

MENTORING WORKS!

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 program:

94% maintained or improved in their attitudes towards risky behaviors

88% maintained or improved in parental trust

85% maintained or improved in their educational expectation

83% maintained or improved in social acceptance



In just a few hours a month, you can give a Little Brother or Little Sister the invaluable gift of your friendship. By simply changing their perspective of what the world can offer, you can literally start changing their lives. Play a board game. Make fun crafts. Hit the playground together. Just as your options are unlimited, so is your Little's potential.



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WE NEED YOU

TO BECOME A MENTOR

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BIG MISSION

For over 40 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island (BBBSLI) has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and shine. Our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

BBBSLI believes that by changing the course of young lives, we can in turn change the course of a community's future. Mentoring youth can lead to a reduction in poverty and unemployment, to safer schools and neighborhoods, or to a renewed optimism for growth. We believe that opening a child's eyes to what is – opens their mind to what could be.

MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

A Big Brother or Big Sister can open a world of possibilities and opportunities for a young person, simply by being a consistent friend.

Our Community Based program offers the chance for a youth aged 7 - 16 years old to build treasured memories through a friendship with a mentor. Bigs and Littles spend time together, a few hours a month, doing normal everyday activities like playing catch, watching a movie or going out for ice cream. These moments can turn into life changing, impactful friendships.

DEFENDER OF POTENTIAL

What if every child fulfilled their potential? Think how amazing that would be. As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you will be defending the potential of a child by helping them to achieve:

- Higher Aspirations
- Greater Confidence
- Better Relationships
- Educational Success
- Avoidance of Risky Behaviors

BECOME A MENTOR

"I get back so much more than I give."

We're always looking for people eager to positively impact a child and improve their community at the same time. In just a few hours a month, you give a little the invaluable gift of your friendship. By simply changing their perspective of what the world can offer, you can literally start changing their lives. And sometimes its as simple as going to the arcade, a museum, or just hanging out together.

BIG SISTERS

Doing good is a beautiful thing. As a Big Sister, you can give a girl the opportunity to see beyond her everyday world and dream big. It's good for your Little, as well as your community. In just a few hours a month, you can help your Little Sister succeed by simply changing her perspective on what the world can offer. It can start with simply letting her enjoy the things you already love to do, but it can grow into something bigger.

WHY DO WE NEED BIG BROTHERS?

Big Brothers are in especially high demand. More than 70% of our children waiting for a Big are boys, but only 3 out of every 10 inquiries to volunteer come from men. Research shows that having the positive influence of a Big Brother makes a real difference in a boy's life. So join the hundreds of thousands of volunteers that give a young person someone to look up to. If you have been thinking about getting involved, now is the time.

GO BIG

A CALL TO MEN OF COLOR

We have children waiting for the opportunity to meet someone like you. Disproportionately the children we serve and those waiting to be matched are African-American and Hispanic Boys. Their parents seek our support, knowing a Big Brother can recognize their son's potential and model positive choices that put him on the path for success in and out of school.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Our program team is here to work with you, the child and the family throughout the course of the mentoring relationship. A Match Support specialist oversees every match, providing support, training and guidance to ensure that every match is a success. We offer free agency events and opportunities for engagement with your little.

REQUIREMENTS

Our Littles deserve the best. Bigs must be 21 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license, participate in an interviewing and application process that includes a national background check, take part in training, and be willing to commit to at least one year in the development of the match relationship.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO CHANGE A CHILD'S TOMORROW TODAY

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