

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 Fanai 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 mentors matter and help keep kids connected, learning, and growing every day.



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



OUR MISSION

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

OUR VISION

All children achieve success in life.

children served

partner schools workplace partners

THE DIFFERENCE MENTORING MAKES

Research has shown that children who have a mentor are:

55% more likely to enroll in college

52% less likely to skip a day of school

46% less likely to begin using drugs

81% more likely to participate in extracurricular activities

DEAR FRIENDS,

2020 was a year filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and evolve. Despite the tumultuous circumstances, BBBS staff members remained focused on keeping existing Big/Little matches connected with innovative and creative support through phone calls, text messages, digital learning platforms and other technology-enabled engagement tools. We persisted in these efforts, no matter how long our traditional way of life was halted.

Many of our Littles face many of the challenges faced in 2020, from societal barriers and opportunity gaps to poverty and identity-based discrimination. Consequently, it was and is incumbent upon Big Brothers Big Sisters to fulfill our mission by being there for our youth. Mentoring assures that children will not have to face life's challenges alone.

In 2020, we served 942 children in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, and Walker Counties in one-to-one mentoring relationships with volunteers from our community! Additionally, we implemented our new e-mentoring program that allowed for volunteers to continue to be matched with Littles in a safe, virtual setting.

We held our first virtual event and found it takes a strong team made of: highly trained Staff, a committed Board of Directors and Young Advisory Board, Parents willing to participate in training activities and commit to dedicated long-term communication with the program, Volunteers who don't give up and really care about the kids in their community, Donors who understand the impact mentoring can have on our community and the long term trajectory of children's lives, State and Federal partners who understand investing in non-profits positively benefits and impacts us all, and local school systems who partner with us.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is so very grateful to all those who invested of themselves in 2020 to make a difference in the life of our children, and we look forward to seeing and being reconnected with the BBBS family in 2021!



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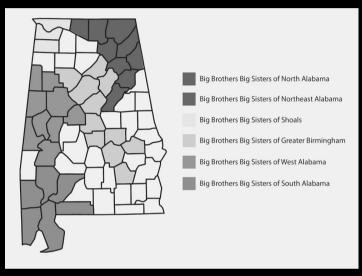


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male

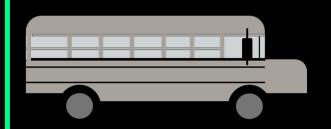
WE SERVE AGES 7-18



8.54 months | average match

GRADE LEVELS OF LITTLES

49% ELEMENTARY 25% MIDDLE **26% HIGH**



ETHNICITY OF LITTLES

56% Black

31% White

8% Hispanic

5% Other



WHO WE SERVE

74%

single family household

73%

free or reduced lunch

7%



have parent who has been incarcerated

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COMMUNITY-BASED

The Community-Based program provides adult mentors, or "Bigs", to children who are in need of a positive role model. These volunteers commit to spending one-on-one time with their little brother or little sister at least twice per month for 3-5 hours per outing. Bigs and Littles spend time at the park, museums, sporting events, and a variety of other community activities. The most important part is the friendship that is formed and the role model that is gained. Bigs and Littles are matched based on preferences, similar interests, locations, and personalities.

SCHOOL-BASED

The School-Based program matches volunteer mentors with children from local schools. The volunteers commit to visiting their little brother or sister at their school once per week during the school year.

Bigs and Littles might spend time doing homework or shooting basketball in the gym or just hanging out. The most important thing is that the Little has a reliable and positive role model in his or her life.

School-Based matches keep in touch by phone or written correspondence during the summer.

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580

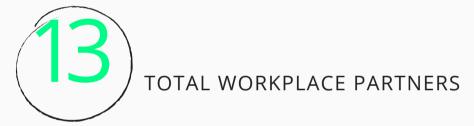
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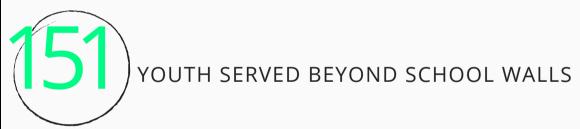
school-based matches served



BEYOND SCHOOL WALLS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham is celebrating another successful year for the Beyond School Walls program. Beyond School Walls is a workplace mentoring program that started in 2013. Children enrolled in the program are bused from their school twice per month during the school year to their partnering workplace. There they are matched with an employee who spends time mentoring and sharing about their career. Studies show that youth participating in workplace mentoring programs perform better in school, want to go to college, and begin thinking more about their future.





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E-MENTORING

In 2020 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham launched our E-Mentoring Program. This allowed volunteers to mentor Youth within a virtual setting.

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. Additionally, allowing matches to meet in a safe, virtual setting. 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 Paint Classes

In 2020 we hosted over 100 virtual activities.

including story times, dance lessons, concerts, music lessons, sound bath, singing contest, skateboard lessons, and more!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our events find fun ways to raise money and help create a buzz about what we do. Our signature events bring in almost one third of our annual budget and help us connect even more people in our community to our mission.



