

A Success Story submitted by Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence showcasing: **MARK**



This past fall, our Program Director received a call from a local Gloucester County school counselor wanting to connect about a boy she had referred to our program, but whose parents might have a difficult time connecting with BBBSI to get set up. We worked with the parents and counselor to start the process. By the end of the same month, we were able to conduct all of the required interviews to enroll Mark, a Haitian-American youth referred by the school. His mother expressed her hope that her son would benefit from having a Big Brother, someone to talk to and receive encouragement from, and gain support with schoolwork. She described Mark as outgoing, friendly, energetic, hopeful, and kind.

While Mark is still in the process of being matched, he is enthusiastic and eager about the idea of having a Big Brother. He enjoys cooking, eating, spending time outdoors with his family, and playing games like Roblox and Minecraft with friends. Math is his favorite subject at school. While Mark awaits his Big Brother match, he and his family will be invited to our local match and engagement list activities.