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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$5,000 Grant

Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

New Brighton, PA (November 13, 2015) – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County has been awarded \$5,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“This check will be used to provide match activities and recruitment for the more than 42 children (Littles) on the waiting list hoping to have a mentor (BIG) of their own soon. Staples Foundation, and Staples employees today are *Starting Something BIG* and will be a part of the Celebration of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County’s 40th Birthday.” comments Ms. Scaff.

“Because of community support, we are putting our children on a path to success. What if every child fulfills his/her potential? What if every child is set on the right path today? Research finds that children who succeed in school are more likely to avoid risky behaviors and delinquency. Big Brothers Big Sisters increases their chances of staying in school, achieving academically, and staying out of trouble”, says Ms.Scaff.

On behalf of the hundreds of local children and families positively impacted by Big Brothers Big Sisters, we thank Staples Foundation for creating opportunities, fulfilling dreams, and starting something **BIG** through their generosity.

This grant is part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program, called *2 Million and Change*, encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2014, Staples awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 1,056 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including tutoring for pediatric cancer patients, job skills development for individuals with disabilities, school supplies, mentoring and more.

“Staples Foundation is committed to encouraging associates around the globe to make a difference in their local communities and through *2 Million and Change* we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need,” said Emily McCann, senior manager of community and giving for Staples, Inc.



About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County is one of over 313 nationwide affiliates of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the nation’s oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. It has been the leader in one-to-one service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County serves more than 208 children and an equal number of volunteer mentors each year. The agency is located at 1475 Third Avenue in New Brighton.

The agency vision is to match each and every child who needs and wants a Big Brother or Sister. Research conducted on Big Brothers Big Sisters programs nationwide has demonstrated that vulnerable youth matched with a Big Brother or Sister mentor are less likely to use drugs and to start drinking, do better in school, and are less likely to resort to violence. Information about donating, volunteering or enrolling a child is available at www.bcbigs.org or by phoning 724-843-4600.





About Staples Community and Giving

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples and Staples Foundation have helped more than 7,000 organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.