



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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mentoring  
children of  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What are the eligibility requirements for a mentor?**

Our volunteer mentors are loving, caring, adult role models who want to share time with a child. At least 16 years old, volunteers are willing to spend at least four hours per month with a child for at least one year.

### **How are mentors matched to children in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program?**

Big Brothers Big Sisters interviews each volunteer, as well as each child. Based on those interviews, volunteers are matched to children of similar interests. Big Brothers Big Sisters takes every step to ensure safe and successful matches.

### **How do mentors share time with the children in the program?**

We have several options. Depending on which program fits the needs of you and your Little Brother or Little Sister, you may spend time with the child in a school or church setting, or share time out in the community going to movies, riding bikes, etc. We can fit your match into a program that fits your busy schedule, while also meeting the needs of the child.



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## MENTORING WORKS

### A study conducted by BBBS demonstrated that:

- 64% of children with a mentor develop higher levels of self-confidence
- 65% of children with a mentor show improvement in their academic performance
- 52% of children with a mentor are less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% of children with a mentor are less likely to begin using alcohol



**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** has been the leader in one-to-one youth service for over a century, with proven success in creating positive friendships that benefit children, volunteers, families, neighborhoods, and the community. Big Brothers Big Sisters is building partnerships with faith-based congregations to serve as mentors to local children.

# MINISTRY OF MENTORING

Big Brothers Big Sisters builds partnerships with faith-based congregations throughout North and West Central Texas to serve as mentors to local children. Your congregation can make a positive lifelong impact on children in your community through the simple act of friendship.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

### *People of Faith Mentoring Children of Promise*

#### **Community-Based Program**

You don't have to change your life to change theirs! In as little as four hours a month, you can make a dramatic difference in the life of a child. Volunteers have the flexibility to plan activities at a time that is convenient for both the volunteer and the child. Couples and families can also be matched with a child. What you do together is up to you – whether you like to play ball, go on a hike, watch a movie or just hang out – the choice is yours and the child and volunteer both reap the rewards of the relationship.

#### **School-Based Program**

Our school-based program provides an opportunity for a Big Brother or a Big Sister to be matched to a Little in a local school. Together the volunteer and child may spend time going over homework, throwing a ball, eating lunch or sharing stories. By simply sharing your lunch break, you can change the life of a child.

#### **Amachi**

*Amachi*, a Nigerian word meaning, "Who knows but what God has brought us through this child," is a mentoring program that responds to the needs of children with a parent or family member in prison.

While many programs reach out to those incarcerated, very few address the specific needs of the children affected by this situation. Statistics show that 70% of children with an incarcerated parent will follow their parents' footsteps into incarceration. The Amachi program is designed to address these needs and alter the potentially negative direction of these children's lives. Faith-based mentors can impact the lives of children living in at-risk situations and help them become children of promise.

*If your congregation currently has a specific outreach to children, i.e. neighborhood surrounding church, single-parent, or prison ministry, Big Brothers Big Sisters can help add mentoring to this already established ministry.*

***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."***

***Proverbs 32:6***