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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Thursday August 8th 2024 3:34 PM with reference number 2024-08-08-004.

• Organization's Name (if applicable) Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County

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Name and Title of Other Presenter (if applicable)

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• Date you wish to present to Council

9/25/2024

How would you like to attend the Council meeting?

In-person

• If attending an in-person council meeting , do you or any members of your party require accessibility accommodations?

No

Use the space below to clearly outline the purpose for your presentation to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County would like to share information about our agency and current needs in Oxford County, raise awareness and celebrate Big

Brothers Big Sisters Month in September.

As of July 2024, there were 149 young people on the waitlist in Oxford County. The need for volunteer mentors is drastically increasing, as is the support for youth. The number of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) that youth in Oxford County are living through is growing; children who experience multiple ACEs tend to have more physical and mental health problems later in life. Statistics show that early prevention, and an additional consistent and supportive development relationship (such as a mentor) can aid in healing and avoiding the long-term effects of ACEs.

We are asking our local municipalities to help us spread the word and recruit volunteer mentors in your community!

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share our presentation with Oxford County Council and residents.

- Will you be providing any electronic information (i.e. a presentation) beyond your summary above?
- Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?

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