



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of the Ocean State

## Happy New Year!



We have a lot to look forward to at Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2017! I wanted to share with you, our supporters, some of **our priorities** as we head into the new year:

- Recruit, screen and train **350 new mentors** for the children on our waiting list
- Provide a minimum of **40 low/no-cost activities for our mentoring pairs** that will serve to strengthen their relationships
- Host **12 mentor trainings** in addition to the initial orientation process that all mentors receive
- Expand our **Beyond School Walls** program by partnering with Amgen, National Grid and one additional local company
- Grow our mentee **scholarship program and scholarship fund**
- Promote our Donation Center website [www.donateri.org](http://www.donateri.org) for **simple scheduling** of donation pickups
- Collect **millions of pounds of clothing and household items** through our Donation Center and celebrate its 20th year of operation
- Continue to create **awareness** around the need for volunteer mentors and the **impact** that a mentor has on the life of a child

We have accomplished a lot over the last 50 years and we look forward to growth and progress in 2017!

Sincerely,

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