OUR VISION
All youth achieve their full potential

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Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.
A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

It is a tremendous honor to serve a second year as Board Chair of this incredible organization. For over fifty years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been developing a “Winning Formula” for inspiring children to realize their potential for achievement.

My goals as Board Chair are to sustain this important mission, recognize our volunteers and donors for their contributions, and serve any child that wants to benefit from having a Big Brother or Big Sister.

I know from my own experience as a “Little,” how much I benefited from having a positive role model and mentor. My Big Brother provided me with lessons that helped me overcome challenges as a boy, and achieve success as a man. I know what is possible for the children we serve, and I am excited about their lessons learned, experiences and future possibilities.

Our Littles may struggle in a variety of ways, making this challenging work, but we are making a difference for these children by changing what is predictable into what is possible. It takes passion and dedication by our volunteers to work with children, but the rewards for our society are great. Children in our program reach higher levels of achievement, and grow up to positively participate in our communities.

On behalf of the organization and all of our Littles, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers and donors. You make our success possible.

Warmest Regards,
— DON PATTERSON

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

We are moving in the right direction, having been on a high-speed train of fast-paced learning not only for this pandemic year, but always on a continuous track to meet the needs of our youth. We have masked, hand-sanitized, and distanced to keep ourselves and our children safe.

To our Bigs, we owe so much gratitude. Our Bigs have been connecting with their Littles more frequently than ever, knowing that vulnerable youth continue to face challenges and need the support of their Big. Recently, Judge Rochelle Curley of the 12th Judicial Circuit Court spoke to the needs of young people. Her poignant perspective—an experienced view from the delinquency and dependency bench—is that young people need structure, guidance, and most of all, purpose.

If our youth lack purpose, they also lack positive experiences. When one of our Big Brothers asked how to help his Little achieve, my answer was to provide our youth with experiences, i.e. visit a college campus, art museum, library, business within their career interests. Help youth visualize themselves by experiencing firsthand. Youth with experiences will ultimately believe they can fit in and feel a purpose, a reason to wake up in the morning.

Having a purpose will make you feel as though you are living your best life. A Big Brother Big Sister mentor provides guidance and structure to help youth find purpose. Help our youth live their best life, become a mentor!

— JOY MAHLER

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We recognize that while all children have equal potential, they do not have equal opportunity. Too many children are struggling with generational poverty, limited academic opportunities, familial incarceration, violence, and a lack of access to positive adult role models.

With this context, we are committed to serving children who are impacted by adversity. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast believes a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization is one where all staff, volunteers, youth, and families feel valued and respected. Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, comprised of board members, staff and volunteers, connected with subject matter experts to facilitate customized workshops for Staff, Bigs and Board. Through an ongoing commitment to our growth as an agency, we are accessing tools to help our children overcome equity barriers and forge a pathway to achieve their potential.

When we help others we grow into the people we need to be. When we choose to help, forgive, or listen to one another, it can be profound and life changing. Those simple acts of kindness can transform someone’s life in a way that can only be described as ‘a blessing’. Sometimes what appears to be ‘small’ to us is ‘big’ to someone else.

—CARLOS BATES, BIG BROTHER AND MEMBER OF OUR DEI TASK FORCE
**Beyond School Walls**
High school students meet with their mentors in a business setting, giving students the opportunity to experience what it means to work for a corporation, learn business etiquette, and identify educational requirements for professional success.

**Bigs with Badges**
This program matches youth with mentors who work in (or are retired from) law enforcement, the military, private security, forestry service, and fire and rescue. These mentoring relationships build strong bonds between mentoring partner agencies and the families they serve.

**GateWay to Success**
This initiative supports at-risk students as they transition from middle school to high school, the single most influential intervention point to high school completion. A series of “success” activities focuses on academic support, self-esteem, motivation, and career awareness.

**Juvenile Justice Mentoring Initiative**
The program provides prevention and early intervention specialized mentoring services to youth who are at high risk of entering the juvenile justice system and those who have already made contact with the system.

**Reading Bigs**
Designed to foster a love of literature and aid in the development of grade-level reading skills for students reading below grade level. Reading Bigs improves reading skills through a variety of activities specific to the child’s reading level and is monitored by Big Brothers Big Sisters and the child’s teacher to ensure progress.

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Of the students in the program either graduated from high school or were promoted to the next grade.

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**Big Futures**
This professionally-supported mentoring bridge provides continued guidance to the 10th–12th grade youth the agency currently serves until they reach age 21, thereby placing them on a career pathway to sustainable independence.

**93%**
Of the youth who remain matched with their mentor through Big Futures after high school graduation are enrolled in a higher education institution, joined the military, or are gainfully employed.
BY THE NUMBERS

83% of our youth are eligible for free or reduced-price meals
57% live at or below the federal poverty level
70% live in a single parent household
31% have an incarcerated parent

“You helped me understand life a little bit more and inspired me to do my best.”
“You were there for me. You showed up!”

