

ABOUT US



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Long Island

Who Are We?

Incorporated in 1977, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island is a private, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, 501c3 tax exempt organization. We assist children who are at-risk because of family or personal situations.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Proven Results

National research has shown that positive relationships between Littles and their Bigs have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth Outcomes Survey Report found that for youth enrolled in our:

Community Based mentoring programs

- ◆ 94% maintained or improved their attitudes towards risky behaviors
- ◆ 88% maintained or improved parental trust

School and Site Based mentoring programs

- ◆ 87% maintained or improved their educational expectations
- ◆ 84% maintained or improved their grades

Programs

- ◆ Community Based Mentoring Programs
- ◆ Site Based Programs
 - High School Bigs
 - College Mentoring
 - Workplace Mentoring Program

Funding

Forbes Magazine has singled out Big Brothers Big Sisters of America as one of the Top 10 charities in America and awarded us a gold star for providing "A better bang for a donor's buck."

We raise 90% of our annual budget through special events, individual and corporate donations, and our Donation Center.

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PROGRAMS



Community Based Programs

BBBSLI makes meaningful, professionally supported 1-to-1 matches between adult volunteers ('Bigs') and children ages 7-16 ('Littles'), positively impacting the lives of families across Long Island.

All volunteer mentors are interviewed, screened and trained, and BBBSLI provides every match with a professional program team member to monitor the relationship during its entirety. The Big, Little, and his/her Parent/Guardian make a one-year commitment to the match relationship. Mentors and mentees agree to meet a minimum of a few hours throughout the month enjoying low to no-cost activities.



1-to-1 Match

An adult volunteer from the community is matched with a child who, due to family or environmental factors, could significantly benefit from the additional support and guidance a mentor provides. By spending consistent time together, a meaningful and lasting relationship develops between the volunteer and child.



Sibling Support

Raising a child with special needs presents unique challenges. Parents often feel pulled in several different directions and there may be times when the other children in the family need additional attention.

Our Sibling Support Program is part of the Community-Based Mentoring Program specifically focused on matching siblings of the special needs child with a volunteer mentor. Mentors can provide the additional support and individualized attention a sibling may be seeking. A Sibling Support match is designed to enrich the life of a child by providing one-to-one interaction and support for issues commonly faced by a special needs sibling including resentment, peer issues, embarrassment and pressure to achieve.



PROGRAMS



Site Based Programs

Our Site Based Programs match volunteer mentors to children in need of a positive role model. Matches meet on-site in a supervised setting and are professionally supported by a program team member throughout the duration of the program. Matches meet regularly, where Bigs provide homework assistance, friendship and model positive behavior.

We provide several different site based programs to children throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. These programs include:

- High School Bigs Mentoring (Long Beach, North Babylon, Hampton Bays, Sag Harbor, Southampton)
- College Mentoring (Hofstra University, Stony Brook)University, St. Joseph's College)



Within our College Mentoring and High School Bigs Programs, elementary school students build an ongoing relationship based on one-to-one interactions and occasional group activities. The younger students (mentees) gain confidence, while the older students (mentors) build leadership skills. Young mentors learn that they can make a difference in the life of a child and have a positive impact on their community.



Our Workplace Mentoring Program matches middle school students with employees from a company within the community. This program focuses on career exploration and goal setting in a professional workplace environment. Helping children realize their full potential is the goal of all of our mentoring programs!



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SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES



Auerbach Fund

Created in the memory of Michael Auerbach, who devoted 29 years of service to furthering our mission, this fund exemplifies his passion for bettering the lives of the children and families we serve, focusing on the uncommon hardships and necessities within the household.

The Auerbach Fund enables our agency to offer financial assistance on a case by case basis to relieve the hardships of those in our program, allowing the children and families to focus on more positive aspects in their lives rather than the stress of financial burdens.

Such expenses that may be covered in a one-time payment by our agency include but are not limited to: bills related to heating, electricity or shelter; the purchase of school supplies or prescription eyeglasses; extracurricular activities that would add much benefit to the child's life, such as a karate classes or summer camp enrollment.



Holiday for Kids' Sake

This program is a special outreach to financially challenged families during the holiday season. The goal is to alleviate the added burden that this season can put on a family that is already struggling. Through this program, each family receives gifts for all the children in the household, plus food for a special dinner and other essential pantry items, delivered to their doorstep.

Scholarship Fund

The pursuit of higher education is often one that causes stress and hardship for many of the children and families we serve in our program. We wish to alleviate that hardship to ensure that the children in our program receive an opportunity to create a brighter future.



Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors pursuing higher education, who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrate high levels of motivation, responsibility and resiliency in their everyday lives. These scholarship opportunities are generously made possible by Dorothy and John Talotta, Bikes for Kids in America, as well as the families of the late Jeff Grant, the late Glenn Trovato and the late Michael J. Weisbrod. Eligible applicants are those who have been either a Volunteer Mentor or Little Brother/Little Sister in our program.



DONATION CENTER



You can help provide volunteer mentors to children who could benefit from an additional caring adult in their life by donating your unwanted clothing and household items to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island Donation Center.

Proceeds from the donations will go directly to BBBSLI, enabling our organization to help existing families in our program as well as assist us in our ability to provide additional guidance and support to more children facing adversity throughout Long Island.

