

What Is A Mentor?

-  Mentors are men and women just like you.
-  Mentors offer guidance, support, encouragement, understanding, friendship and respect to their Little Brother or Sister.
-  A mentor's one-on-one attention allows the child to grow and take part in new experiences, to develop self-confidence and strong values so they can become responsible, self-sufficient and contributing members of society.
-  The presence of a mentor reduces the incidences of violence, drug use and alcoholism. The statistics are staggering. Children matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister are:

46%
Less likely to begin using illegal drugs

27%
Less likely to begin using alcohol

52%
Less likely to skip school

37%
Less likely to skip class

33%
Less likely to exhibit violent behavior



Shannon and Courtney have been matched for more than eight years. Courtney came from a home where both parents had been incarcerated and there was drug and alcohol abuse. Courtney is now a high school senior with a grade point average above 3.0 and is looking at going to college.



Mission Statement:

To foster the development of children in reaching their highest potential as responsible and caring adults.

"I believe that if you show people the problems and you show them the solutions they will be moved to act."

-Bill Gates

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**Get Involved with
Big Brothers
Big Sisters of
Northeast Ohio?**



*"Be the Change you
wish to see in the world"*
- Mahatma Gandhi

Opportunities to Mentor

| Program | Who? | Commitment |
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| Community Based | Adults over the age of 18 building one-on-one mentoring relationships with children aged 6-15 | One year commitment to spend time together once per week for at least two hours per week. Most Community Based matches last at least three years |
| After School | High school sophomores, juniors and seniors and college students mentoring children in grades 3-6 | One school year commitment to spend time together once per week for at least two hours per week in a supervised setting at the child's school |
| Foster Care | Adults over the age of 18 building one-on-one mentoring relationships with children aged 6-18 currently residing in a foster care facility | Committing to spend time together once every other week on Saturdays for at least two hours per visit |
| E-City | Adults over the age of 18 building one-on-one mentoring relationships with high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to help them build a business and compete in a local entrepreneurship competition | 7:15am-9:00am each Wednesday from January-April, culminating in the competition |

Here are some ways to sponsor or contribute:

| Opportunity | Description and How to Help |
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| Bowl For Kids Sake | Annual event held in spring that brings matches together with corporate and community sponsors. Sponsor the event or form your own team! |
| Golf Outing | Annual event held in June that attracts more than 100 golfers each year. Sponsor the event or form your own foursome! |
| Festival of Trees | Our biggest fundraiser of the year and one of the area's most popular events! Enjoy a great meal, participate in our dessert dash, bid on amazing themed trees and raffle items and learn more about the impact our organization makes in the community. |
| Outright Donation | We accept donations on our website at www.bbbsneo.org |

How Else Can I Support BBBS?

For some people, mentoring is not an option...but you believe in our cause and want to support it either personally or through your company.

Sponsoring an event or program can make a big difference:

\$1,250

supports a Big/Little Match for one year

\$500

helps the Children on Our Unmatched List (C.O.U.L. Club) with programming

\$350

funds our After School Program for one day

\$36

pays for a background check for a volunteer

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults."

-Frederick Douglass

Why Be A Mentor?

With a small amount of time, you can make a BIG difference!

It's often the simple things in life that form our favorite memories, yet it is not until we are grown that we realize how those little moments affected our lives and made us who we are.

Think back to someone who mentored you – a teacher, a coach, a family member or friend who guided you in some way. By being a Big Brother or Big Sister or contributing in some other way to our programs, you can make a BIG difference in a young person's life. You never know...you might even change your own life in the process!



"Becoming a Big Brother has made me a better person. BBBS has improved my life and my little's life. It has settled me down and gave meaning to my life. Being with Isaac has given me purpose and gave a new reason to live, love and care."

- Andrew Misiak, Big Brother



"Carmeuse enjoys supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Global Carmeuse Foundation was founded in 2010 to coincide with Carmeuse's 150th year anniversary. It was then that we decided as a corporation to encourage all plant sites across the globe to partner with non-profit organizations that support the mission helping children in need, especially around support of mentoring and training programs. Big Brothers and Big Sisters does exactly that. Since 2010, we have donated over \$20,000. We are very proud of this partnership. It makes a difference in our community!"

- Brian Horvath

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