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Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio Celebrates January as National Mentoring Month

LIMA, OH — Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, Inc. is proud to join the nation in celebrating January as National Mentoring Month, a time to recognize the transformative impact mentors have on young lives and our communities. Mentorship not only shapes the future of our youth but strengthens the bonds that hold communities together.

“A mentor has the power to inspire, guide, and uplift a young person, creating a ripple effect of positive change that can last a lifetime,” said Dr. Portia Smith, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio. “This January, we celebrate the selfless dedication of our mentors and encourage others to consider becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister.”

To honor our incredible mentors, we are thrilled to announce a mentor Appreciation Dinner on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Old Barn Restaurant and Grill. This special evening is not just a celebration but also a fundraiser to support our vital mentorship programs that empower youth across West Central Ohio.

Event Details:

- **What:** Appreciation Dinner
- **When:** February 14, 2025, | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Old Barn Restaurant and Grill (3175 W. Elm St., Lima, OH)
- **Cost:** \$50 per person
- **Registration Deadline:** February 7, 2025
- **Contact:** Leah Green, Development Director (leah@bbbswco.org)
- **Purchase a ticket online:** <https://bit.ly/BBBSAwards25>

The evening will feature a delicious dinner, heartfelt stories, and an opportunity to give back to the community by supporting our programs. Every dollar raised will go toward creating and sustaining meaningful mentoring relationships that change lives for the better.

Big Brothers Big Sisters invites individuals, businesses, and community partners to join us in celebrating the power of mentorship. Together, we can ignite the potential of every child and create a brighter future for all.

How to Register:

To reserve your seat, please visit <https://bit.ly/BBBSAwards25> or contact us at 419.222.8500 or leah@bbbswco.org.

Let's make National Mentoring Month a time to honor the mentors who make a difference and inspire more individuals to step forward as role models for the next generation.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, Inc. is dedicated to creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. For more than 40 years, we have been helping children achieve their biggest futures by fostering meaningful connections with caring mentors.