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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Big Brothers Big Sisters

of Dane County



What We Do

–Mission:

To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

–Vision:

All children achieve success in life.





OUR RESULTS

**ACHIEVING
ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

 **100%**

graduation rate
from 2013-2016

**BUILDING
SOCIAL SKILLS**

96%

better relationships with
peers, family, and teachers

**CREATING A
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

96%

less likely to
do drugs/alcohol
and skip school

OUR IMPACT

**CHILDREN SERVED
IN DANE COUNTY**

647

**BIGS, BIG COUPLES,
AND FAMILY MATCH BIGS**

717

How We Do It

–Our Mentoring Programs

- Community Based
- School Friends



Community Based Program

– Requirements

- 2 year commitment
- 21 years old +
- Vehicle
- Driver's license & auto insurance
- Consistently meet with Little 3 – 4 times per month
- Schedule outings with parent/guardian of child
- Match Support Contact

– Match Types

- Individual
- Couple
- Family



School Based Program

– Requirements

- 2 Year Commitment
- 18 years old+
- Get together weekly (45 - 60 minutes) during the school year over the lunch hour or after school

– Benefits

- BBBS staff person on-site



The Process

– Enrollment

- Application
- Interview, Background Checks, References
- Attend a Group Orientation Session

– Match

- Look for “best fit” up front
- Whether School- or Community-Based BBBS staff are committed to supporting you every step of the way!



Why We Do It

– The Impact (on our kids)

- A four-year college degree
- Incomes of \$75,000 or more
- Strong relationships with spouses, children, and friends

– The Impact (on you)

- Achievement Gap – directly impact
- Community Engagement
- Personal Growth



Little Brothers can wait up to **2 Years** for a Big

350 current Littles on our wait list



Start Something **BIG** Today.
Change a Life Forever.

Pictured above: Big Brother Mark Richardson and Little Brother Jamani.



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Celebrating 50 Years in Dane County!

Be a BIG or Give BIG

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OUR KIDS – 647 in mentoring relationships in 2015

Gender:

Female –
52%
Male –
48%

Household:

Low-income –
84%
Non-two parent –
72%

Ethnicity:

White –
14%
Non-White –
86%



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OUR VOLUNTEERS – 717 in mentoring relationships in 2015

Gender:

Female –
59%
Male –
41%

Education:

Bachelor –
40%
Advanced Degree –
21%

Ethnicity:

White –
86%
Non-White –
14%



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VOLUNTEER INVESTMENT IN DANE COUNTY YOUTH - 2015

HOURS INVESTED IN YOUTH:

58,000

VALUE OF HOURS INVESTED IN YOUTH:

\$1.3 Million



Program Cost - \$1,324/child

Marketing/ Outreach (all)

\$40/child

- Recruit volunteers
- Host “Lunch & Learns” at local businesses (75)
- Follow-up with interested individuals (volunteers & parents)

Admin (covers all areas)

\$53/child

Guided by 22 Evidence-Based Standards of Practice

Enrollment Team

\$225/child

- Process inquiries (1200) prospective volunteers
- Schedule interviews for volunteers and children
- Interviews (350) volunteers and (75) children
- Check 3 references (1,575)
- Sex offender check & layered background checks (700)
- Motor Vehicle Check (350)
- Get Matches to “pre-Match” state (200/year)

Over 1,500 customers served in 2015 (volunteers, children, and parents)

Match Support Team

\$1006/child

- Facilitate new Community Based Match Meetings (170/year)
- Facilitate group orientation sessions (24/year)
- Ensures child safety and match strength through regular contact with volunteer, youth and parent (over 15,000 contacts per year)
- Coordinate School Friends site (11)
- Manage transition of Matches from School Friends to School Friends+/Community Based (40/year)
- Conduct child interviews (as needed)
- Event Support (program & fund development)

What sets BBBS apart?

Accountability

By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, donors, and others in the community, we are accountable for each child achieving:

1. Higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships
2. avoidance of risky behaviors
3. educational achievement.



Intentionality

- Evidence-based mentoring practices
- Long-term, healthy, safe, stable relationships between adults and youth
- Goal setting with Big, Little, and Parent (YODP)
- REACH Activities (Recreation and Social Competency, Education & Life Skills, Arts & Culture, Community Engagement, and Health & Well Being)
- On-going training for Bigs and Parents

Expertise

- Professionally trained Match Support Specialists
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Parent Engagement
- Cultural Competency
- Bridging Social Capital
- School Transitions
- Love & Logic



Future Vision:

- Investment in infrastructure to serve more youth
- Increase mentoring awareness and message of bridging social capital
- Leverage expertise to nonprofits and businesses
- Deepen intentionality based on age and academic stages
- Additional support to mentors



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