WHO WE SERVE: YOUTH AGES 6–21

Children matched with a big
49% Male
51% Female

Adults matched with a little
38% Male
62% Female

Our littles come from many backgrounds
38% White
35% Black
22% Hispanic/Latino
5% Other

Funds provided by:

Government/County 25%
Special Events 20%
Foundations & Trusts 19%
State/DOE 12%
United Way 8%
Endowment 1%
Annual Gifts 15%

Funds well spent:

Programs 90%
Administration 5%
Fundraising 5%

For a statement of activities, please visit www.bbbssun.org
Earned the platinum (highest) seal of transparency from Guidestar, the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Guidestar enables users to make informed charitable decisions.

Received Charity Navigator’s highest four-star rating for sound fiscal management.

100% of program staff are certified by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Received a Perfect 4.0 audit score in both program and financial outcomes for Florida Department of Education-funded matches.

Impact the lives of 1,509 children facing adversity in 2020–2021.

"Thank you for being with me when I need someone to talk to."

CURRENT LITTLES

93% maintained a strong sense of social competence and acceptance

91% maintained or improved their academic performance

94% of graduating seniors are continuing their education, joined the military, or entered the workforce.

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BE A BIG!

Big Brothers Big Sisters serves young people from age six through young adulthood in one-to-one mentoring friendships. Each match is supported by a dedicated Match Support Specialist who is always there to provide resources and support specific to the Little’s age. With a Big in their life, Littles in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program are empowered to ignite their potential as they grow in their self-esteem, earn better grades, and develop a lifelong friendship with their Big.

**SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING**

Although it takes place at schools, our School-Based Mentoring program isn’t limited to the classroom. Of course, some Littles do talk with their Bigs about class, do homework, or read together, but it’s perfectly fine to shoot hoops in the gym or play on the playground. At the end of the day, it’s really all about starting a friendship, providing guidance and inspiring them to reach their potential. It may sound obvious, but sometimes the best place to help a child realize their potential is at school.

**COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING**

Many relationships between Bigs and Littles are part of our Community-based programs. Community-based mentoring relationships involve one-to-one outings and activities, doing things the Big and Little enjoy together, like:

- Taking a walk on the beach
- Going to the park
- Listening to music
- Hanging out and talking

Some Bigs meet their Littles on the weekends. Others get together with their Littles on weekday evenings. Each match is unique and develops a schedule that works for them.

**ROLE MODELS MAKE AN IMPACT**

Studies show that children who have role models are more likely to improve in school and in their relationships with family and friends, and less likely to skip school or use illegal drugs or alcohol. Students who are successful in school are less likely to drop out, abuse drugs, or commit crimes. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we have tremendous confidence in our ability to impact children and help them carve a pathway to achieve their potential.

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“You don’t know how much I appreciate everything you have done for me. I am thankful to have an amazing mentor like you.”

“Now that you’re my Little Brother, I am here for you 24/7, and you can talk to me about anything.”

“When I was eight years old I had a Big Brother and it really changed my life. Growing up in a tough neighborhood it was really important for me to have a male role model that was someone I could aspire to be like.”
Big Brother of the Year
John Barringer

“John has done so much for me that it’s hard to put into words. John is an actual Big Brother to me, not just because that’s what he’s called at Big Brothers Big Sisters, but because he IS my family and my real life Big Brother. He has been there since I was 6 years old and has challenged me to accomplish my goals. I have never had a father figure, so having John in my life has made me happy. Because of John, I have someone to do boy stuff with, hang out with, and talk to about anything. John has changed my life for the better, and I can’t imagine my life without him in it.” —Little Brother Lamar

Big Sister of the Year
Ashley Tinker

“Ashley is a very caring person—I have never been around someone as nice as her. She is always there to help me with my schoolwork, she helps me get the supplies I need for projects, and she always listen to me no matter if I am rambling on about my life at home or a problem that I am having. Ashley helped me get my grades up by talking to teachers and having them send home extra work for us to do together. We took it slower than we did in class and she was able to help me understand it better.”
—Little Sister Ja’KenyaLee

Big Brother and Big Sister Finalists & Selected Honorees

Charlotte County
Big Sister – Bonnie Fowler
Big Brother – William Fowler

Collier County
Big Sister – Mary Levine
Big Brother – Scott Hart

Englewood
Big Sister – Lorraine Lang
Big Brother – Jon Groetzinger

Highlands/Hardee County
Big Sister – Ashley Tinker
Big Brother – Cullen Lovett

Hendry County
Big Sister – Margaret England
Big Brother – Kirk (Matt) Rentz

Lee County
Big Sister – Donna Faulhaber
Big Brother – Fred Malone

Manatee County
Big Sister – Jennifer Bal
Big Brother – John Barringer

North Port
Big Sister – Nancy Goodwin
Big Brother – Sam Stanchak

Sarasota
Big Sister – Megan Mateja
Big Brother – Kelvin Lumpkin

Venice
Big Sister – Briana Cyr
Big Brother – Michael Wendorff
**Ways to Support**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation of the Sun Coast**
provides a perpetual endowment for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, invested to provide annual operational support, while preserving the principal of the fund.

