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January designated Mentoring Month

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon signed a proclamation Tuesday designating January as Mentoring Month.

Surrounded by members and volunteers from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County, Reardon said the organization was one to be valued for the work that it accomplishes.

“The reasons for the proclamation are twofold. One, I want to say thank you for all the work in this community on behalf of those being mentored,” Reardon said Tuesday. “Two, I want to encourage as many adults as possible to give more of their time to such a worthwhile organization.”

During 2007, nearly 450 children in Snohomish County had a Big Brother or Big Sister. More than 21,000 hours of one-to-one time was spent with these individuals.

“Often, children don’t have a role model in life,” Kelli Wilson, chairwoman of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County, said during the signing. “With a little help, they can go on to do great things.”

Research has shown that student mentoring programs increase attendance and improve scholastic performance. Partnerships between government agencies, businesses, faith communities and schools provide an opportunity for Snohomish County residents to support young people in the community.

Last year, more than 300 people answered the call to become a Big Brother or Big Sister, but more than 90 children are still waiting for a mentor.

For more information on the program, visit www.bbbs-snoco.org or call 425-252-2227.

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