



A Message from the CEO

A few years ago we celebrated the High School graduation of my Little Sister Brittany. That was not the end of our friendship but rather a new chapter defined by her mobility through driving and making money until she figured out what career path was hers.

We have maintained contact with an occasional dinner and conversations about her aspirations and dreams. Brittany has amazing skills in hospitality with a bright mind and engaging smile. Over the past few months we have been preparing for her career launch as an Entertainment hostess for Carnival Cruise Lines. I have been blessed to know many people in our community and beyond so I enthusiastically connected her with a friend. We are both excited for her future! As is the case with many young people, they have the ambition, they just need a connection. They need an experienced network to help them connect with life changing opportunities.

I am happy to report our Agency will begin to continue our connection with our Littles until they are 21 years old.
Through a grant from Wells Fargo we have launched our NEXT STEPS to 21 program which seeks to extend the Agency support of our Bigs with their Littles to help navigate the career/higher education pathway. I am excited as I see from personal experience the value of extending mentoring for our kids.

JOY MAHLER, CEO

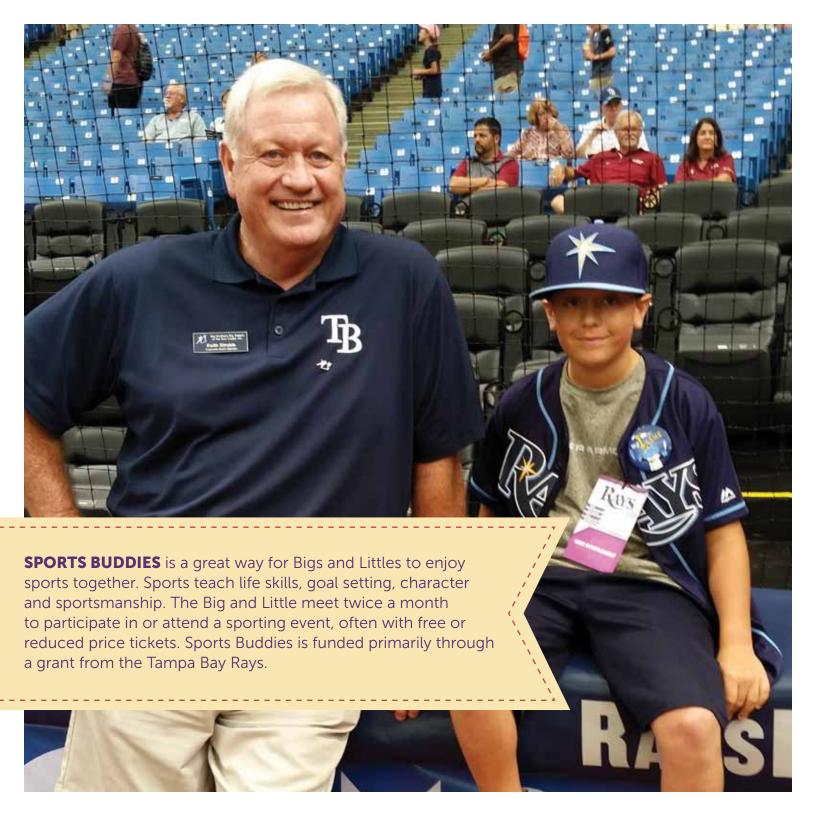
A Message from the Board Chair

We start with a dream—
that every child in our community can succeed in life. Impact however, takes

more. It is not the product of happenstance. It is the predictable result of a program that has a laser focus combined with the hard work of countless staff, volunteers, and supporters. Each time we match a child with a mentor we unleash the power of a trusting and supportive relationship that can change the course of a child's life. The outcome is more than iust a dream. We validate our work with data that proves that the relationship between our youth and their "Bigs" has a direct impact on the children's lives.

Today in our communities kids continue to face numerous types of adversity. We hope that you will join with us to help create for them, a future of opportunity.

BARRY WOLFSON, Board Chair





Decisions to Win

An adult mentor from the community works one-to-one with a high school student in this focused, intensive course consisting of an 18-lesson workbook on personal decision-making.

100%
OF SENIORS COMPLETING
THE DECISIONS TO WIN PROGRAM
GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL



Sports Buddies

Mentors and children meet twice a month to participate in or attend a sporting event, and receive free or reduced price tickets to many events.

875
TICKETS WERE DONATED TO THE SPORTS BUDDIES PROGRAM WITH 96% MATCH PARTICIPATION



Reading Bigs

The program fosters a love of literature with elementary school children while improving their reading comprehension skills. Using a curriculum, based on the Common Core standards, the mentor works to improve reading comprehension by reading aloud, discussing stories and completing activities based around interpreting literature.

