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**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida announces Agency Big Sister of the Year**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida announces that Big Sister Lori Rentschler has been named as Agency Big Sister of the Year. Lori was chosen for her dedication to her Little Sister, Trinity.

Lori and Trinity have been matched since October of 2012 when Trinity was 12 years old. The two have become inseparable, seeing each other once a week to spend time together and do homework. “I just moved back to Pensacola when I decided to be a Big,” Lori shares. “Becoming a Big Sister helped me through a rough patch in my life and had a huge impact on my well-being.”

“She and I are both and will always be there for each other,” Trinity says. “I’m happy to say that this isn’t just a program for kids, it’s a family being created.” Match Specialist Michelle Byrd also sees this bond between Lori and Trinity. “Trinity has truly become a part of Lori’s family,” Michelle says. “She was one of Lori’s bridesmaids in her wedding, and Lori’s husband even calls Lori, Trinity, and his newborn daughter ‘his girls’. It’s very sweet.”

Lori has consistently helped Trinity meet her goals throughout their match. “Trinity is in a veterinary program at a local school and does lots of extracurricular activities, like color guard,” Lori says. “She had equipment expenses, so we raised the money for it by doing a garage sale.”

“Lori is truly a special person that was sent to Trinity’s life on purpose,” says Trinity’s mother, Heather. “God has a plan for everyone and because of Big Brothers Big Sisters so many kids get to experience something that they have never experienced before.”

“Lori’s commitment to Trinity is amazing,” says Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida President & CEO Paula Shell. “These ladies are always smiling and having a great time together. They are a testament to the power of mentoring.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida has been the area’s leader in one-to-one mentoring for 29 years by serving children ages six to 18. Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida served 616 children in Northwest Florida.

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