



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**
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BIG HAPPENINGS

SPRING 2021



BIGS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Each year we honor two mentors who have shown incredible dedication and made a lasting impact in the life of their Little Brother and Little Sister. We are so grateful for Brittany and Walter's commitment to igniting potential in their Littles, Asia and Kedric.

Brittany & Asia

"Asia was one of the first friends I met here in Birmingham, and she has been my constant ever since. "Sister" is truly befitting, for she is family to me.

In Asia's words

"I would like to express my gratitude for being a part of Big Brother and Big Sister. It all started four years ago when my mother signed my oldest brother up to participate in the program. When my mother told me I was matched with someone that shared the same similarities I was happy and sad at the same time. My mother worked a lot and I was shy but I needed someone to help mentor and guide me through the missing gap I had. Brittany and I have been more than just Big and Little, she has helped me overcome and deal with a lot. When I started this journey, I just wanted a smart big sister who could listen to me and who I could jive with. Brittany is so smart and encourages me to give every assignment or challenge all I have. She also has taught me to look out for people who need friends and be a friend to them. One day, I want to be an engineer and Brittany will be a meteorologist. Even though we don't have everything in common, she loves chicken and I don't, we are both smart, and talented and are doing our part to change things in this world. I love Brittney and couldn't imagine things being any different. "

Walter & Kedric

"When I was looking for the right opportunity to be a part of something, a close friend recommended the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization and I thought, I would love to share my experiences and feel young again by spending time with a young person."

In Kedric's words

"My name is Kedric and I would like to share with you what the program has meant to me in my life. (continued on page 2)



A LETTER FROM OUR CEO



YOU are the reason lives
are changed every day.

YOU are a defender of
POTENTIAL.

Self-confidence is a life-giving experience. It is necessary to the challenges all of us face.

Most of the children in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program are being raised in single parent families and rarely, if at all, see their non-custodial parent. When a child loses a parent, it is traumatizing. They feel a sense of loss and they often feel, unjustly, it is in some way their fault. This sense of guilt can lead to a poor self-esteem. A child may feel like they are unwanted. This feeling of rejection and lack of self-confidence can lead to not living up to their full potential. This is where Big Brothers Big Sisters works to help.

Big Brothers Big Sisters can help to provide children with a friend who spends time with a child, someone who says to them that they are important, they are worth spending time with and they can become anybody they want to be. We work in partnership with parents to recognize and bring out the fullest potential in children. It is always exciting to see children's self-esteem grow and to see them become everything they were intended to be!

Sincerely,

A NEW WAY TO MENTOR. E-MENTORING



The Big Brothers Big Sisters mission will always center around one-on-one mentoring. However, the ways in which we achieve that are evolving to better serve the youth in our community.

E-mentoring involves creating one-to-one relationships virtually through phone calls, video chat, and more.

Youth in our communities are paired with volunteers seeking to mentor within a more modern, current platform. Volunteers serve as mentors from their phones and computers at a minimum of 30 minutes each week. This partnership allows volunteers with limited schedules the ability to give back while working with a busy schedule.

Although it takes place virtually, the E-mentoring program isn't limited to just chats on the phone. Match Support Specialist will help provide virtual activities for each match: virtual cooking and dance lessons, Netflix watch parties, homework help, and more!

Visit www.mentorallittle.com for more information.



BBBS has been keeping connected through virtual means!



A new match meeting virtually for the first time.



Big & Little play with chalk while staying socially distant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glow
on the
Green!



GLOW ON THE GREEN

April 30, 2021 | www.GlowontheGreenBham.com

The seventh annual Glow on the Green night golf tournament, will be held on April 30th at Highland Park Golf course.

Players will enjoy 9 holes of golf during the afternoon and 9 holes of golf at night. This unique tournament features games, dinner, a raffle full of fantastic items, and an opportunity to play golf as the sun sets over the Birmingham skyline.

SAVE *the* DATE

A NIGHT OF BIG STARS

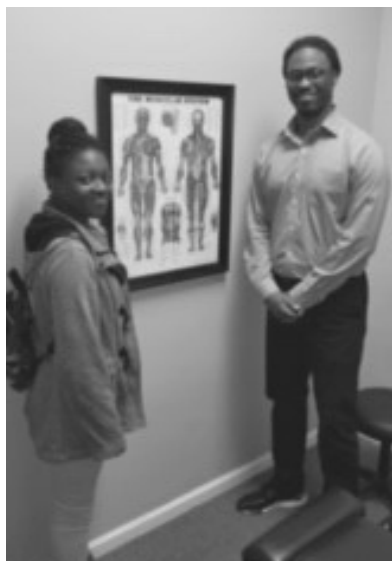
August 21, 2021 | www.anightofbigstars.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters invites you to an event that you won't forget! Littles will take the stage and perform a one-of-a-kind-show. Guests for the evening will enjoy dinner with a view at The Club. We'll have can't-miss auction packages that will have you feeling like a star! The best part of the event? Every dollar raised helps Big Brothers Big Sisters continue our mission of creating one-to-one mentoring relationships.

YOU MAKE MATCHES HAPPEN

Big Sister Franai and Little Sister Alyssa have been matched since **March of 2018**.

Franai loves exposing Alyssa to new experiences and ideas. Franai and Alyssa regularly go to the Museum of Art, the Civil Rights Museum, and other fun cultural events in the city. Alyssa wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She was so excited when Franai took her to meet a chiropractor! Additionally, during the height of COVID, Franai and Alyssa texted every day. They are a true example of how the support of donors like you, have helped keep kids connected, learning, and growing every day.



Alyssa meeting a chiropractor.



Alyssa and Franai enjoying time together at a local museum.

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