



Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Presents:

A Success Story featuring...

Bill & Jio

While Big Brother Bill and Little Brother Jio are a new match, the pair get along very well. They love bowling, going out to eat, fishing, and attending museums. Jio is on the autism spectrum, so Bill works with his parents to find activities that fit his comfort level and sensory needs, avoiding activities with too much noise or a lot of crowds. Mom is thrilled with the match and says that Jio comes home smiling after every visit.

At first Bill admitted to being unsure of what his role would be in Jio's life since he has two parents already active in his life. However, after speaking with staff and Jio's parents, Bill feels much more assured and is focusing on connecting with Jio and building the relationship, knowing the bond will get stronger with time.

Bill plays tennis, and after hearing from Jio that he's interested in learning tennis, he is working with Mom to set up tennis lessons in the future. Bill's friend is a tennis coach for youth with special needs, which would be a great place to start. We are so thrilled at the progress this match has made already this year, and are looking forward to hearing more about their adventures!



