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Worth the Wait: Jacob's Mentorship Story

Jacob was only eight when his mom, LaCasha, reached out to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County, hoping for a positive male role model for her son while she worked multiple jobs. While he waited, Jacob stayed connected through the **COUL group mentoring program, supported by United Way of Berks County.**

In 2023, he met Greg—a connection LaCasha says was “worth the wait.”

The pair's bond grew quickly, and when Jacob's grades began to slip, Greg stepped in with steady encouragement and support to help Jacob find his footing. The right match and mentor can change everything.

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I wanted somebody who likes sports and I could hang out with. We practice basketball, we go out to eat, we talk about sports, we sometimes go to his house and cook. Without Big Brothers and Big Sisters, I would have never met him, so I'm happy for that.

— Jacob, Little Brother

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