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United Way Awards Grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — The United Way of Bennington County is helping to provide mentoring to young children throughout the county through a \$3,000 grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bennington County (BBBS).

“United Way knows the value of mentoring kids in the community,” United Way Director Wendy Woods said. “With mentoring, children make significant and often dramatic improvements in their academic achievement, self-esteem, and school attendance. They also learn new things and broaden their horizons, which makes mentoring a big part of success in life.”

Fundraising from a successful Dick Sears Invitational Golf Tournament provided the money for the grant, which will support mentoring programs for grade school age children in Bennington.

“I believe mentoring significantly improves school performance and helps children gain confidence,” Big Brothers Big Sisters Director Betsy Rathbun-Gunn said. “The United Way supports initiatives in the areas of education, health, and income with a primary focus on education and tools to achieve success, such as mentoring.

In the coming year, The United Way will undertake several events to raise money and support for community development.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bennington County helps children who need and want a mentor. Through the personal growth and guidance of a professionally supported, one-to-one relationship, children develop self-confidence and assurance. Adult mentors develop, grow, and have fun, too! Visit www.ucsvt.org/bbbs.php to find out more.

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