

IMPACT REPORT 2026





As we close out FY26, I am incredibly proud to share our agency's accomplishments for the youth of Cape Cod, Plymouth and the Islands through our 2026 Impact Report.

Our 52nd year of service to our community was one for the record books, matching 183 new youth with a mentor, innovating our programming to meet the needs of Martha's Vineyard, and raising nearly \$1.7M to ensure our mission remains a pillar of youth services into the future.

This year, we recognized E.J. & Terry Jaxtimer, who have been pivotal to our mission with the inaugural Jaxtimer Family Leadership Award. In subsequent years, this award will recognize extraordinary individuals whose dedication, philanthropy, advocacy, and community leadership creates a lasting impact for children and families throughout Cape Cod & the Islands.

As we enter year four of our strategic vision, Commitment: 1000, I am pleased to share that we are on target to meet our goal of positively impacting the lives of 1,000 youth through mentorship, right here in our community.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the support from our community, donors and partners. On behalf of the nearly 780 youth you have helped us impact on our path to 1,000, THANK YOU, for your unwavering support of our mission.

JR Mell, Regional Director & Big Brother

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands partners with under-resourced families to provide their children with transformational, one-to-one, professionally-supported relationships with caring adult mentors so that their children will thrive.

COMMITMENT 1K & WHAT'S NEXT

Commitment: 1,000 is our strategic vision to positively impact the lives of 1,000 Cape, Plymouth & Islands youth through mentorship by 2028. Since the launch in 2023, we have positively impacted over 780 youth through mentorship on our path to 1,000. FY26 culminated our highest service levels in our 52 year history with a clear path to reaching our goal by the end of FY28.

As we begin to look beyond Commitment: 1,000 and what the future holds for BBBSCCI, we'll be engaging our key stakeholders in the strategic planning process to ensure we continue to meet the needs for youth in our community with the highest level of outcomes possible.

WHERE WE SERVE

FY26 Active Matches by Region

Upper-Cape - 113 youth

Mid-Cape - 125 youth

Lower-Cape - 43 youth

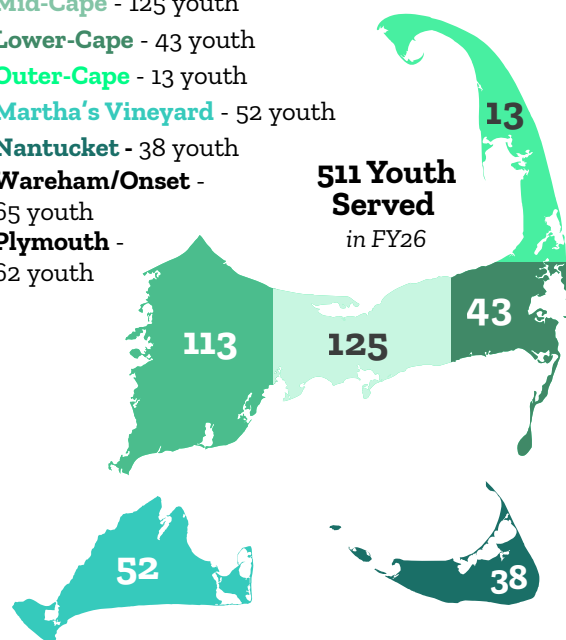
Outer-Cape - 13 youth

Martha's Vineyard - 52 youth

Nantucket - 38 youth

Wareham/Onset - 65 youth

Plymouth - 62 youth



WHO WE SERVE

31% BIPOC* YOUTH

**Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color*

55% White / Non-Hispanic

16% Other

11% Black / African American

6% Hispanic

12% Prefer not to say

777

COMMITMENT: 1,000

777 Youth Impacted through our Strategic Plan

183 NEW matches made

34% of our youth are in kinship care



200+
youth referred
to our program

23K
volunteer hours



PROGRAM MODELS THAT MEET THE NEED:

Community Based Mentoring



Matches meet 2-4 times monthly and engage in activities in community settings. Mentors are adult volunteers from the community, at-large recruited organically or by a wide variety of volunteer recruitment activities and events.

School/Campus Based Mentoring



Matches meet one time per week during the school year. We partner with Mass Maritime Academy, employers, and public elementary schools to provide mentoring supports for youth in need, either on campus or within the child's school.

