

WASHINGTON - Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today announced that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services will be awarding a discretionary grant of \$40,000.00 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, located in Omaha, Nebraska. The award is to be used for mentoring children of prisoners from September 30, 2007 through September 30, 2010.

**"This grant award to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands will provide needed services to the children of those in our community that are serving time in prison. These children, who often come from single-parent families, can really use the mentoring of an adult for their education and other daily activities," said Terry.**

Currently, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands serves over 1,000 children in the Omaha community. This grant is consistent with the agency's mission of mentoring children to make sure they stay in school, be drug-free, and not become teen parents.

