

Start Something

Despite the challenges they face,

94%

of Littles said they are more confident than ever that they will achieve their life long dreams and goals.



Changing Lives in a BIG way,
One LITTLE at a Time

2012 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

2012 was an incredible year, with more than 480 children supported by a Big Brother or Big Sister. It was most powerful, however, to see previous year matches continue to grow and strengthen their relationships.

Over the years we've seen first-hand how longevity in our matches leads to long term positive outcomes for our children and is the key reason our program is so successful. That is why the staff of BBBS of Washtenaw County works every day to ensure our matches are not only safe and well suited to each child's needs, but also built to last.

Throughout this year's Report to the Community you will see some profiles of our matches that have been together for more than five years. These are just a few examples of how our programs help develop more college graduates, community leaders, and entrepreneurs' right here in Washtenaw County.

Whether you are a volunteer or a donor, your involvement directly supports the children in our community. You are not only making a difference in the lives of kids in Washtenaw County today, you are changing the path of their tomorrows.

Thank You for Investing in our Children!

Warmest Regards,

Jennifer Spitler Executive Director



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Big Impact...Proven Results

"Over the years I've noticed Cody's confidence develop greatly. I've also noticed him becoming more and more respectful," Kathleen (Big)



Kathleen (Big) and Cody (Little) enjoying lunch.

Matched Since
December 2008

Favorite Things to do
Together:
Bowling, Baseball &
Making Salsa

Cody & Kathleen



Cody and Kathleen from left, bowling with fellow match, Tricia (Big) and Kevin (Little) at the BFKS event.

The Impact

52% of children enrolled on one of BBBS' Mentoring Programs are less likely to skip school and 37% less likely to skip a class. *

*Public/Private Ventures Impact Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters



Kaleb (Little) rock climbing at Planet Rock.

Kaleb & Dennis

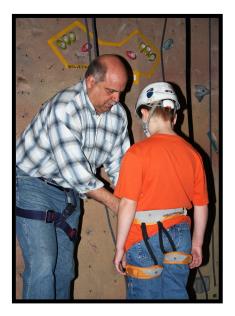
Matched Since May 2008

Favorite Things to do Together:
Dinner and a Movie

Kaleb's Memorable Moments: Going Fishing and Watching Despicable Me II at the Theater

"When I first met Kaleb he had some social struggles. Over the years he has learned that he can trust me and has begun to open up and enjoy our time together,"

Dennis (Big)



Dennis (Big) getting Kaleb buckled in safely.

Did You Know?

83% of former Littles surveyed agree that their Big instilled values and principles that have guided them through life.*

*Harris Interactive research with Adult 'Former' Littles'





Pictured above: Bruce (Big) and Tanaka (Little) through the years.

Bruce & Tanaka

Matched Since March 2007

Favorite Things to Do Together: Trying new things

Tanaka's Most
Memorable Moment:
Learning to
Ride a Unicycle

"Over time I've discovered that Tanaka has become more dedicated to his education and to his own volunteerism,"

Bruce (Big)

Studies Show...

Kids enrolled in BBBS Mentoring programs are 46% less likely to start using drugs.*

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Community Based Mentoring

Spending time together out in the local community is primarily how Bigs and Littles develop their relationship. After all, to change a child's perspective of the world, it helps to spend some time out in it. Community **Based Mentoring is** one of two core programs we offer. This program matches children between the ages of 6 and 13 (children who are matched can remain in the program until they graduate high school), with a positive adult role model. Depending on their schedules the matches spend a couple of hours together about twice a month getting to know one another and developing their relationship and interests; learning & growing together.



Matched Since June 2008

Favorite Things to Do Together: Arts & Crafts

Jamie's Most
Memorable Moment:
Getting a Flat Tire with
Dana and Learning
How To
Problem Solve



"Being a Big Sister has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I now have a lifelong, meaningful friendship and can do all of these amazing things with her that I wasn't able to do when I was a kid,"

Dana (Big)

Matches in Action













School Based Mentoring

Sometimes the best place to help a child realize their potential is at their school. The best part is that it can be a great learning experience in or out of the classroom. For one hour a week our kids enjoy their Big meeting with them, whether it's in the classroom, lunchroom or on the playground. This one-on-one time could be the one hour the Little looks forward to the most all week! The program is all about starting a friendship, providing guidance and inspiring a child to reach his or her full potential.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS*

On behalf of our staff, our volunteers and most importantly the children we serve, we send our sincerest gratitude to our donors who entrusted a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County. As a donor-supported volunteer organization, BBBS could not run without the support of our friends. When a donation is made, our volunteers match that commitment with one of their own - a full year of quality one-to-one time with a child.

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Thank You Bigs... You Are The Inspiration For Our Communities Children

We have made every effort to include the names all of our 2012 Bigs! If we have omitted a name in error, we truly apologize.

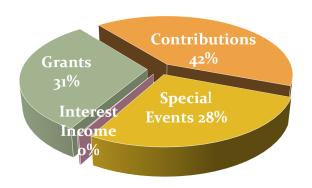
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2012 Revenues and Expenses

Unrestricted Operating Revenue

Grants \$150,871
Contributions \$201,369
Special Event Fundraisers \$132,735
Interest Income \$868
Total Revenues \$458,843





Expenses

Programming \$266,774

Management & General \$34,273

Development \$127,054

Total Expenses \$428,102

OUR MISSION

The vision of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County is that all children achieve success in life. Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We work with parents/guardians, volunteers and others in the community and hold ourselves accountable for each child in our program to achieve higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors, and educational success.

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