

Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Helps Guilford School Students

BY ALYSSA JOBIN

Youth Services has been serving Windham County since 1972. They have served 1,675 people in the county. One of the programs they have is the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

The Big Brother/Big Sister program "links children with caring mentors who are volunteers." What a Big Brother or Big Sister does with their little partner could be play sports, read, go to the mall, or play board games. The reason many people volunteer is because they can make a big difference in a kid's life.

Here in Guilford, one of the many volunteers is Cynthia Atwood. She was born in Brooklyn, New York. She grew up in Short Hills, New Jersey. She believes that "society today places far too much emphasis on having young people choose careers based on how much money they will make." Cynthia plays an important role in helping Youth Services fulfill its mission.

So you see the Big Brother/Big Sister program is an important program. When I was younger, I had a Big Brother named Aaron. It was nice to have a Big Brother because he helped me by telling me that going to school is important. I think he was my Big Brother for a year. He was going to be moving so he couldn't be my Big Brother anymore. It is hard when you have a Big Brother or a Big Sister and then they move away or something else.

This is how you can become a Big Brother or a Big Sister: Just contact Youth Services and complete a short application. The Big Brother/Big Sister staff will then contact your references. Then they will meet with you. Then you will be ready to be paired up with a child based on both your interests and the child's interests. Your willingness to volunteer will make a huge difference in a child's life.

Glorious Wonder

BY: WILL [REDACTED]

Close your eyes
and slip into the cracks of the universe
where sorrow and madness flow as one

Whirling and twirling through the tall,
blue grass
relying only on your 7th sense
to find your way to everywhere

When the time comes
use knowledge of knowing
to open the door

Float down to the place where all the
feelings of the world
mix together

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Brother Raven

BY DANIEL J REVIS

Swooping through the air
Darting at the snakes
Dodging the bullets from the
Hunter
With those black piercing
Eyes,
That loud piercing
Call to your mate
And the rich taste you taste
After eating.
Brother Raven you're one of the
Smartest birds
You watch over the rivers and protect
Your little brother as he goes for a fish in
The running river.