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Ocean Tides and Big Brothers of Rhode Island Partner Up and has asked the Men of St Joseph for help

Ocean Tides, a residential and educational program run by the Christian Brothers for adjudicated teens in Rhode Island, is collaborating with Big Brothers of Rhode Island in a special program to provide Big Brothers for Ocean Tides boys.

Ocean Tides was founded by the Christian Brothers more than 30 years ago. The program services about 60 young men, ages 14 to 17, who would otherwise be in the Rhode Island Training School. Although the program has shown much success in helping boys turn their lives around, a long term positive relationship with a mature and responsible male is often lacking in their lives.

Big Brothers of Rhode Island has been helping young boys for 56 years. A boy who has a Big Brother is less likely to use drugs and alcohol and engage in violent behavior. That boy is also more likely to improve his grades, stay in school and improve his self-esteem.

**What are needed to make this program a success are volunteers to be a Big Brother to an Ocean Tides boy. To volunteer is to make a commitment but it is also and wonderful opportunity to make a difference in some boy's life.**

If you are interested in finding more about Big Brothers and Ocean Tides visit their web sites, [bigbrothersri.org](http://bigbrothersri.org) and [oceantides.org](http://oceantides.org).

For more information about the Big Brothers/Ocean Tides collaboration program and how you might participate contact Val Sinesi at (401) 432-9955. please let Val know you are associated wit the RI Men of St. Joseph or the men's ministry in your parish

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*"I assure you that whatever you did for the humblest of my brothers you did for me"*  
*Matthew, Chapter 25.*