We accept: clothing, shoes, small household items, toys, books, DVD's, etc. For a detailed list of accepted items visit our website at: <http://bbbsli.org/donation-center/>

For car and boat donations, please call (800) 710-9145.

*Most donations are tax deductible and receipts are provided. (*Consult with your tax advisor*)

To schedule a FREE home pickup or to find the nearest drop-off locations (Attended Donation Sites or Unattended Bins) visit: <http://bbbsli.org/donation-center/> or call (631) 234-0000, Ext.129.

Interested in coordinating a clothing drive with your organization or business? Please call (631) 234-0000, Ext.115



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



Financial Support:

Your financial support will help us reach the many children who are in need of our quality mentoring services. There are many ways for corporations, foundations and individuals to lend financial support:

- **Monetary Contributions:** One-time Gift, Monthly Giving or a Tribute Gift ; Annual Fund; Activity Fund; Auerbach Fund; Metzger/Woycik Endowment Fund; Grant/Trovato, Weisbrod, Tolatta Scholarship Funds; Holiday for Kids' Sake; Sponsor-A-Match; Matching Gifts.
- **Stocks & Securities:** Start helping kids profit! Many donors are now making gifts in the form of stocks, bonds and mutual funds.
- **Foundation & Corporate Giving:** By giving to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, foundations and corporations benefit the community's most important asset - - its children.
- **Planned Giving:** Start putting your trust in BBBSLI - - literally! Making BBBSLI a part of your trust, bequest or endowment can start many years of giving. A planned gift to BBBSLI ensures the continuation of our quality mentoring programs and creates your own legacy of support.

Support an Event:

Show your support through sponsorship opportunities and attendance at our diverse offering of fundraising events throughout the year.

Volunteer:

- Apply to become a Big! Volunteer as a mentor for a child facing adversity.
Visit: bbbsli.org/become-a-big/ or call 516-731-7880 X212
- Event support - sign up as a volunteer to assist with registration and selling raffles at our fundraising events
- Join our President's Council or other event committees

Gifts In-Kind:

In-kind donations such as: gift cards, tickets to games or events, travel accommodations, golf foursomes, etc. are always welcomed and appreciated. These donations assist us in raising funds through silent auctions and raffles that are held throughout the year at our fundraising events.

BBBSLI Donation Center:

- Donate clothing or small household items through our Donation Center
- Clothing Drives - You can organize a clothing drive within your company, organization or school!

Spread Our Mission:

- Follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In & Instagram) and share our posts to help spread awareness of our work, activities and events to your social media networks.

2017 EVENTS



- January 19th** **Big Night Out** - hosted by the BBBSLI President's Council at Croxley's Ale House in Farmingdale in recognition of National Mentoring Month. Ticket includes open bar, buffet and entrance into the event.
- February 15th** **Comedy Night** – “LOL for mentoring” at Governor's Comedy Club of Levittown. Ticket includes entrance in to the show. Two beverage minimum per person at table.
- March 14th** **Poker Night** – Enjoy an evening of food, drinks, poker and networking at The Main Event in Farmingdale. Tickets include open bar, buffet and entrance into the tournament.
- May 18th** **Fashion Show** – Join us for an evening of food and fashion at The Inn at New Hyde Park as our Bigs and Littles model collections from local boutiques and famous named brands!
- June 5th** **Annual Golf Tournament** -- This exceptional outing at The Muttontown Club in East Norwich includes a full breakfast, use of driving range & putting greens, 18 holes of golf, on-course barbeque lunch, beverages, cocktail hour, buffet dinner and awards.
- **NEW for 2017****
June 10th **Walk for Kids' Sake/ Little Fun Run & Family Picnic** -- Join us at our annual 5K, newly added Little Fun Run for Kids & Family Summer Picnic at Heckscher State Park in East Islip. Event website: www.bbbsli.kintera.org/5k
- July 11th** **“Summer Sizzle” Poker Tournament** -- Enjoy an evening of food & drinks, poker and networking at The Main Event in Farmingdale. Tickets include open bar, buffet and entrance into the tournament.
- August 11th
thru 20th** **Annual Hamptons Offshore Invitational Fishing Tournament** -- Hosted by the Shinnecock Marlin & Tuna Club. The event culminates with an incredible dinner at Oakland's Restaurant in Hampton Bays.
- September 16th** **Annual Cruisin' for Kids' Sake** -- Join us for a motorcycle ride from Levittown to Greenport to raise funds for mentoring. Register online at: www.bbbsli.kintera.org/cruisinforkidsake
- October 5th** **Annual Presidential Gala** -- Our most prestigious event of the year held at The Inn at New Hyde Park . This is an unforgettable evening of fine dining, live/Chinese/ silent auctions, awards, and entertainment.
- November 14th** **“All-In” Poker** -- Enjoy an evening of food & drinks, poker and networking at The Main Event in Farmingdale. Tickets include open bar, buffet and entrance into the tournament.
- December 1st** **East End Holiday Celebration** -- Enjoy a festive evening of food, drinks, music & raffles on the East End at Hotel Indigo as we'll be collecting new unwrapped gifts for our upcoming Holiday for Kids' Sake program.
- December 17th** **Holiday for Kids' Sake** -- We deliver gifts and holiday meals to the doorsteps of more than 100 BBBSLI families in need. Donate presents, gift cards or host a gift drive at your workplace.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for every event!
For more information or to register for an event, contact:
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