BIGGER TOGETHER

Big Brothers Big Sisters. OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

2020

LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS

2,263 New Milestone

FIRST Big Brothers Big Sisters Virtual Match in America

$5.1M Generous Philanthropic Support

106,698 Hours Bigs Invested in Match Meetings

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IMPACT:

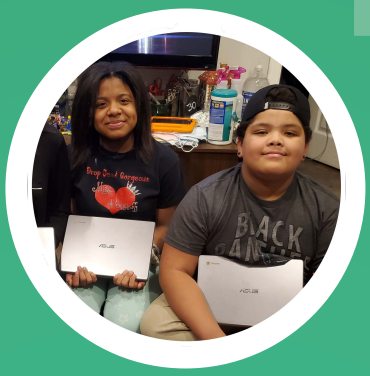
99%
of Littles Graduated High School

97%
Achieved Post-Graduate Success

87%
Improved Relationships with Peers

99%
Avoided Incarceration or Arrest

EMPOWERING RESILIENCE



Little Ajanea, Little George

> We have dealt with the struggles of online learning, but my son's Big, Junior, has called multiple times to see how it's going and helped him stay positive. Junior made sure my son knew he was there for him.
>
> **Roselyn, parent of 10-year-old George**

Our vision at Big Brothers Big Sisters is that *all youth* achieve their full potential. We recognize that while all children have equal potential, they do not have equal opportunity. We are committed to serving youth, families and communities by providing equitable access to positive adult role models and enrichment experiences.

Hired first Family Engagement Coordinator to further involve BBBS families, including those on the waitlist, while providing employment, educational and financial resources

Established Family Advisory Council to work in partnership with BBBSChi leadership and staff in developing and refining policies, practices and outreach strategies

Hosted monthly family seminars on topics such as Internet Safety, College Readiness, Parenting Adolescents and Finding Your Child's "Spark"

FAMILY RESPONSE FUND

Families Supported:

253

Funds Distributed:

$80K

Chromebooks Delivered:

114

Enabling Littles to continue e-learning and stay connected to their Bigs

BBBSChi worked with families throughout the pandemic to assist with basic needs, including food, medicine and transportation. Little April was able to turn to the Family Response Fund to complete Driver's Ed. When April passed her Learner's Permit test, she drove straight to her Big's house to share the news!

Little April

BIGGER TOGETHER

58% **Increase in Bigs of color**

Little Maddie,
Big Alejandra

This year threw into focus the critically important work Big Brothers Big Sisters does to help bridge the gap between cultures, communities and races. Whether it's through a fun outing at the park or a difficult conversation about what's going on in the world, these connections are true examples of meaningful change.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION EFFORTS

Held quarterly Representation Events for BIPOC Bigs, designed to further support, represent and change the narrative for youth of color

Created a "Bigs Supporting Bigs" Discussion Series providing a unique opportunity for volunteers to discuss various topics such as LGBTQIA+ Mentoring, COVID-19 Impact and Outing Planning, Match Identity and Intentional Mentorship

Invested in Ongoing Parent and Big Trainings to support match quality and retention - key factors for Littles to achieve future success

Little Grace, Big Ciana

"Little did I know how necessary and valuable our relationship would become, for us both, in such a short time.

Being your Big Sister means more than being a guiding light, ear to listen to or overall role model. It means I can walk with you through the unique journey that is ours - as young black women."

Big Sister Ciana

THANK YOU

We are so grateful for all of our partners: the donors, Bigs, families and staff that have made this year possible. Thank you for dedicating your time, energy and resources to empower resilience in our youth. Despite the hurdles many nonprofits faced in 2020, together we have been able to stay focused on our mission to make and support life-changing relationships for kids.

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Looking for new ways to further your involvement?

Spread the Word

Follow @BBBSChi on social and share good news stories with your network. Refer a friend or family member to become part of something big.

Become a Match Maker™

Match Makers empower the potential of children across Chicagoland through monthly giving. By making a recurring gift, you will help introduce a waiting Little to their Big every month. Join at bbbschgo.org/matchmakers

A Big Legacy

Have you considered naming Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago in your will or estate plan?
If you have already done so, thank you! Your generous commitment to the future of the BBBS mission will have a lasting impact in our community. Please let us know about your intentions, or learn more by contacting David Gee at gee@bbbschgo.org or 312.207.5601.

Big Jordan, Little Omari

> "No matter the distance, no matter the time, family's family. He knows I have his back throughout everything."
>
> **Big Jordan**

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