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Family Service Agency of DeKalb County's Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Achieves National Affiliation

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County is proud to announce that, for the 38th consecutive year, the Big Brother Big Sisters program has satisfactorily met all the requirements of compliance for affiliation with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Each year Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) conducts a thorough review to assess each agency's compliance with the Members Affiliation Agreement and the Standards of Practice for One-to-One Service. By affirming that certain operating business practices are in place, BBBSA is ensured of the safety of the children served and the strength of the Big Brothers Big Sisters brand.

Family Service Agency is unique in that it is one of the first sponsoring agencies in the United States to host the Big Brother Big Sisters program. Under the guidance and fortitude of Floyd Flowers, Family Service Agency was able to bring the BBBS program to DeKalb County in 1971. Since then the program has continued to grow, change and meet the national compliance requirements each year.

The Family Service Agency's Big Brothers Big Sisters department serves about 150 children in DeKalb County each year through the one-to-one[®] mentoring program. The services are offered at no charge to the families of the children or to the volunteer adult mentors.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County is a premier social service agency, providing support to individuals and families throughout the lifecycle. Family Service Agency is comprised of five distinct departments – Big Brothers Big Sisters, Center for Counseling, Child Life & Family Education, Children's Advocacy Center and Senior Services Center. A host of programs are

available through these departments, and all services are provided by experienced professionals.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County accepts insurance, and scholarship and reduced fees are available for those who qualify. In some instances, services can be provided at no cost to the client. Family Service Agency's main office is located at 14 Health Services Drive, and satellite offices are located in DeKalb and Sandwich. Family Service Agency is a Kishwaukee United Way Agency. For more information about the services at Family Service Agency call 815-758-8616, 815-786-7079 in Sandwich, or visit their website at www.realsolutionstoday.org.

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