**Community Impact Donors**
invest through a substantial gift that has proven impact on the lives of disadvantaged youth in our community, igniting their full potential.

**Stewardship Circle Members**
are passionate about sustainable support for Big Brothers Big Sisters, committing a major gift through multi-year giving. Members’ ongoing investments enable us to strategically grow initiatives and achieve outstanding results for youth in our community.

**Monthly Donors**
provide support by setting up an automatic monthly donation with their debit/credit card through the donate link at www.bbbssun.org.

**Annual Fund Donors**
provide annual support.

For more information, call 941.488.4009 or visit www.bbbssun.org.
Planned gifts ensure the continuation of our landmark mentoring program. Planned giving is a great way to enhance your philanthropic goals while enabling you to address other financial and estate planning needs. A bequest or beneficiary designation will impact a child’s life for generations to come.

There is no minimum financial gift requirement and many planned gifts are made by simply adding Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast as a beneficiary. Please consider joining our Legacy Society to create a most important and powerful gift, one that will ignite the power and promise of youth.

We thank the following members for their generosity:

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“On considering my estate plans and looking at the number of deserving community groups I have known, I find Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast to be **unequaled in both mission accomplishment and organizational excellence**. Their record is clear, starting as a local branch in Venice to uniting groups from Manatee to Naples and beyond. They must be doing something right! With the combination of great leadership, staff and volunteers—not to mention the great work they do—I know that my investment will continue to serve our young people well into the future. What more could one ask of a legacy?”

—ANNE MERRILL
Every child deserves a chance to see their potential realized. By matching adult mentors, one-to-one, with children in our communities, Big Brothers Big Sisters defends that potential and helps change lives and futures today and forever.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast serves 10 counties in Florida.

As of June 2021

1,509 youth were matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister

143 youth are ready for a Big
2020-2021 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Partners are companies, organizations and associations that encourage, support and create opportunities for their employees to become “Bigs.”

COLLIER COUNTY
Arthrex
Ave Maria University
BankUnited
Bonita Family Care
Collier County Public Schools
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
Fifth Third Bank
First Citizens Bank
Florida Pro Real Estate Academy
Goede, Adamczyk, DeBoest & Cross, PLLC
Lipman Family Farms
Naples Community Hospital
Naples Plumbing Studio
PBS Contractors
Ultimate Garages, LLC

MANATEE COUNTY
Boys & Girls Club of Manatee County
Bradenton Kiwanis Club
Bradenton Police Department
CareerSource Suncoast
IMG Academy
JPMorgan Chase & Company
Manatee Technical College
Young Lawyers Division of the Manatee County Bar Association
Champs Sports
St. Joseph Catholic School
Salvation Army
School District of Manatee County

NORTH PORT
City of North Port
Culver’s
Enterprise
Heron Creek Golf & Country Club
Holiday Park, Park and Recreation District
Kiwanis Club of North Port
La Casa Manufactured Home Community
Toledo Club Apartments
Shannon Staub Public Library

HIGHLANDS/HARDEE COUNTY
Champion for Children Foundation
Heal By Touch-Massage & Float Therapy
Heartland National Bank
Highlands County Sheriff’s Office
Highlands County YMCA
School District of Highlands County

CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Blue Heron Pines Golf Course
Cam Realty
Charlotte County Adult Education
Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
Charlotte County United Way
Deep Creek Elks Club
Deep Creek Golf Course
First Alliance Church
Just Counters & Other Stuff
School District of Charlotte County
Sunrise Kiwanis Club

LEE/HENDRY COUNTY
Arthrex
Comcast NBCUniversal
Enterprise Holdings
Fifth Third Bank
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Lee Health
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Publix Super Markets
The School District of Lee County

SARASOTA
City of Sarasota
Kerkering, Barberio & Co.
Light of the World International Church
Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group
Sarasota County Government

VENICE
Calusa Lakes Golf Club
Christ United Methodist Church
Grace United Methodist Church
Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club
Plantation Golf & Country Club
Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Unity Church of Venice
Venetian Falls Homeowners Association
Venice Golf & Country Club
Venice Police Department
Venice Regional Bayfront Health
Venice United Church of Christ

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United Way of Central Florida
United Way of Charlotte County
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties
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$100,000+
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Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Florida Department of Education
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
Naples Children and Education Foundation
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Sarasota County Government
United Way Suncoast

$50,000+
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Lee County Board of County Commissioners
School Board of Sarasota County
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United Way of Charlotte County
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties

$25,000+
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Southern Oak Wealth Management
TECO Energy
TeleCAD Wireless
The Patterson Foundation
Plantation Community Foundation
Wava Foundation
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