allows him to be young again when he spends time with his Little Brother. Aside from a long, happy marriage and seeing his own children grow into successful adults, Paul says, "being a Big has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever been involved in."

BBBSMC facilitates one-to-one mentoring, couples mentoring, and school & site-based mentoring and currently has a waiting list of over 60 children waiting to be matched with a caring adult volunteer. The agency is promoting volunteer recruitment at this time in an effort to reduce the large waiting list of children from the area in need of a mentor. BBBSMC representatives are available to make presentations to area service groups or interested parties regarding the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and the need for volunteers.

For more information or if you wish to become a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County please call William Salcedo, Executive Director at 732-544-2224 ext. 329 or visit www.bbbsmonmouth.org