OF THE STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM IMPROVED THEIR READING COMPREHENSION

Juvenile Justice Mentoring Initiative

The program provides prevention and early intervention mentoring services to youth who are involved in-or at high risk of enteringthe juvenile justice system.

99%
OF THE YOUTH IN THE PROGRAM AVOIDED
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY



Gateway to Success

To support at-risk students as they transition from middle school to high school, a series of "success" activities focuses on academic support, self-esteem, motivation and career awareness.

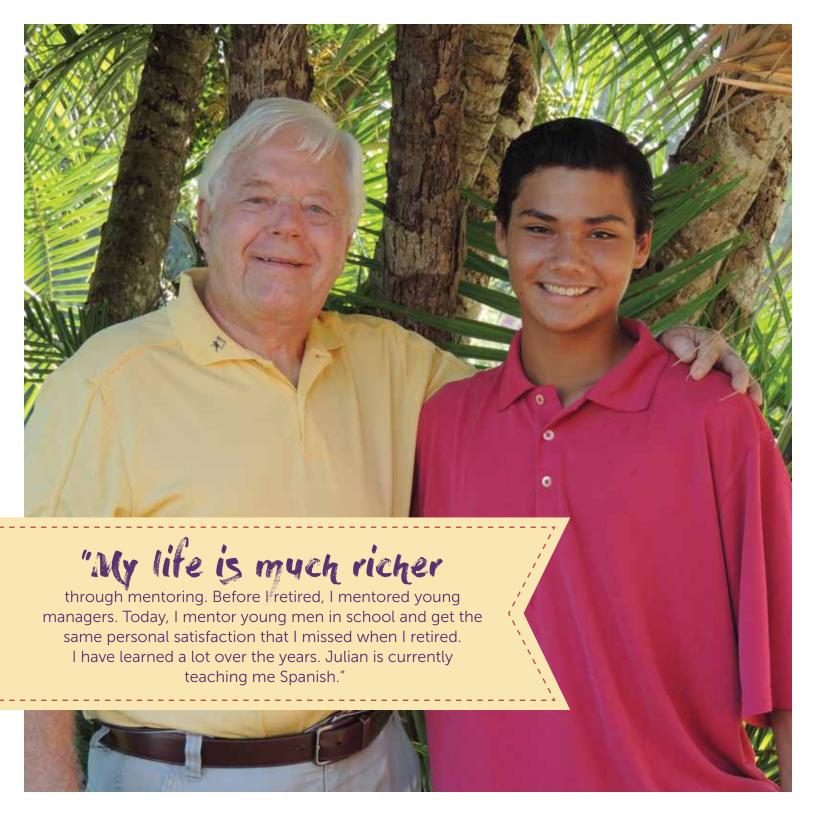
97%
OF THE STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM
IMPROVED THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



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.

93%
OF THE STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES





Received a

Perfect 4.0

audit score in program and financial outcomes for Florida Department of Education-funded matches. Impacted the lives of

children facing adversity

in 2015-2016.

Received Charity Navigator's highest

four star rating for sound fiscal management.

of program Staff are certified by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Current Littles

maintained or improved relationships with peers, family and other adults

92%

maintained or improved their academic performance

their attitude toward



maintained or improved a sense of their future

Alumni

Big Brothers Big Sisters alumni reported that having a "Big" in their lives positively influenced their selfconfidence, provided stability and changed their perspectives on life, taught them new things, and influenced aspects of their education, pushing them to set higher goals and make better decisions.

65% reached a

higher level of education than they thought possible.

77%

did better in school because of their Big.

lead a fulfilling

life.



Creating The Perfect Match

\$1,350 FUNDS A MATCH FOR 1 YEAR

YOUTH/FAMILY ASSESSMENT:

Youth/family assessment and support services

VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING:

Volunteer assessment and background screening

VOLUNTEER FORUMS AND TRAINING:

provides workshops and training to give volunteers valuable insight and guidance in their mentoring experience

SUCCESS INITIATIVES:

help specific populations of youth obtain success in academics, e.g., youth at risk of dropping out of school or who need to achieve grade-level reading

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Fun and educational activities for the matches to attend

PROFESSIONAL MATCH SUPPORT:

Ongoing professional coaching support for mentors and families to help strengthen the match relationship and ensure child safety

