



Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region Mentoring in Gloucester County

UWGC IS HONORED TO PRESENT A BBBSIR SUCCESS STORY STARRING...JANETLIZ

Eleven-year-old Janetliz from Glassboro is the youngest of three children...she and her two brothers live with their mom. Mom sought a BBBS mentor so that Janetliz would have someone to talk to and to help her to come out of her shell. In October 2018, Janetliz was matched with Megan at the GAPA/Rowan University Site-Based Program. Twenty-one-year-old Megan is a junior at Rowan University where she is studying psychology. Together, they enjoy working on crafts or practicing gymnastics and dancing.

Over time, Janetliz has opened up, relaxed, and learned that it is okay to be silly like Big Sister Megan. Their relationship has given Janetliz the confidence to be herself and build additional relationships. Janetliz says that she enjoys having a trusted mentor with whom she can talk and share her feelings without judgement. BBBSIR's Program Coordinator sees a boost in confidence in Janetliz. She now looks adults and peers in the eye when speaking with them, and she frequently engages in conversations. Janetliz's mom commented to the Program Coordinator that "no matter how loving your household is, it's always wonderful to have another positive influence for your children."