



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Dutchess County

*Little Moments.
Big Magic.*



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

The “magic”...

In our own lives,
each of us was touched by someone—other than our parents—who broadened our horizons and brought a little magic into our lives. By becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, **you** can do the same for a child. And you will both be forever changed by the experience.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Be part of something *Big*

One to one mentoring for
children who are between the
ages of 6 to 15



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Fraternity/Sorority Partnership

Did you know that your fraternity or Sorority can partner with Big Brother Big Sister?



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Fraternity/Sorority Partnership The Friendship at-a-glance

- **Activities:** Social, skill building, academic support, fun times, athletics, etc.
- **Location:** Site, School or community based
- **Frequency:** Big Brother Big Sisters are expected to meet with their Littles at least once every two weeks. In some circumstances, it is acceptable to meet one a month with phone contacts in between.
- **Duration:** Matches should last at least one year.
- **Commitment:** Continuous recruitment.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Programs

- Community-Based
- Site-Based
- Children of Promise



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Community-Based

Bigs meet with their Littles in the community for a few hours of pure fun or just hanging out.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Site-Based

Bigs meet with their Littles at a designated site. Designated site can be school, local YMCA or your place of business.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



“Children of Promise”

Community and site-based mentoring targeting the needs of children of incarcerated parents.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Findings

- 46% *less likely* to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% *less likely* to begin using alcohol
- 52% *less likely* to skip school
- 37% *less likely* to skip a class
- More confident of their performance in schoolwork
- Less likely* to hit someone as a way of solving their problems
- Getting along better with their families and peers



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Activities

- Show a kid your best card trick
- Walk the dog together, in the rain
- Learn an art or craft together
- Rake leaves or weed your garden
- Create a new recipe together
- Wash and wax the car
- Tell jokes, just talk, and listen



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

What it's about....

- No special skills or training needed
- Anyone can do it
- It's a fun experience with a child



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Commitment

The time it takes to throw a football around is all the time you need.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Getting started

Contact:

Big Brothers | Big Sisters

(845) 437-0222

BBBS@dutchessCAP.org



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Sign up today!

- The time is right, *now*
- Enjoy the magic that comes from making a new friend as a Big Brother or Big Sister
- We'll take your information today, and get started!



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Thank you.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS