

Hartford

Big Brothers Big Sisters On Spanish Language Television Clubs & Organizations

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Board Members and program participants from Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters recently took part in the filming of an episode of "The Analeh Show, the popular Spanish language public service broadcast that each week turns a reflective eye on the people, events and issues that significantly impact the state's rapidly growing Latino population.

This episode of the "Analeh Show" focuses on Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters and its innovative Latino Mentoring Program. In it, Ana Alfaro, the show's host and producer, explores the history of the organization's Latino Mentoring Program, how it benefits the communities it serves, and the support it will need in order to continue its record of accomplishment.

"The Analeh Show" can be seen throughout central Connecticut and Western Massachusetts on Univision (Channel 18). It airs every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. "The Analeh Show" featuring Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is tentatively scheduled to run on October 31.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us," said Dr. Agnes Quinones, a Board Member at Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters and Co-Chair of the non-profit's Latino Advisory Council. "Our Latino Mentoring Program has huge potential and it is crucial for us to get the word out about all the positive results it has the capacity for creating. With a loyal audience of more than 300,000 viewers, 'The Analeh Show' is an extremely efficient vehicle for achieving our goal."

Nutmeg started its Latino Mentoring Program in 2004 at the suggestion of its President & CEO, Laura Green, who felt that Latinos were not only the fastest growing ethnic population in the state, but also the most under served as far as social services are concerned. Today, Nutmeg has a large number of Latino children in its mentoring programs. It's working hard to increase the number of Latino adults mentoring those children. It has greatly increased the number of Latino staff and Board of Directors members there since the program's creation.

And Nutmeg has established a Latino Advisory Council, a body of specially-selected individuals who act in a liaison-like capacity between Nutmeg and the state's many Latino communities. The State of Connecticut's Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission recognized Nutmeg's multi-tiered efforts by presenting the non-profit its Community Service Award for 2007.

"We're thrilled to be the subject of an episode of The Analeh Show," said Gloria Talbot, Vice President of Program and Operations at Nutmeg. "There are a very large number of boys on our Waiting List who need adult Latino males as friends, confidants and role models. Hopefully, many of the show's male viewers will be inspired enough to get in touch with us to volunteer as mentors."

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Based in Hartford, Nutmeg was founded in 1966. It's funded, in part, by United Way organizations. It offers services to more than 2,000 youngsters in 111 of Connecticut's 169 cities, towns and villages. For more information, visit the organization's website: www.nutmegbigbrothersbigsisters.org. Or, call toll-free at: 1-800-237-5437 (KIDS).



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Shown discussing the just-completed taping of "The Analeh Show" on Nutmeg's Latino Mentoring Program are, from left, Little Sister Alondra; Big Brother Emmanuel; and Ana Alfaro, the show's host and producer. Next to Ana are David and Daniel, 12-year-old twin brothers currently on Nutmeg's Waiting List and hoping to soon be matched with an adult mentor.