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NH Charitable Foundation, Piscataqua Region supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast from The Greater Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center Fund.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast announces support from The NH Charitable Foundation for Sylvia's project 2006-2007. Sylvia's project started in 2005 specifically to ensure the inclusion of children with significant mental health and developmental disabilities into all mentoring programs at BBBSGS.

"This project has been a wonderful addition to our programming. Several children who had been on a long wait list due to their disability have been matched. We were able to meet with parents and leaders of agencies such as Community Partners and Community Developmental Services to help guide our planning with support from the NH Charitable Foundation in 2005. In 2006-2007 The Greater Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center funds will make it possible to reach even more children through this project. Our families, children and volunteers have been very excited about this project ", reported Deb Anthony, Executive Director.

The NH Charitable Foundation has been working to improve the quality of life in our communities since 1962. It builds and manages a collection of funds, currently totally \$323 million, created by individuals, families and corporations for charitable purposes of their choosing. For more information regarding the foundation visit www.nhcf.org or call 603-225-6641.

Since 1977 Seacoast Big Brothers Big Sisters has been serving young people between the ages of 6 and 17 who have benefited from having a caring and committed adult in their lives. BBBSGS has a goal to serve 1,000 children in our local community by the year 2010. For more information about how can become involved with the agency call 603- 516-2227. You may also visit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast online at www.seacoastbbbs.org.