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of Central Indiana

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## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana Receives Allocation of \$27K from United Way of Johnson County**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana is pleased to announce the United Way of Johnson County allocation of \$27,764 to support its one-to-one mentoring program in Johnson County. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI) projects it will serve 50 Johnson County one-to-one mentoring matches during the 2010 calendar year.

"These 50 mentoring matches are the beginning of a mentoring movement in Johnson County that will grow to provide caring, adult role models and friends to hundreds of kids," said Tonja Eagan, CEO of BBBSCI.

BBBSCI continues to strengthen relationships in Johnson County and designated one Match Support Specialist staff member to specifically work with all Johnson County one-to-one mentoring matches. While the agency's numbers continue to grow in Johnson County, BBBSCI looks to recruit more Johnson County residents to mentor a child in their community.

A.J. Munn, a mother of two and lifelong resident of Johnson County, was excited recently be matched with her Little Sister Suzy, 12, from Greenwood.

"Being a Johnson County resident, I have seen many of the challenges the youth in our community face," said Munn. "I feel I can relate to Suzy in a unique way because I grew up here and I am raising two children in the same community."

A new study conducted for Big Brothers Big Sisters by Harris Interactive® finds adults who were Little Brothers or Little Sisters, for one year or more, are 75% more likely than their peers who were not involved in the organization to have four-year college degrees and 39% more likely to have household incomes, as adults, of \$75,000 or greater. They are also significantly more likely to volunteer in their community and have positive relationships with their family and friends.

### **About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana is a non-profit organization that develops mentors committed to helping boys and girls grow into the next generation of caring, confident and competent adults. An affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and a United Way partner, BBBSCI has been creating and supporting mentoring relationships in central Indiana for over 35 years. To volunteer, donate or for more information, visit [www.bebigforkids.org](http://www.bebigforkids.org) or call 317-921-2201.

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