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**Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston
awarded Mentoring Matching Grant of \$6,000**

Newton, MA – Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston announced it has been awarded a Mentoring Matching Grant of \$6,000 from Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP), a statewide organization fueling the movement to expand empowering youth-adult relationships in Massachusetts. JBBBS is one of 37 mentoring programs throughout the Commonwealth to receive a Mentoring Matching Grant.

Funding for the grants stems from the Massachusetts FY19 budget, where it was funded at \$750,000, through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This represents a 50% increase in state funding over the previous year. Since 2009, MMP has awarded more than \$4 million in Mentoring Matching Grants to youth serving organizations throughout Massachusetts. This year’s grants will create and support more than 2,000 high-quality matches statewide. Awarded funding is intended to create or support existing mentoring matches and help to increase positive attitudes toward school. The Mentoring Matching Grants is unique in its use of private-sector support, as grantees are required to match, dollar-for-dollar, the total amount awarded with cash or in-kind resources.

JBBBS will utilize this grant for expansion and continuation of services in Newton, MA. The agency is creating new partnerships in the Newton community that will help to better serve the children who participate in JBBBS programs. JBBBS looks forward to continuing to match children in Newton to local adult mentors who will help to shape their futures.

JBBBS President and CEO Kimberlee Schumacher says “We are proud of our longstanding partnership with MMP and look forward to impacting even more lives through mentorship.”

“We are proud to invest in Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston with a Mentoring Matching Grant,” MMP President and CEO Lily Mendez said. “This critical funding will allow JBBBS to create new, and support existing mentoring matches and help to increase positive attitudes toward school, ensuring youth are given every opportunity to develop into productive, successful adults.”

JBBBS is an innovative mentoring agency, driven by Jewish values, to serve and empower children and adults of all abilities throughout Greater Boston.

To learn more about the Mentoring Matching Grants line item and the mentoring programs funded through this grant, [download this catalog](#).

About Mass Mentoring Partnership

Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is fueling the movement to expand empowering youth-adult relationships to meet the needs of communities across Massachusetts. With offices in Boston and in Holyoke, MMP serves hundreds of mentoring programs and youth development organizations statewide supporting thousands of youth in mentoring relationships. www.massmentors.org

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