THE BIG NIGHT IN

This years annual gala, A Night of Big Stars, went VIRTUAL with the Big Night In! Sponsored by Love Tito's, Littles went to virtual dance camp to put on a truly one-of-a-kind show! Sponsors picked up to-go packages full of great food and drinks before heading home to watch the event stream LIVE! Every dollar raised helped BBBS continue their mission of matching youth with supportive mentors.



GLOW ON THE GREEN

The sixth annual night golf tournament was hosted by our Young Advisory Board at Highland Park Golf Course. Players enjoyed 9 holes of socially distant golf as the sun set over Birmingham. This one-of-a-kind golf event, presented by Tito's Vodka, also included music, dinner, and amazing auction packages.



VIRTUAL CONCERTS & MORE!

During 2020 BBBS hosted numerous virtual concerts, including two concerts by musician Daniel O'Donnell and one by Vann Burchfield. Both played covers of popular pop songs on the saxophone. Vann Burchfield even played some of his original music! We were so grateful to see the outpouring of support from donors and volunteers during this unprecedented year.



BIG & LITTLE SISTER OF THE YEAR

BRITTANY DECKER & ASIA



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. "

in Brittany's words

"Just over 4 years ago I moved to Birmingham, Alabama, and just over four years ago I decided I wanted to become a Big. I moved to the city without knowing anyone, wanted to get involved, and believed in the power of mentoring. What I didn't realize is how mutually enriching the relationship could be and the extent of growth over time with investing in the sisterhood. Asia was one of the first friends I met here in Birmingham and she has been my constant ever since. In every sense of the word "sister" she has become more like family.

Asia has grown from a quiet, shy, 12 year old girl into a beautiful young lady who works hard at school and through her new job. With every interaction, I see her confidence building. We have seen each other grow through different seasons of life over a four year time period. It had been a privilege and honor to serve as her "Big" and we both look forward to so many new memories we'll make in the future."



BIG & LITTLE BROTHER OF THE YEAR

WALTER MADDOX & KEDRIC



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. For one, it's just great, I get to meet new people all the time and I am always doing things with my big brother Walter. We have been matched for five years, but I feel like he has always been there. He comes to my soccer games, even though I know he doesn't enjoy sports, he takes me cool places like museums and even has his own dance group that he manages. They are called Alvin Ailey and put on a cool show. Walter travels to New York a lot and once he even Facetimed me and gave me a tour of his favorite parts of the city. I hope to go to New York one day and try some of the food. I like learning in general and feel I have learned a lot from Walter. He tells me stories sometimes about how hard it was growing up in the south when he was my

age. He has shown me what it was like growing up in the south at my age. He has shown me many things he did not get a chance to experience during and before the Civil Rights Movement. Talking to him makes me feel like I can do anything. This past Thanksgiving, Walter took me to work with homeless people in Birmingham, we shared a meal with them and it felt great to meet new people. He shared with me how it feels to do for others especially in my community. Me and Walter are always doing something fun and I just want to say thank you for letting me participate in this program."

in Walter's words

"...I met my little Brother Kedric and I swear, I think I had more fun at first. I shared my interests in ballet, food, travel, and live theater with Kedric and he always showed interest. I love that Kedric is up to try new things and has gotten comfortable sharing his opinion with me as well. He would go to a museum, and I would attend a baseball game. He would attend a musical theater performance; I would watch his soccer team play. I've gotten to share with him some of my favorite things including New York City. We once facetimed for hours as I took him on tours of my favorite museums, restaurants, and place to visit in New York.

I am amazed at how he retains information and how much he shows interest in my life and how I got to be where I am. He listens to my stories and we often spend more time together on outings than we plan for. Working with his mother, Natalie, has been a great experience and she always has him ready to go for each outing and is great about talking with me about how Kedric is doing. I would say that overall, the most surprising thing about my experience has been how much I have learned from Kedric and how much I've gotten back out of this experience. The more I think about it, the more I realize this friendship is going to last the rest of my life."



INCOME

EVENTS	126,191
UNITED WAY	408,728
GRANTS	345,717
CONTRIBUTIONS	324,580
INTEREST	241

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,205,457

EXPENSES

PAYROLL	868,646
ADMINISTRATIVE	131,913
INSURANCE	45,945
OCCUPANCY	16,853
DUES	30,405
SUPPLIES	40,369
MISCELLANEOUS	3,997

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,138,128



Match Makers is Big Brothers Big Sisters monthly giving program. Match Makers help us continue making new matches of Bigs and Littles. No matter the amount, Match Makers have committed to ongoing support which is vital to our organization. Learn more at www.bhambigsmatchmakers.org

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