

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Big Brothers Big Sisters?

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a network of agencies that has created and supported one to-one relationships between adult volunteers and youth for over 100 years. The program provides especially at-risk youth with a mentor, confidant and friend.

What can a one-on-one mentorship for a child really accomplish?

As a matter of fact, the Big Brothers Big Sisters one-on one mentorship system accomplishes quite a bit. Parents rave about the ways in which just by being there, mentors improve their child's grades, attitude, self-esteem, and just make them feel special to have someone who wants to spend time with them. Consider these statistics from surveys and independent research...

Surveys of former Littles have found that...

- 81% agree that their Big gave them hope and changed their perspective of what they thought to be possible.
- 67% agree that their Big played a role in their decision to attend college.
- 83% agree that their Big instilled values and principles that have guided them through life.

Independent studies have found that as a result of the BBBS program, Littles are...

- 46% less likely to begin using drugs (an effect that improved to 70% among minority children)
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

What do I have to offer a child as a Big?

Whoever you are and whatever you are into, you have something to offer a child. We do everything we can to ensure that Bigs are matched with Littles whose location, interests, and personality will mesh and develop into a unique and productive relationship. Whether you love reading, music, sports, hiking or movies there is a Little who could benefit from spending some time with you.

What if I don't have the time?

Of course college can be a very busy time, luckily our programs require as little as 4-6 hours a month to participate.

What makes the BBBS program an especially good match for college students?

Volunteer experience is one of the most important things that employers look at when hiring recent graduates. With BBBS you can acquire tremendous experience with an organization that is instantly recognizable to employers in just a few hours a month on an entirely flexible schedule. Additionally, students on college campuses have access to an abundance of activities and entertainment for very little or no cost that can be exciting and eye-opening for children. From collegiate sporting events to plays and concerts; there is always something to do.

How do I sign up?

All you need to do to begin the process of partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters is to email us at BBBS@dutchesscap.org or give us a call at (845) 452-5104.