Sgt. Sean M. Gannon Bigs with Badges



Bigs with Badges (BWB) is a program aimed at recruiting local law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, etc. to serve as mentors to youth in our community. In 2018, our program was named in honor of fallen Big Brother Sgt. Sean Gannon to continue his legacy of mentoring.

Near Peer Mentoring



Near Peer Mentoring (NPM) launched on Nantucket in FY25 and expanded to Martha's Vineyard in FY26. NPM is a 1:1, BBBS staff facilitated, curriculum based mentoring program pairing high school aged mentors with elementary aged mentees. This cohort style program meets weekly and has several long term benefits for both the mentee as well as the high school mentor.

INNOVATION & EXPANSION

Near Peer Programming on Martha's Vineyard

In 2025 we began conversations with Martha's Vineyard Public Schools to develop programming to meet the social and emotional learning gap prevalent in elementary school students on Island. After a year of planning, we launched the MVRHS Bigs pilot program. This curriculum-based, BBBS staff facilitated program, paired up 15 MVRHS students with 15 Oak Bluffs Elementary students in a 1:1 mentoring model meeting after school on Thursdays. In year one the program has already developed a waitlist for the upcoming year.



Mass Maritime Academy

As part of our regional expansion to Plymouth, we partnered with Algonquin Heights Housing Authority and Plymouth Public Schools (PPS) to expand our Campus Based Mentoring Program at Mass Maritime Academy (MMA). This expansion focused on matching 12 youth from Algonquin Heights who attend Federal Furnace Elementary School with a Cadet Big to meet on MMA's campus on Thursdays in support of PPS' truancy prevention efforts.





BIGS OF THE YEAR

Each year, we award our highest honor, Big of the Year, to two outstanding volunteer mentors that have gone above and beyond for their Littles.



**Big Brother David
Fryxell and Little
Brother Jack**

Jack and Dave have been matched for five years in our Community Based Program on the Lower-Cape. Dave, a member of the BBBSCCI Bigs Council, has gone above and beyond, supporting not only Jack, but the agency's volunteer recruitment and match partnership efforts.

"On every adventure out with Dave, Jack comes back a tiny bit more flexible and more of a risk taker. Jack has gained confidence from this and knows that Dave values his opinions as well as respects his boundaries."

- Jack's Mother



**Big Sister Michele
O'Brien and Little
Sister Hailey**

Hailey and Michele have been matched for six years in our Community Based Program in Sandwich. Michele signed up to be a Big because she believes in the transformative power of one consistent, caring adult in a child's life. Over the years, Hailey and Michele have shared many memorable outings, from pottery-making to bowling and even matching costumes for holiday parties. They've done a lot together!

"If I never had a Big, I would have never had a relationship with Michele. She has helped me with so many things. I feel like if I didn't have Michele I wouldn't open up as much and feel so confident in myself."

- Hailey

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



BIG 3 FISHING TOURNAMENT & GALA

Wychmere Beach Club | July 9 & 10, 2026

\$1M + raised

Since inception, the Big 3 Fishing Tournament has raised over \$6m and created more than 1,700 1:1 mentoring friendships on Cape Cod, Plymouth & the Islands



LITTLE/BIG TOURNAMENT

Baxter's Fish & Chips | June 25th, 2026

\$155,000 + raised



GOLF FORE KIDS

Willowbend Country Club | May 18, 2026

\$159,00+ raised

Record breaking year!

BLOOMING BIDS

The Field Gallery | June 18, 2026

\$107,000 + raised



FALMOUTH ROAD RACE

Falmouth, MA | August 15, 2026

30 Runners

\$46,000+ raised

Special Thanks to our Third Party Supporters:

*We welcome additional 3rd Party Events!
Please reach out to learn more!*

- The Charter Cup
- Pete Stringer's Run
- Macy's Give Back

 **Big Brothers Big Sisters.**
OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS



THANK YOU for your continued support of our youth

BBBSCCI LEADERSHIP TEAM

JR Mell, *Regional Director*

Margaret Phan, *Philanthropy Officer*

Mark O'Donnell, *CEO BBBS Eastern MA*

Sara Conahan, *CDO BBBS Eastern MA*

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