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Biggs and Littles Meet the Governor

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — January is mentoring month. To draw attention to the importance of mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters sent a delegation to meet Governor Jim Douglas today.

The Governor signed a proclamation declaring January as Mentoring Month in Vermont and encouraged adults to sign up to mentor young people in their communities: interested adults should go to www.ucsvt.org/bbbs.php for more information and to volunteer.

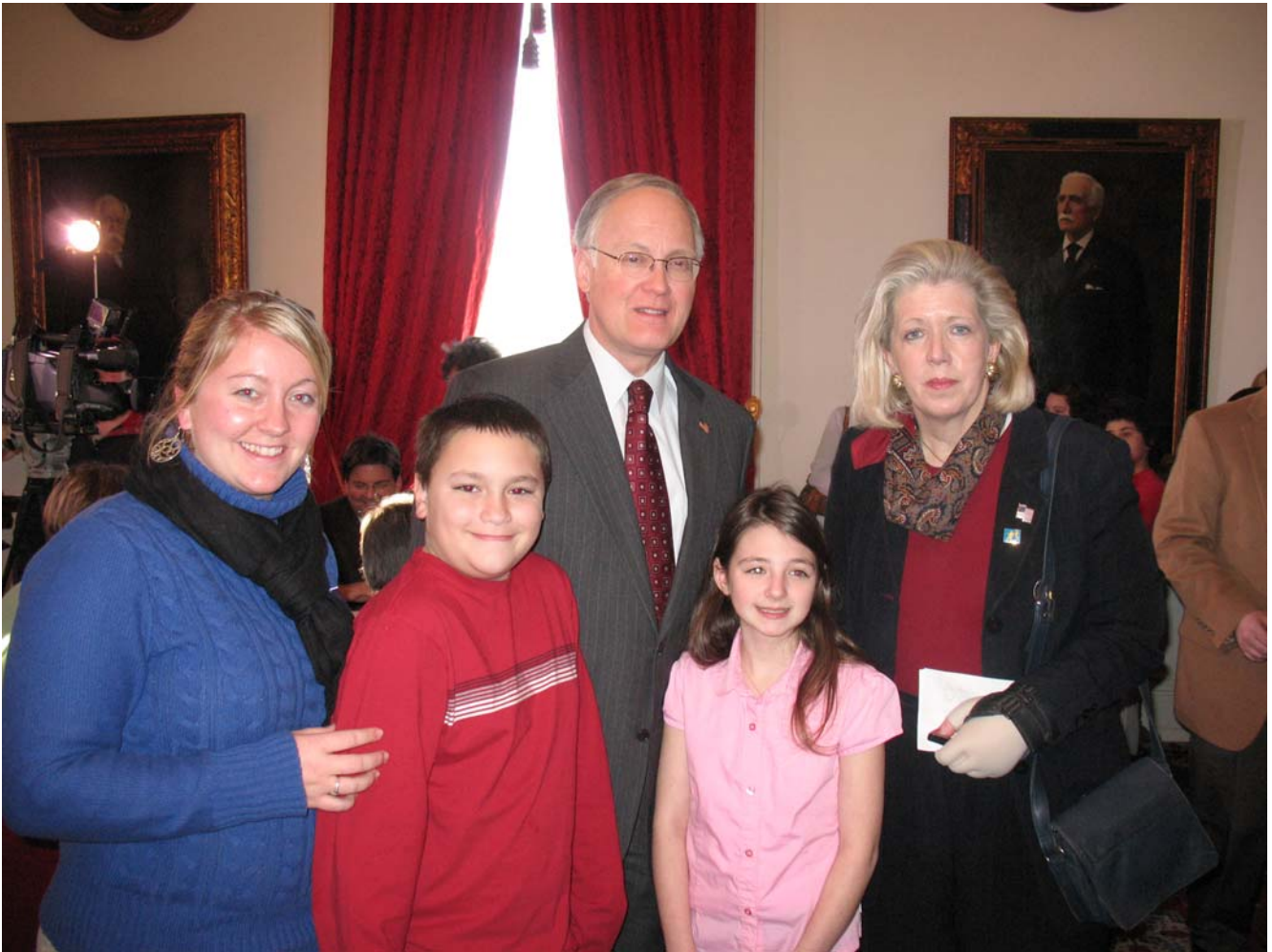
Governor Douglas also announced \$252,322 in grants to benefit children and youth through mentoring at today's weekly press conference, while declaring January Mentoring Month. Big Brothers Big Sisters received one of the grants.

“Mentoring just makes sense – we can all remember times when we needed another person to lean on,” said the Governor. “And, mentoring has also been proven to be an effective investment in a young person's life.”

Governor Douglas also recognized The Vermont Country Store's generous commitment to mentoring with the first “Vermont Mentors! Mentoring Champion Award,” saying, “Many employers in Vermont support the mentoring movement through giving their employees work-release time, allowing programs to recruit in the workplace, or helping to financially support their local mentoring program. These generous businesses know that a healthy community is just as important as a healthy bottom line.”

The Vermont Country Store is a big sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bennington County and staff have also mentored children in the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bennington County will be holding the 22nd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake on April 11. People can contact Megan Brooks at 802-442-5491 to sign up.



From left to right: Big Brothers Big Sisters Coordinator Megan Brooks, Little Jeremy Pudvar of Pownal, Governor Jim Douglas, Little Daisy Therriault, of Bennington, and Representative Mary Morrissey, of Bennington, who is also a “Big Sister” to Daisy.

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