FAMILY & COMMUNITY IMPACT

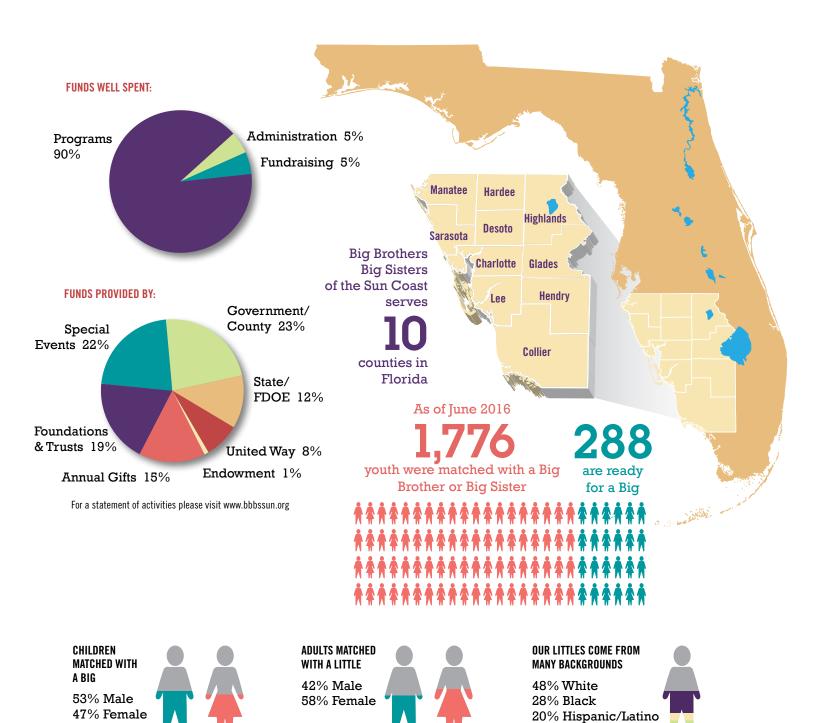
- Improved relationships with peers, family and other adults
- Functional families
- Positive influence passed on for generations
- Productive citizens
- Higher level of volunteerism
- Better communities

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

- Improved academic performance
- Higher levels of educational achievement
- Enhanced awareness of higher education and postsecondary training
- Better careers

IMPACT ON PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

- Avoid risky behavior
- Reduced violence
- Better decision making throughout life
- Improved self-confidence
- Improved sense of future
- Personal fulfillment



4% Other

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Finalists and Selected Honorees

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Collier County

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Sarasota

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Big Brother—Marvin Kadesh

Venice

Big Sister—Paula Sylvester Big Brother—Joseph Cetone

Big Sister

SHARON KNAPP

"I am thankful that my initial one hour a week has resulted in me becoming an integral part of Samantha's daily life. The shy third-grader is now a middle school student with a creative flair and a keen sense of observation. Knowing I've given her some confidence to express herself is my biggest reward."

Big Brother

MARVIN KADESH

"Being a 'Big' has been so rewarding for me. It has been a pleasure watching James grow from an 11-vear-old child to a ma

from an 11-year-old child to a mature 18-year-old high school senior, who is looking forward to college next year."

Inspiring future generations

BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

What will your legacy be? A planned gift to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast ensures the continuation of our landmark mentoring programs and creates your own legacy of support.

Planned giving helps you enhance your philanthropic goals while enabling you to address other financial and estate planning needs.

A bequest or beneficiary designation can impact a child's life for generations to come.

- Provides options, you may change your mind at anytime
- You may give any amount or percentage; there is no minimum
- Many gifts do not require an appointment with a lawyer
- You may remain anonymous

Legacy society members created future funds through a will, trust, life insurance, retirement plan or life income gift. We thank the following members for their generosity:

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"Winnie and I know the legacy we leave will allow children the opportunity to continue to have a better life. Mentoring is an empowering method for changing the future. Lifelong relationships are formed which lead to a greater society."

-GEORGE AND WINIFRED QUARTERMAN



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Community Partners are companies, organizations or associations with members or employees that commit to become "Bigs."

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Morgan Stanley
School District of Collier
County
Naples Young Professionals
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7672
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St. Francis of Assisi Church
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HARDEE

PhosChem Supply The Mosaic Company

HIGHLANDS

Allstate—John Snyder
Highlands County Sheriff's
Office
Highlands Regional Medical
Center
School District of Highlands
County
South Florida State College

LEE

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Our new Big Brothers Big Sisters branded license plates are available for sale at county tax collector offices across Florida. Big Brothers Big Sisters receives \$25 per plate per year.

\$100,000+

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On the cover: Big Brother Doug, and his Little. Landon.

brings out the 'kid' in me!"

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