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GILMORE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$90,000 TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

[PEORIA, IL, 2/2/22] Gilmore Foundation begins new partnership with Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters by providing \$90,000 in funding to be used over a 3-year period starting in 2022. This award will fund a new case management staff position that will allow the agency to expand their Youth Mentoring Program by more than 30%. Big Brothers Big Sisters matches adult volunteers ("Bigs") with children ages 5-14 ("Littles") in one-to-one mentoring relationships in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

The Gilmore Foundation is a private foundation established in 2009 which supports the development and improvement of the tri-county community – Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties. One of the Foundation's focus areas is youth development, which parallels with the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Gilmore Foundation. Our program continually has a wait list of youth looking for a mentor and without the additional funding, many youth wait months before being paired with a Big Brother or Big Sister. This funding will make a big difference for many youth in our community." - Jami Truelove, President and CEO