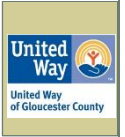


# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS INDEPENDENCE REGION

## Mentoring



### A Success Story About...Evan



In July 2016, 13 year old Little Brother Evan was matched with 22 year old Big Brother Harry; both live in Woodbury.

Evan was adopted when he was a young child, then his mother's boyfriend and his grandfather died when he was 3. Mom wanted Evan to have a Big so that he'd have a male

role model. Evan kept to himself, was quiet and introverted, and spent a lot of time on the computer.

Harry is 22, a recent college graduate enrolled in the Camden County police academy. With Evan frequently on the computer, Harry focused on outside activities. When they first went fishing, Evan was disappointed that he didn't catch anything, so he got on YouTube and learned about fishing. The next time they fished, Evan was really happy that he caught a big fish. When they went to a Phillies game, Evan caught a home run ball! Harry saw that catching the ball was a highlight of the game and that Evan's self-esteem was boosted that day and afterwards. Evan is talking more, and he's really enthusiastic when he sees Harry. Mom is very grateful that Evan has a mentor he can talk with, relate to, and look up to.