

## **First Citizens' Charitable Foundation Gives to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & Islands to Stay Connected with Youth**

**April 14, 2020** – First Citizens' Charitable Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands (BBBSCCI) whose mission is to help thousands of youth find a positive path through a volunteer model unlike any other social service organization. This donation will particularly help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands support the nearly 400 children on Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard currently being served with a mentor.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is a vital asset to our community, especially during a volatile time where kids are dealing with social distancing and stress related to this virus" said Peter Muise, President & Chairman of the Board of First Citizens' Charitable Foundation. "We're excited to support them as they quickly shift their programs and continuing to provide mentors and role models a virtual way to stay connected with our local youth on Cape Cod."

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, BBBSCCI has shifted its focus to supporting the children, families and mentors who are at the core of their program. The agency has also pivoted to offer virtual volunteer & youth enrollments until physical distancing passes. "We are so grateful for the First Citizens' Charitable Foundation's commitment to the youth that we serve," said JR Mell, Regional Director for BBBSCCI. "The children in our program are facing challenges related to social isolation now more than ever. Adapting to offer our services virtually is imperative for the social and emotional well-being of the nearly 400 children in our service territory."

### **About First Citizens' Charitable Foundation**

First Citizens' Charitable Foundation was established in 2019 by First Citizens' Federal Credit Union as part of its commitment to the community. The purpose of the First Citizens' Charitable Foundation is to promote economic advancement in communities where First Citizens' members and employees live and work. Our hope is to support and improve our communities by establishing a relationship with local organizations and providing financial support. First Citizens' is part one of the premier financial institutions in Southeastern Massachusetts. Today, with over 80,000 members and assets over \$780 million, First Citizens' has full service offices in New Bedford, Raynham,

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**About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands:** BBBS is on a mission to help children in under-resourced families thrive by providing transformational, one-to-one professionally-supported relationships with caring adult mentors. Founded in 1974, and a part of BBBSEM, BBBS is the only volunteer based, one to one, professionally supported mentoring program on the Cape & Islands. BBBS currently serves just under 400 kids throughout the Cape & Islands. For more information please visit: [www.CapeBigs.org](http://www.CapeBigs.org)

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