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Big Brothers Big Sisters Celebrates Mentors

CORNING, NY – January 23rd, 2013 – Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Southern Tier held its 6th annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner on January 23rd at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Hosted by the Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board, the event consisted of a delicious dinner followed by a presentation honoring the men and women of the program who volunteer their time in mentoring local youth.

With January known as Mentor Appreciation Month, the award ceremony began by honoring all of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The Match of the Year award, which recognizes the “Big” and “Little” who have made the most progress throughout the year, went to Louise Wirz and Hannah Kniffin. The Big of the Year award was earned by Shannon Carey for her outstanding work as a mentor.

With an increased attendance over last year’s event, the dinner was considered a great success by Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Coordinator Tricia Shirey. “The dinner went really well,” she said. “It was nice to see so many members of our community come out and support the mentors and everything they do.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Southern Tier is a site based mentoring program provided by Family Service Society, Inc. Groups meet for one hour, one day a week at locations in both Corning and Elmira. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Tricia Shirey at (607) 936-3507.



Match of the Year Award went to Hannah Kniffin (left) and Louise Wirz (right).