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**National Award Honors Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff Member**

**Marybeth Bull Received 2017 Award for Professional Excellence**

(August 1, 2017 – Asbury Park, NJ) The Margaret Slack Memorial Award honors an outstanding staff person within the Big Brothers Big Sisters network of over 300 agencies nationwide. The award is presented annually to a Big Brothers Big Sisters professional who has demonstrated an outstanding level of professionalism and quality of service. Marybeth Bull, Director of Development for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties (BBBSMMC) was the recipient of this award at the BBBS National Conference in San Diego this past June.

“I could not be more proud of Marybeth and the passion for our mission that she brings to work each day” said William A. Salcedo, Executive Director of BBBSMMC. “We are thrilled with the national recognition she and our agency received and strive to be the leader in providing quality mentoring programs for our children and families.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters holds itself accountable for helping children who face adversity achieve educational success, avoid risky behaviors, and have higher self-esteem, confidence, and aspirations. Funding enables Big Brothers Big Sisters to create more mentoring matches and provide ongoing support for mentors, mentees and families to help sustain long, successful relationships.

BBBSMMC has increased the number of youth ages 6-18 being mentored by 70% over the past five years while serving as one of the nation’s leaders in quality of services and outcomes for children. More than 700 children get together with their volunteer Big Brother or Big Sister every other week in our community. Each of these relationships has been professionally created and managed to ensure positive outcomes for the children and their families.

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