

A 2022 Success Story for... Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence



Little Sister Nevaeh is a 10-year-old living in Gloucester County. She and Big Sister Alessandra were matched virtually in February 2021. The match started to build their relationship through video calls, asking questions to get to know each other, and playing virtual games. They started to really bond when they were able to meet in person. Alessandra says that Nevaeh has an amazing personality, and she loves how comfortable Nevaeh is in telling her about her school, family and friends. Nevaeh says Alessandra is a fun and caring person, and she enjoys planning different activities. Nevaeh's mom reports that she thinks the match relationship has exceeded her expectations...she never expected Nevaeh and Alessandra to develop as nice a bond so quickly.

Lately Nevaeh has been struggling with math class, so Alessandra is helping by alternating fun outings with some schoolwork sessions, where they just hang out at a café and both bring their respective schoolwork to do together. This is helping Nevaeh feel motivated and gives Alessandra the opportunity to model good study habits for Nevaeh. The best part of this is that no matter the activity, both Nevaeh and Alessandra report that they simply enjoy each other's company.