

2019 BIG IMPACT REPORT

For over 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island has provided mentors to the youth of our community who have motivated and empowered them to make positive decisions, improve academic results, avoid risky behaviors, and grow in a way that will positively impact their future. Your contribution to our agency allows us to continue the work we do. **Your dollars matter.** We invite you to review some of this year's achievements and accomplishments.

Supporting our Littles Beyond Our Mentoring Programs

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters supplies many resources outside of our traditional mentoring programs. We believe that every child who wants a mentor deserves one. 90% of the Littles we serve are either at or below the poverty line and quite often we are met with requests for a variety of needs. We strive to ensure the needs of our youth and families are being met in a holistic way. In addition to providing graduating Littles with a \$1,500 Scholarship, we annually award \$5,000+ to Littles and their families for additional needs such as groceries, gas, clothing and school supplies. The needs of our families grow each year and we are fortunate for the variety of foundations such as the Episcopal Charities of Rhode Island and the Billy Andrade-Brad Faxon Charities for supplying the necessary funds to ensure our Littles can reach their fullest potential.



Celebrating the Season with Welcome to Summer



This year Big Brothers Big Sisters celebrated our 9th annual Welcome to Summer event. Each year board member, Tom Furey, along with an amazing group of committee members and South County community leaders, celebrates the arrival of summer with a beach party at Bonnet Shores Beach Club. The Club generously opens its doors to the community for light beach fare and amazing music from some local favorite bands such as Brass Attack and Sugar. The event, since 2010, has raised \$200,000 for our mentoring program and for a handful of other local charities, all working towards providing the youth of our community with resources to be successful in their educational careers.

Building Up Our Youth, Building Partnerships and Building the Future!



In 2018, Big Brothers Big Sisters embarked on an explorative journey to launch a Beyond School Walls (BSW) Program with native Rhode Island company, Hasbro. BSW is a site-based mentoring program where mentoring happens between an elementary school and a corporation, business or club, during the school day. A BBBS staff member facilitates each weekly mentoring session, which includes curriculum in collaboration with the needs of the school district's learning initiatives. This past fall we were able to launch our newest site at Potter Burns Elementary School, where volunteer mentors from Hasbro joined students during their lunch hour to connect, and take part in facilitated STEAM curriculum.

Since our first site at Amgen was launched in 2015, we have served over 125 children through partnerships with Schneider Electric, Alex and Ani, National Grid and now Hasbro. Our sites have shown positive outcomes for the children, as well as increased employment engagement for the companies that participate.



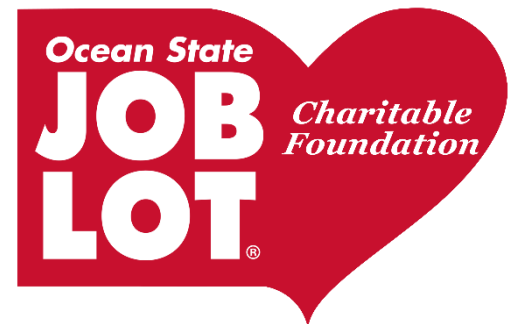
The logo for Amgen, featuring the word "AMGEN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.



The logo for Schneider Electric, featuring the word "Schneider" in a green, sans-serif font above the word "Electric" in a smaller green font, with a green circular icon containing a white lightning bolt symbol.

Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation's Continued Support

In October 2018, Ocean State Job Lot's Charitable Foundation held a Register Ask for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Job Lot shoppers were given the opportunity to donate to support the long-term mentoring relationships which we create every day. Throughout the campaign, Job Lot was able to raise over \$30,000. This year, our goal is to create 120 NEW mentoring relationships. At this point in the year we are halfway to our goal and because of the generosity of Job Lot and their shoppers we will be able to exceed our goal by the end of the year.



Our successes are your successes, and the opportunities that we provide to young people would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you for supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island.