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NEW NAME, SAME FRIENDSHIPS

CORNING, NY – November 30, 2018 - After 21 years of providing mentoring services through Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Southern Tier, Family Service Society, Inc. is excited to announce they are now affiliated with the New York State Mentoring Program, a school and site based mentoring model recommended by the New York State Commissioner of Education for use in NY State schools and communities.

While their affiliation is changing, the program – which will now be known as **Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier** - will remain the same for Mentors and Mentees. Family Service Society, Inc. made the decision to affiliate with the New York State Mentoring Program because it offers a number of important benefits including an improved alignment with their service delivery by exclusively using school and site based models, thereby improving the safety of Mentees and providing greater support to Mentors. Additionally, there are no national affiliation dues, so all dollars raised locally are used to support local programs. Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier will continue to provide services to youth ages 7 to 17 in Corning, Elmira, Belmont, and Whitesville. If you are interested in enrolling a child or becoming a volunteer mentor, contact their office at (607) 936-3507.

Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier's annual fundraiser, now titled the "Believe in Youth Bowl-a-Rama," will take place on March 24, 2019.



Here are two pictures of Mentors and Mentees participating in various activities through the YMST program.

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