



United Way
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**Big Brothers
Big Sisters
Independence
Region –
Mentoring in
Gloucester County**

A 2021 SUCCESS STORY FEATURING...

NICHOLAS

Little Brother Nicholas is a 14-year-old boy living in Gloucester County, NJ. When he was 8 years old, his mom reached out to BBBS seeking a male mentor. Nicholas' only male role model was his grandfather. After he passed away, Nicholas began having behavior issues. Three years ago, Nicholas was matched with Big Brother Scott. Over the past three years, Nicholas has experienced several new things such as going to the auto show, the science and engineering fair, and a Flyers game. In fact, the match received front row seats to the game! Nicholas says that's one of his favorite outings.

Nicholas was previously matched in the BBBS program for one year but had not formed a strong bond with that Big. It took him some time to form a friendship and trust with Scott. Scott continued to show up for Nicolas and the match has a great relationship today. Nicholas no longer has behavior issues. His academic performance has improved, and he is now an A/B student. He has developed new interests because of the new experiences with Scott. The inability to see each other because of the pandemic has been difficult, but both remain committed to the match.