



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**

HEART OF ILLINOIS

OUR MISSION

We create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that all youth achieve their full potential.

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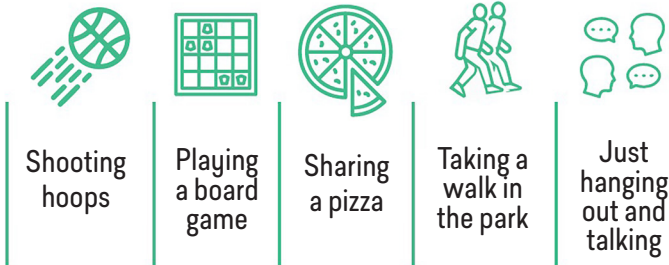
BIG PICTURE

2024
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY-BASED (CB) PROGRAM

Our unique brand of one-to-one mentoring, in which a child facing adversity is carefully matched with a caring adult mentor in a relationship supported by professional Big Brothers Big Sisters staff members, changes lives for the better forever. Community-Based Mentoring matches trusted, caring, screened adults one-to-one with a child in their community. It's all about one-on-one time spent with the volunteer and child doing things they enjoy – a few hours a week filled with shared interests and activities like:



Each match is unique. Getting together doesn't require a special occasion or expensive activity—just a few hours every week doing things the Little and Big already enjoy. Some Bigs meet their Littles on the weekend – others get together after school. There's almost no one so busy that they can't find a way to fit in a few hours a month.

SITE-BASED (SB) PROGRAM

Site Based, or Lunch Buddies, matches meet each week at the Littles' elementary or middle schools for about a half-hour, taking part in activities like sports, arts and crafts, board games, reading books, doing puzzles and everything in between. Professional HOIBBBS staff provide constant support to matches to ensure child safety and help matches form a trusting bond with each other. Site-Based Bigs are asked to commit at least a year to their Little, over time sharing experiences, having fun, and building a friendship that can last a lifetime!

GROUP MENTORING

Group Mentoring is a powerful opportunity to bring connection, guidance, and growth to Little Brothers waiting to be matched. Through teamwork and shared purpose, our Group Mentors lead engaging activities, build lasting relationships, and create a supportive space where Littles feel seen, valued, and inspired. Meeting once a month for two to three hours, these sessions spark confidence, curiosity, and a strong sense of belonging.

BIGS & LITTLES OF THE YEAR



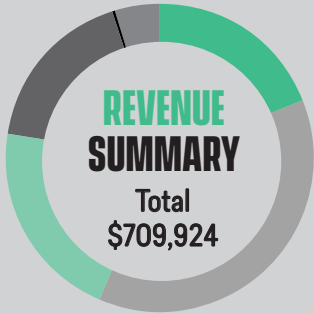
Big Brother, Jon & Little Brother, Tae



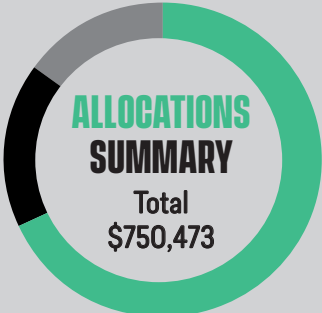
Big Sister, Paige & Little Sister, Ca'Mya

Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters proudly celebrates the achievements of the Bigs and Littles of the Year, honoring those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and impact within the program. This prestigious recognition highlights the remarkable growth and deep connection between mentors (Bigs) and their mentees (Littles). These individuals serve as shining examples of the transformative power of mentorship, illustrating how dedicated guidance and support can significantly shape and positively influence the lives of young people.

OUR FINANCIALS



19%	Individual Contributions.....	\$135,733
37%	Special Events.....	\$265,921
21%	United Way.....	\$149,032
17%	Grants	\$124,776
<1%	Interest Income.....	\$986
5%	Investment Income.....	\$33,476



68%	Programs.....	\$512,486
17%	Fundraising.....	\$125,660
15%	Administrative.....	\$112,327



WHO WE SERVE

OUR LITTLES

71%

Live below the
POVERTY LINE

59%

Live in a
SINGLE PARENT
HOUSEHOLD

GENDER

46%

Female

54%

Male

RACE/ETHNICITY

55%

African-American

24%

White

17%

Multiracial

4%

Hispanic/Latino

259 2024
CHILDREN SERVED

MATCHES
194 55

IN OUR
CB PROGRAM

IN OUR
SB PROGRAM

OUR IMPACT

OPENS DOORS

84% of young people say mentorship introduces them to possibilities they never would have seen on their own.

BRIDGES THE GAP

83% agree that mentors help connect classroom learning with real-world success.

BUILDS CONFIDENCE

81% report feeling more confident when making decisions about school, work, and life thanks to mentorship.

CHANGES DIRECTIONS

65% have had a conversation with an adult outside their family that shifted their career path.

OUR PEOPLE

Thanks to the unwavering support of our generous donors, 2024 has been a year of extraordinary impact for Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your contributions have directly transformed the lives of countless young people in our community, giving them the tools and confidence to reach their full potential. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing this vital work together in the years to come.

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