



Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, Moody's Launch 'Bridging The Gap' Mentoring Program

NEW YORK, March 7, 2016 –Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC today announced the launch of a "Bridging the Gap" Workplace Mentoring Program sponsored by Moody's employees.

"Moody's is proud to foster a culture of community service and civic engagement, and this program was driven from its inception by Moody's employees seeking to help eliminate the achievement gap for young men of color," said Frances Laserson, President of The Moody's Foundation. "We hope that the dedication of Moody's employees will have a positive impact on the lives of the participants and help build a pipeline of future leaders in our community."

The program began with a grass roots initiative launched by the Moody's Multicultural Employee Resource Group (ERG), as part of the group's work to address the opportunity gap faced by young men of color. Big Brother Big Sisters of New York City is a grantee of The Moody's Foundation.

BBBS of NYC has over 20 years of experience in facilitating its Workplace Mentoring Program which focuses on building critical professional skills to ensure the students' success. The program connects 15 male mentees or 'Littles' with 15 Moody's employees, or 'Bigs,' who provide ongoing mentoring. Program sessions focus on college readiness, effective communication, problem solving and teamwork. The program is modeled after the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, championed by President Obama, to address challenges facing young men of color by providing role models and support.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City jumped at the chance to fulfill this creative, innovative use of employee talent and volunteerism. We have decades of experience in creating and executing impactful Workplace Mentoring Programs and we are excited to partner with Moody's efforts in this program to support young men of color in our communities," said Hector Batista, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City. "This group of mentees is incredibly eager and thankful for the opportunity to participate in the program, and Moody's volunteer mentors are energized and fully invested in helping them succeed."

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC (BBBS of NYC), the nation's first and NYC's largest youth mentoring organization, has served the changing needs of New York City's most at-risk youth since 1904. The volunteer- and donor-based organization offers a variety of specialized mentoring programs to help children facing more complex challenges – including immigrant youth, children in foster care and children of incarcerated parents – as well as the Workplace Mentoring Center, which helps businesses throughout New York City positively impact the lives of young people and build a foundation for professional success. Additionally, since 1992 BBBS of NYC has worked through its Center for Training and Professional Development to equip non-profit professionals throughout New York City to develop and enhance their own mentoring and youth-development programs and organizations.

Through the support of individuals, foundations and corporations, this not-for-profit agency has been able to change the lives of the city's most disadvantaged children, matching them with caring adult role models – dependable friends who can help to expand their horizons, realize their potential and enrich their futures. To learn more, become a mentor and/or offer support, please visit www.bigsnyc.org.



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